• On Monday I had the privilege of going to the **Fairy Park at Anakie with the Preps**, Mrs VG and Mr Fitz. What a great day we had! We even managed to avoid most of the awful weather. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed seeing the fairy tales they know come to life. They were also wonderful ambassadors for our school in every way. Well done Preps!

• We have our last **Arts Performance** for the year on next week, please make sure that you have paid for this, if you have not previously paid the levy.

• **Planning for 2014 is now under way.** We need to know exact numbers to make sure that we get the best possible staffing we can. If you know of someone with plans to send their children here next year, please ask them to make contact with the school as soon as possible. Alternatively if your child will not be here next year for whatever reason, apart from being in Grade 6, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can adjust the enrolment data.

• Again a plea to all families who have **money outstanding**. Could you please finalise your accounts as the school is experiencing some cash flow issues, due to unpaid accounts.

• A reminder to all families that there is a **working bee** next Friday 25th after school. The purpose of this is to dismantle the amphitheatre. Please bring along shovels, crowbars and wheelbarrows to do this task.

Please join us tomorrow at 9am to launch the program at our school. A sharing time for all our families! Come and find out what this program is about, it will benefit everyone.
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:**

- Grade Prep: **Riley S**: his caring attitude towards others.
- **Riley B**: his good choices in his school and personal learning.
- Grade 1/2: **Jai**: Great explanations when completing a sound experiment.
- Grade 3/4: **Zara G**: for being cheerful and participating even when unwell.
- Grade 5/6: **Jayden**: Making good choices to support his learning.

**ATTENDANCE OR IS IT ABSENCE?**

IT’S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL! IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Absence data this week:

- Grade Prep: 6 days
- Grade 1-2: 2 days
- Grade 3-4: 2.5 days
- Grade 5-6: 6 days

Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 1-2**

Early Bird winner is **Grade Prep**

**Winner**

Winner of the name our club competition is:

**Sandy O’Keeffe** with **Valley Clubs**

A big thank you to all the students and families for their creative ideas in naming of our new club.

**READING NIGHTS:**

- Steven, Aidan, Amelie
- For reading 150 nights

- Zarah C-O
- For reading 200 nights

- Al B
- For reading 250 nights

This term we have run out of preps! That means now we need to move on to the teachers, and this week we had Mr Walter

Jade-What is your full name?
Mr Walter-Benjamin Terry Walter
Jade-What grade do you teach?
Mr Walter-Big smelly grade 5 6’s
Jade-When is your birthday?
Mr Walter-The 20th of September
Jade-What primary school did you go to?
Mr Walter-Harcourt Valley Primary school
Jade-What is your favourite TV series?
Mr Walter-Breaking bad, walking dead and How I met your mother
Jade-What pets do you have?
Mr Walter-I have a white Labrador named Drago
Jade-Why did you want to be a teacher?
Mr Walter-I had a lot of coaching experience and I love being around kids, it’s fun
Jade-What did you want to be when you were little?
Mr Walter - I think I wanted to be a fireman or an ambulance driver
Jade- Are you excited about the kidsmatter launch tomorrow?
Mr Walter -Yeah I can wait to decorate and eat lots of cupcakes

**School BBQ** - Saturday 2nd November 2013

Outside Castlemaine Newsagent
 Helpers needed, please contact the school office if you are able to help on the day or make cakes etc.
 We will require the cakes, slices etc packaged ready to sell and delivered to the school on Friday 1st November or at the BBQ on Saturday morning. Please attach a label with the ingredients and date made.
FUNDRAISING

Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Trip
Please come along and join us for a fun-filled stress free day of shopping….
Date: Saturday 9th November 2013
Cost: $60* per adult and $30* per child under 17
*Price may vary slightly depending on numbers
Includes:
- 2 Course Lunch with glass of wine
- Tea & coffee
- Home baked morning and afternoon tea
- Lollies to share
- Raffle prizes
- Shopping bag
Departs: Bus departs at 6.30am from Stanley Park, Harcourt
Returns: Approximately 8.00pm
Please contact Lorella on 0422 286 393 As soon as possible to reserve your seat.

Friday Lunch Orders: Term 4
New forms for lunch orders in term 4 have been sent home and are available on the school’s website.
Term 4 menu:
Roll: $2.50 ea Ham, Chicken or Salami with mustard, pickle, mayo, lettuce, tomato & cheese.
Pita Taco: $2.50 ea Pita bread pocket with seasoned beef mince, lettuce, cheese & tomato.
Salad of the week: $2.50 Changes every 2 weeks - caesar, noodle, dip or chicken.
Orange Juice: $0.50 ea
Apple Juice: $0.50 ea
Sweet of the week: $0.50 ea Changes each week: either muffin, slice, tart, scone, etc.
Lunch Orders with correct money need to be in by 9am each Wednesday

Grade 5/6 Halls Gap Camp - Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th November
Cost for this camp is $290 per student. This includes all meals (except lunch on the first day) bus travel for the four days and visits to Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre, National Parks Visitors Centre and Halls Gap Zoo.
Return Slip and deposit of $50.00 should have been returned to the office.
Full payment must be received at the school by Monday 11th November or your child will be unable to attend. Please return the return slip irrespective of whether your child attends or not. Return of all forms assists us with our planning.

Prep Transition Days
Friday 25th October 9am-10am
Friday 15th November 9am-10am
Friday 29th November 9am-10.30am
Tuesday 3rd December 9am-11.30am (Statewide Transition)
Prep Information Night (parents only) Wednesday 4th December 7pm
Bring your Kindergarten child along to the transition sessions so they can get a feel for the school, meet their teacher and have some fun learning about school life.
If you have any questions about the transition days please contact the school.

Grade 5/6 Milo T20 Blast Cricket Carnival as Wesley Hill Sporting Complex
Monday 21st October
$6 per student unless excursion levy paid
Student to bring: Snack and Lunch, School Hat, Jacket and appropriate shoes.

Michael Grose, Parentingideas
“Effective families are guided democracies or benign dictatorships, where someone is in charge, hopefully a parent.”
Food Safety Seminar
- Is your community group involved in cooking, catering or selling food?
- Do you know the difference between category 2, 3 or 4 food class?
Did you know that to sell or serve food, community groups do not require food handlers certificates but they do require a Food Safety Plan?
Come along to this FREE SESSION and learn what’s required to prepare a Food Safety Plan, gain an understanding of the food safety laws and the health and safety requirements which you must adhere to. In this hands-on session, Council’s Environmental Health Officers will be in attendance to answer your questions and assist you in preparing a Food Safety Plan.
Tuesday 29th October, 9.15am – 11.15am, Harcourt Valley Primary School
Senior First Aid
Low cost first aid training, delivered by Carol Waddington. This accredited training is known as “Apply First Aid” or Senior First Aid (course number HLTFA311A). MAVN is hosting special training first aid sessions and can subsidise training places for community groups to send volunteers, thanks to funding from the Federal Government’s Volunteer Grants program.
Saturday 19th October, 9am – 5pm at Fryerstown School, Camp Street, Fryerstown OR
Saturday 26th October, 9am – 5pm at Harcourt Valley School, Harcourt
Bookings: $40 for volunteers registered on behalf of their community groups. Bookings by email to mavn@outlook.com or telephone 0425 323 005.
Training being run by Mount Alexander Volunteers Network. Parents can contact the school to register their interest in attending either course – we can then register for them with MAVN.
Jacqueline Brodie-Hans 0425 323 005

HONEY FOR SALE
$4 per jar
Available at the school office

Talking About Childhood Asthma
Live From The Airways
Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children’s Hospital
Sunday 27th October 2013
4pm - 6pm
FREE!
Ella Latham Auditorium, Ground Floor, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne
Ask questions, gain advice on: medications, diagnosis and asthma management from top Respiratory Specialists:
A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan
Prof Colin Robertson
Dr Jo Harrison
Light refreshments will be served
and tickets are limited, therefore registrations are essential.
Attend the event at the Royal Children’s Hospital OR watch the LIVE Webcast online
Register at www.asthma.org.au or call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

Keep saving to win more Dollarmites’ treasure!
The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and want to share it with you. They’re giving away 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB and 100 x Kid’s Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & HOP.
For your chance to win, simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland

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Account Details
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Account No: 10042656
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