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Chiltern Saturday 6pm

Rutherglen Sunday 9am

Wahgunyah Sunday 10.30am



Newsletter

Issue 33 - Term 4 - Wednesday 13th November, 2019

PBIS Focus of the Week Whole School Expectations

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Remembrance Day 11th November



Well done to our Yr 6 students who laid a wreath on behalf of the school on Remembrance Day at the Rutherglen Cenotaph, Memorial Park on Monday. Also well done to the three Rutherglen High School captains, Rose Hymus, Jordan Compton and Jasmine Exton who were inspiring as they each reflected on the importance of Remembrance Day to the young people of our nation and on the safe and hope filled society that we all live in and enjoy today.



IMPORTANT DATES

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Tues 19 November

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9.00am - 11.00am Kinder/Foundation Transition day

Camp Week:

All students had a fantastic camp on both the Canberra and the Borambola Camps. There were lots of great stories shared by the students when they returned to school. Look in today's newsletter to see the photos and reflections of their camp week.



New Game Markings:

I'm sure many of you have seen the new game markings and grids we had painted in the playground recently. They have certainly been a huge hit with all students. Thanks to the Parent Team fundraising initiatives that provided the funds for this project.

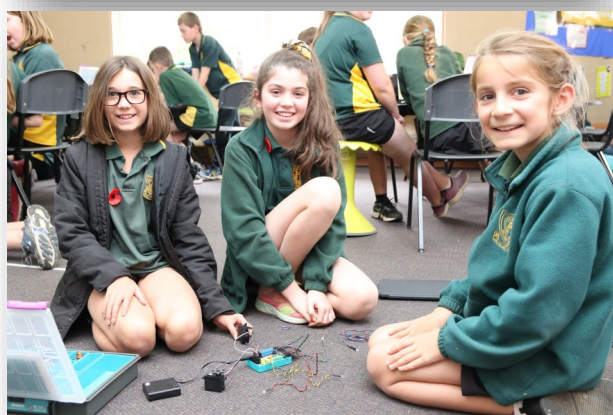




Hummingbird Kits: Big Plans Ahead! Stay Tuned!!

Our Hummingbird kits have arrived! A Hummingbird kit comprises of bits and pieces that allow the student to enter into the world of coding. Working with their iPads, the Hummingbird kits and a coding program our 3 & 4 students were designing codes that allowed things to rotate with a motor, lights to shine and bits and pieces to go up and down and things to move using motion sensors. We have got some big plans to show off using our kits and our coding skills at the end of the year.

Stay tuned!!



REMEMBER It's Busy Time Ahead:

Term 4 is usually the most hectic time of the year in any school and our school is no exception. With reports, Yr 6 graduation, new Foundation student transition days, Advent, nativity play, end of year mass etc., please keep yourself up to date with what's happening by reading the school newsletter and the weekly class newsletters. Hopefully all families have found a spot on the fridge for the upcoming dates list that was sent home to all families last week.



Bishop's Holiday: Friday 29th November

After celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in August Bishop Les Tomlinson granted the school a Bishop's Holiday on Friday the 29th of November to acknowledge his presence in our school and parish. This is a school closure day.

Christmas Hamper Donations

It would be appreciated if families could begin dropping items off in the office for our Christmas Hamper that will be drawn on Monday 16th of December. If you need more tickets they are available from Amanda in the office.



School Board AGM Wednesday 4th Dec 6.30pm.

The School Board works closely with Fr. Carey and myself both in the short and long term strategic planning for our school. We are always looking for new members who have an interest in this area of school life. The school Board meets in Week 2 & 8 of each term on a Wednesday evening. This year's Board members are Fr. Carey, Matt Attwater, Paul Somerville, Rachelle Enever-Copper, Emily Morris, Sally Colwell, Kellie DeLacy and Jim O'Toole (Parish Rep). If you are interested in finding out more information please talk to me or another Board member. The 2020 Board nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.





Term 4 Hats are Compulsory:

During Term 4 the Sun Smart Policy is enacted, which means No Hat No Play. All students need to wear a school hat during Term 4 when playing outside. This rule is strictly **enforced so please make sure your child brings a hat to school.**



Frosty Fridays:

On Friday's icy poles are being sold for 50 cents at recess or lunch times by the Catf. The money raised will be going to St Vincent DePaul.

PBIS Awards (Positive Behaviour in Schools):



This week's Focus: **Whole School Expectations**



Whole School	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear correct uniform Care for your own belongings Do your best work Listen and participate Be ready to be a learner Respect learning time Label your belongings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be polite Accept differences Use respectful and inclusive language Speak kindly to others Consider how your actions impact others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick up litter Be careful with school property. Respect property and resources

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

Pictured right:

Constance Morris

F/1HK

Marley Ford

1/2LD

Emmerson Potter

F/1HK



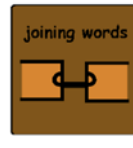
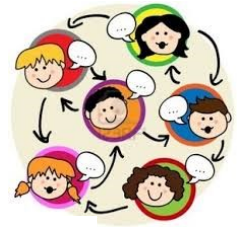
Have a great week,
Matt Attwater
Principal



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Extending children's sentences:

Have a look at the pictures and sentences with your child. Encourage them to extend the sentence using the following prompts: Who (e.g. The man); Where (e.g. at the bank, in Australia); When (e.g. time, day) What doing (running); What like (big, blue)



Short sentence: The Tiger is in the water.

Extended sentence: The famished tiger waded through the water



Short sentence:

The owl is staring.



Short sentence: The bird is eating

Ask your teacher about how they are using these sentence prompts in class.

dress up as
a famous
sport star
or
celebrity
on the 14th
of November
Gold coin donation
I am fundrasing for a
overseas island

By Alexandra

RUBBISH FREE LUNCH

Next Thursday, the 21st of November, our school is having a rubbish free lunch day. At the end of the day, the amount of rubbish in your classroom bins will be counted and the classroom with the least amount of rubbish will get a free icy pole on Friday.



Parent Access Module (PAM)



Check your inbox for Activity Notifications

IMPORTANT:
Please use **PAM** to notify the school of your child's absence.



We send our best wishes to



Lillian Baker 6/11



Alex O'Meara 7/11



Clementine Colwell 9/11



Hamish Neil 12/11



Travis Gunning
13/11

Who

celebrated
their birthdays
last week and
this week.



COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

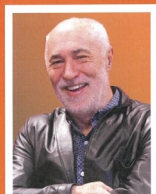
with Phil Cleary

Part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

**CHILTERN MEMORIAL HALL
CONNES STREET, CHILTERN**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019
6PM - 7.30PM**

REGISTER:
Indigo Shire Council, 1300 365 003



Phil Cleary has been at the forefront of Victorian violence prevention campaigns for three decades. Join Phil and other local speakers at this community event to discuss efforts to prevent family violence, as part of the international 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence.

An initiative of the Indigo Family Violence Prevention Network



#callitout #16daysofactivism #respectstartswithme



15.11.19 6pm-8pm

COROWA RSL CLUB
Friday November 15
For ages 5 to 12.
All children must be collected from the RSL Club.
Entry tickets \$4 per child.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES | DANCE COMPS
DRINKS, HOTDOGS AND ICE-CREAMS AVAILABLE

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS



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Book Club

Grab a **SUPER SPECTACULAR** read!

THE VERY SUPER BEAR
NICK BLAND

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: WRECKING BALL

MINERGET

CELESTE BARBER: THE GIRAFFE LOVES TO LAUGH
ILLUSTRATED BY MATT CORRODIO

WINGS FIRE

DORK diaries
SPECTACULAR SUPERSTAR

Diaries
True to Shine

OPENS due in 8 MONDAY 18 NOV 2019

OUR VALUE BOOKS FOR THIS ISSUE

SCHOLASTIC

PULL OUT POWER
Hang the up in your classroom!

2nd Hand Uniforms

We have a good supply of 2nd hand uniforms looking for new owners. Come along and have a look, there may be something that your child could use.





Canberra Camp - 2019

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Two weeks ago, the 5/6's went on a school camp to Canberra. On Wednesday, after a long bus ride, we arrived in Canberra and went to the Australian Mint, Reconciliation Place and Parliament House. The next day we started with the Embassy Drive, then we went to The Australian Electoral Commission, Museum of Australian Democracy and The Australian War Memorial.



Later that afternoon we went to Mt Ainslie lookout and at night on Thursday, we all went to LaserTag. Finally, on Friday we only went to the National Capital Exhibition and Questacon, and then we went on the bus home.
Written by Jo Somerville

Borambola Camp - 2019

On the 31st of October and the 1st of November the Grade 3 and 4's went to Borambola camp. We left at 6:15 in the morning. We got there by 9:00 and put our bags down and went in to the rec hall to get in to two groups for our activities. We went into our groups, then went to our activities before lunch. The first groups name was Koalas and the second group were called Echidnas. The first activities the Koalas did were kayaking and archery and the Echidnas did rock climbing first. For lunch we had salad sandwiches. After lunch, Koalas and Echidnas both had the swim test after Koalas had BMX riding and Echidnas had kayaking. Then we all had the mud run all together. In the mud run we had to go in groups of 5 or 6 people. After the mud run we had free time to go swimming in the pool. For dinner we had roast pork, veggies and spuds for dinner for dessert we had apple crumble and ice- cream. We all got ready and set up our cabins for bed and then went to the rec hall for an activity. We were put into groups and given a sheet what our job was. There was face painting, nails, wrestling, supper, basketball, arm wrestling, etc. After our activities we got ready for bed, we had showers brushed our teeth and put our pjs on then went to bed. In the morning when we woke up we got dressed and packed our bags ready to go home. We then got in our groups and went to our first activities, Koalas first activity was rock climbing and Echidnas first activity was BMX riding then they had rafting and swimming. Then we had lunch and for lunch we had salad wraps. After lunch, the Koalas had rafting then got changed to go home and Echidnas had archery. After all of our activities we got our bags and loaded them on to the bus and then left to come home. We left at 3:10 and got back to Rutherglen at 5:45. We got our bags off the bus and went home for a good night's sleep after a busy couple of days of fun.

Written by Faith Barkley







Important Calendar Dates - 2019

Term 4

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Tues 19 November	9.00am - 11.00am Kinder/Foundation Transition day
Thur 21 November	Rubbish Free Lunch Day
Tues 26 November	9.00am - 11.00am Kinder/Foundation Transition day
Fri 29 November	Bishop's Holiday (School closed)
Tues 3 December	9.00am - 12.45pm Kinder/Foundation Transition day
Wed 4 December	Board AGM
Fri 6 December	Fun Food Friday—for St Vinnies (watch this space)
Mon 9—Fri 13 Dec	Meals on Wheels delivery roster
Tues 10 December	State wide Transition Day
Wed 11 December	Nativity Play & School Picnic
Fri 13 December	Rutherglen Christmas Carols
Mon 16 December	Grade 6 Graduation
	Christmas Hamper draw
Tues 17 December	Movies & Splash Park
Wed 18 December	Last Day Term 4 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)
	School finishes at 3.30pm

Term 1 - 2020

Tues 28 January	Staff return
Wed 29 January	First day Term 1 for students
Friday 14 Feb	School Photos
Mon 2 - Thur 5 March	Swimming program @ Rutherglen Pool
Friday 6 March	Swimming Carnival

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