Help is desperately needed for the barbecue at the newsagent in Castlemaine on Saturday (2nd November). We need volunteers to do the cooking and serving as well as lots of cakes and slices to sell. Please give this your wholehearted support as apart from the Shopping Trip this is the last fundraiser for the year.

School Council has approved **Melbourne Cup day** next Tuesday as a holiday for our school. No children or staff are expected at school on that day.

**Looking for something to read?** Try out the book exchange in the main building, just at the end of the library. There are some novels, parenting bookings and children's books too!

We also have a collection of **parenting articles** available for parents in a folder at the book exchange. If there is an article you are interested in, please take a copy from the folder.

We are doing **gardening** on Monday afternoon from 2.30 onwards. Parents are welcome to join us as the extra help is always welcome. Please bring your own gardening gloves.

**Come and play!**

Tomorrow is Kickball day. Parents and family members are invited to come and play with the children in the Junior School down in the stadium. The Prep session will start at 9am and the grade 1/2 session will be at 10am.
**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.

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**Students of the Week:**

- **Grade Prep:** Beatrice: for her careful, accurate reading this week. Keep it up!
- **Llewellyn:** being focussed on his work. Keep it up!
- **Grade 1/2:** Shaun: for great explanations during discovery curriculum.
- **Caleb:** dedication to completion of his OnDemand testing.
- **Grade 5/6:** Caitlin: for completing her role as assembly manager for the year.

**Attendance or is it Absence?**

**IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL!**

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Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 5/6**

**Early Bird winner is Grade 5/6**

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**Reading Nights:**

- **Deanna**
  - For reading 100 nights
- **Caleb**
  - For reading 150 nights
- **Kane & Hayley**
  - For reading 175 nights
- **Ella**
  - For reading 250 nights

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This week Jade’s interviewed Mrs Palmer

Jade-What is your full name?
Mrs P-Leanne Joy Palmer
Jade-What grade do you teach?
Mrs P-I am an integration aide
Jade- Whens your birthday?
Mrs P-22\(^{nd}\) of October
Jade-What primary school did you go to?
Mrs P - I went to 2 primary schools Tungamah and Nathalia
Jade-What is your favourite TV series?
Mrs P– How I met your mother and big bang theory
Jade– What pets do you have?
Mrs P-2 cats Jazz and Squeak
Jade-Why did you want to become a teacher?
Mrs P-I always wanted to help the kids with special needs
Jade-When you were little what did you want to be?
Mrs P– a Mum and a fairy
Jade-Have you always known people with special needs?
Mrs P-Yes

**Grade 5/6 Halls Gap Camp**
Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th November
Cost for this camp is $290 per student.
Full payment must be received at the school by Monday 11th November or your child will be unable to attend.

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

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**Schools Bank Account Details**

BSB: 063 509
Account No: 10042656
Use Family name as the payment reference

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French News

It’s that time of the year when the French program takes to the stage for a second round of performances. All classes have been working most diligently towards their own version of a final performance piece. For Years Prep/1/2 the play is ‘Le Petit Chat Cherche Une Famille’ (The Little Cat Looks for a Family’) and for Years 3/4/5/6, the play is ‘Les Trois Petits Cochons’ (The Three Little Pigs’). All students have made their own mask for their respective play and senior students are making props. Parents, guardians and family are invited to come along to view their children’s creative work and performances. Here is the list of dates, venues and times (in chronological order).

- Week 7, Thurs. 21 November, Assembly time: Class 3/4
- Week 8, Thurs. 28 November, Assembly time: Class 1/2
- Week 9, Thurs. 5 December, Assembly time: Class 5/6
- Week 10, Thurs. 12 December, Assembly time: Class Prep

We look forward to seeing you there,
Madame Higgins and students.

MOVEMBER 2013

Get on board with Mr Walter & Mr Watkins and grow a mo this November!! Help raise awareness of mens health issues, prevention, support and resources. Keep an eye on the newsletter and at school for ways to support them.

But the best thing you could do, is join the team (if you're a bloke) and grow a mo and raise some do(ugh)!!!

And if you're a girl - and not able to grow a mo - make a do-nation!

Go to http://au.movember.com/team/1155413 for all the info!

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
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.

Prep Transition Days

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.

Book Fair

The BOOK FAIR is coming to school! The Book Fair will be open for business from Monday the 18th of November until Friday the 21st of November. Times to be advised. Don’t forget to save your money to find those perfect Christmas gifts – and help the school to support our library and resources. Donations to the library will also be gratefully received.

Special Lunch Day - Monday 11th November

Sushi Rolls - various flavours to choose from - $1 per roll, size approximately 10cm each
Order forms will be sent home with this newsletter
Orders in by 9am, Thursday 7th November 2013
Sprung Circus Classes
for 6 weeks starting Thursday 14 November.
5-10 yrs 4-5.30pm
10yr + 5.45-7.15pm
Tumbling, acrobalance, juggling, unicycles … all things circus
experienced qualified gymnastics coaches
At the Castlemaine Secondary College Junior Campus
$84/6 weeks
ph. Mara Macs 0477499342 to book

Michael Grose, Parentingideas
“One of the greatest gifts you can give your children is the consistency of both parents working together.”

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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