Thank you

Firstly to Lynda W particularly and everyone else who worked on the Barbecue stall last Saturday or who baked or helped in any other way. $1300 was raised in this effort.

To Jacq and Rob, Lorella and Andrea for Spaghetti Day on Tuesday. It was really yummy and all the kids loved it!

To Jodi and the other parents who have been working on the garden out the back again and also to the person who kindly spread the mulch under the play equipment.

Student Lead Conferences start next week and will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays. The dates are 19, 20, 26, 27 August. It is an expectation that every child will do a presentation for their parents and teacher. This year, we have set the booking system up online. This will let you choose your time instantly and will email you with the details. The website and further information is inside the newsletter.

Some parent surveys are still outstanding, we need these tomorrow, if our survey data is to have any value to our school.

2014 planning is beginning and if you know anyone who is planning to enrol in our school for next year, please encourage them to make contact with the school.

There is a netball competition for Grades 3-6 next week. A note has been sent home, please return these and the money if you have not paid the levy by Tuesday morning next week.

To celebrate passing the mark of one hundred days of school I am inviting all the Prep parents to morning tea at Skydancers next Thursday at 10am. It will be a discussion, catch up and any questions about school to date and in the future. Please RSVP by Wednesday.

The rest of my column is over the page.

Outstanding Money
The school is owed $4500 by the families of our school. This is a significant amount of money, when the government only gives us a cash budget of $76000 to run our school for the year. This is expected to cover everything. We would appreciate if families could at least make an effort to pay some of what is owed. Setting up a direct debit of an affordable amount, which is paid to the school on a regular basis—weekly or fortnightly—is a great way to take the pressure off making large payments. The school's bank details are always in the newsletter. The outstanding money will make it difficult to run programs later in the year as the money has been used to fund essentials which is expected to be paid for by families.

August
9th Lunch Orders -
Cake: Apple muffin
Pasta: Bolognase
 Helpers: Gen & Naomi

9th Grd’s P/1/2 Gymnastics’ Display
11.30am to 1.30pm

13th Interschool Netball - Grade 5/6
13th Parent Gathering: Book Club
15th Assembly Grade 5
15th Interschool Netball - Grade 3/4
15th Prep Parent Morning Tea 10am

16th Lunch Orders -
Cake: Chocolate chip muffin
Pasta: Chicken
Helpers: Raelene & Elsa

19th & 20th Student Lead Conferences

21st School Council Meeting 7.30pm
22nd Assembly Grade 3
22nd Book Week Parade
22nd Grade Prep, 1 & 2 –Scooter
23rd Education starts

23rd Lunch Orders -
Cake: Pear Gingerbread Muffin
Pasta: Bolognase
Helpers: Lynda Q & Gussie

26th & 27th Student Lead Conferences

28th School Council 7.30pm
29th Grade Prep, 1 & 2 –Scooter
30th education

30th Lunch Orders -
Cake: Custard Tarts
Pasta: Chicken
Helpers: Andrea & Lorella

30th Budafest-Harvest Dinner
30th Father’s Day Breakfast
The rest of my Principal’s column

KIK

A word of warning for parents. We have been told about an app called KIK, which apparently is being used by some of our students. This is a form of messaging which has been marketed as kid’s face- book. However this is not what it is. It is a 17 plus program and there have been instances of sexting, nude photos and grooming of children. Some very nasty messages have apparently been sent to young children. There is no privacy on this app and parents have no control. It can apparently be linked to Instagram and this increases its riskiness. Interestingly if you google KIK, there are some stories of the nastiness of this app. So KICK KIK OUT!

BBQ fundraiser

A big THANK YOU to all those who contributed to the successful running of our fundraising BBQ/cake stall/wood raffle last Saturday in Castlemaine.

The baked goods were amazing and people passed comment on this and the variety that was available. To those who generously donated their time to man the stall and cook sausages, without your support we wouldn’t have been able to run this event. A special mention must be made to both Izzy and Al who showed just how great our students are, by providing invaluable support on the day.

A profit of $1300 was made, which is a fantastic effort.

Again, thank you to all who supported this fundraising event, as all the students in the school will benefit from the funds raised.

Lynda Wilson

GRADES 3-6 INTERSCHOOL NETBALL

Tuesday Aug 13 – Grade 5/6 and Thursday Aug 15 – Grade 3/4

Permission forms and money need to be returned by Monday 12th August.

We need parent helpers to help with each team also for coaching and umpiring, please contact the office.

CHILDREN WILL NEED:

- Play Lunch
- Lunch
- Drink Bottle filled with water
- Appropriate school uniform (ie no dresses/skirts)
- Sports shoes

CLOTHING

Once again we have a lot of clothing without names on them. Please name all of your child’s belongings that are worn or brought to school.
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:**
Grade Prep: Beatrice: a very focussed week at school. Well Done!
Olywn: working independently in all areas at school.
Grade 1/2: Piers: for his attention and listening during discovery curriculum.
Grade 3/4: Enion: for great improvement on effort applied to reading and writing
Grade 5/6: Maddi: being engaged in her learning/maths.
Tiffany: for her love of reading.

Physical Education:
Hannah: for your persistence to complete various gym activities whilst injured.
Xavier: for your consistent effort tucking under your head whilst performing somersaults.

**READING NIGHTS:**

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**From our School Council President**

Next week's parent gathering is Book Club in the seating area school library. Bring morning tea to share.

**Spaghetti Fun!**
I think everyone will agree that Spaghetti Day was a hit! Thank you to Lorella, Andrea and Rob for helping out on the day, we had just as much fun as the kids! We plan on having more special lunches in the future, 2 of our ideas are sushi and fried rice? Please let us know if you have any suggestions or would like to be involved. Also a big thank you to Jodi Zepnick for being the driving force behind the beautification of the teachers car park garden and to the parents who have been helping get the work done. While we are saying thank you, Michelle and Tammy organise our Friday lunches every week, thank you for your work every week!

The Parent Gathering next week will be in the school library as we begin to organise the book swap program. Please bring some morning tea to share :)

Cheers Jacq Cue

**FRENCH NEWS**
Parents and guardians are invited to participate in a French gesture and speaking lesson/workshop with teachers and students who wish to stay and take part.

When: Thursday 8th August
Time: 3.45pm - 4.45pm
Tea/coffee provided

**ATTENDANCE OR IS IT ABSENCE?**

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

Absence data this week:

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Cool to be at school winner is **Grade: 1/2**

Early Bird winner is **Grade 1/2**
Do your children have asthma or allergies?

Are you a part of the local footy team, scouts club or netball club?

Do you worry about your children’s asthma when they are not at home?

Learn practical strategies for helping your children to live well with asthma each day from people who know. Join The Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s online forum. Ask a question, share your story, meet with others in your area. Call (03) 9326 7088 for more information or follow the link below.

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[Link to the forum: forum.asthma.org.au]

Taradale Winter Ball: Hollywood Glamour

Enjoy Hollywood Glamour at the Taradale Winter Ball with a night of music, dancing, entertainment, laughter and glamour galore!

Saturday 17th August from 7.30pm

Taradale Hall, High Street, Taradale

Entertainment by acclaimed songstress Tracey Candy and jazz maestro Meg Corson.

Bus service from Castlemine via Chewton ($10 return) and Elphinstone ($5) Bus bookings are essential on 0425 323 005.

Tickets to the Taradale Winter Ball are only $25 pre-purchase or $30 at the door.

Tickets are on sale at Taradale Wine & Produce or online at www.trybooking.com/DEXL

Includes a delicious supper with drinks at reasonable bar prices.

Proceeds go to support the Taradale Mineral Springs Festival and the Taradale Arts Group

Harcourt Applefest

Annual Meeting will be held at the ANA Hall at 7.30pm Monday 12th August, 2013 and all are very welcome.

We are proud to announce that this year’s School Harvest Dinner will be held on Friday, August 30, 2013.

We NEED VOLUNTEERS to supervise the pupils who assist in the dinner preparation.

The volunteers need to hold a current ‘Working with Children Certificate’. Time commitment can be for a few hours or longer.

This particular day is exciting and rewarding for all involved. For more information please call Marion on 5473 4050 or Maxine 5470 6463 if you are able to assist or require details.

To all schools, parents and guests, please reserve this date for a fun evening.

PREP BIRTHDAY INVITATION

As half the prep class has a birthday in August we have decided to have a Prep gathering at the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens this Sunday 11th August from 2pm.

This will hopefully ease the number of parties over the next few weeks!

Please bring a plate to share.