Welcome back everyone to another busy and fun filled term of school! A special welcome back to Vicki Coghill after six months long service leave. She is back in Grade 3-4 three days a week, sharing with Mrs Turner who will continue on Thursdays and Fridays.

Hip Hop classes start on Monday 28th July for 8 weeks. There is a 9am start so please make sure you have your children here BEFORE 9am ready to go straight away.

We have enjoyed a great celebration today of Bastille Day. We have played boule, built Eiffel Towers and created French flags. After all this hard work, we had hot chocolate and croissants for morning tea! We all enjoyed this French Cultural Experience very much. Many thanks to Madame Higgins.

Don't forget school photos on Tuesday. Full school uniform is required and children with shoulder length hair or longer need to have it tied back as per the school dress code.

Food, Glorious Food!
This term in addition to the usual Discovery Curriculum, we have a supplementary theme running through our program, which I will involve the children through the Health program and through special activities. The focus will be on looking at Healthy Foods.
Now that we have our beautiful new bench (thanks to some wonderful fundraising) we will be able to put this to good use. There will be further details on this in the coming weeks and we would love to have parent involvement in some of these activities.

Absence or is it attendance??
Let’s hope we have much better attendance at school this term now that all the sickness has disappeared over the holidays. It is absolutely important to be at school every day possible to ensure that everyone gets the most out of all the possible learning opportunities.
And also they don’t miss out on the fun things either!
A reminder that it is our school’s policy that children with gastroenteritis must stay away from school for 48 hours after the last episode. This is regardless of whatever you think the cause maybe. This is to protect everyone else.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:
Grade Prep/1: **Lainey**: Always doing her best with all her work.
Grade 1/2: **Izak**: For a focused start to the term.
Grade 3/4: **Jed**: For his constantly positive attitude towards his school work.
Grade 5/6: **Charlotte**: For great confidence towards her maths.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Number of days that students have been away this week:
- Grade 3/4: 7 days
- Grade 5/6: 15 days
Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 3/4**
Early Bird winner is **Grade 5/6**

READING NIGHTS
- **Zara, Jed**
- Students that have achieved 25 nights of reading:
  - **Hayley**
- Students that have achieved 100 nights of reading:
  - **Georgie, Lincoln**
- Students that have achieved 125 nights of reading:
  - **Well Done!**

What's happening in Term 3 & Term 4
(events, dates & times can change)

Arts Performances:
- Friday 1st August, 10am, Opera Australia: Cinderella
- Thursday 14th August, 10am, Andy Wright: Storyteller
- Tuesday 21st October, 10am and 11.30am, Heath McKenzie: Illustrator
- Friday 14th November, 2pm, Sam Angelico: Magic

Fundraising:
- BBQ - Mitchell House, Saturday 9th August, in front of Castlemaine Newsagent.
- BBQ - Barker House, Saturday 8th November, in front of Castlemaine Newsagent.
- Melbourne Shopping Trip: Saturday 22nd November

Hip Hop Dance Program:
Each Monday for 8 weeks starting from Monday 28th July, 40 minute sessions

Interschool Sports:
- AFL 9’s - Grade 5/6, Wednesday 10th September. Grade 3/4, Friday 12th September
- T20 Blast Cricket - Grade 5/6, Monday 20th October. Grade 3/4, Tuesday 21st October
- Kickball - Grades Prep to 2, Friday 7th November

Preparation for Puberty Sessions:
Grade 5/6, 5 sessions in term 4, dates to be confirmed

Responsible Pet Ownership:
Grades P-2, Monday 8th September

School Camps:
- Grade 3/4 Daylesford, Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th September
- Prep Sleepover, Friday 17th October
- Grade 5/6 Melbourne, Tuesday 28th October to Friday 31st October

School Council Meetings:
Wednesdays, 30th July, 27th August, 17th September, 22nd October, 12th November, 10th December

Scholastic Bookfair:
Mid November (dates to be confirmed)

Secondary School Orientation Days:
Highview Christian Community College:
16th September “Experience Highview” & 9th December “Orientation Day”

School photo day:
Tuesday 22nd July - see page 3 for details.

The Meeting Place:
Fridays, 18th July, 1st August, 15th August, 29th August, 12th September, 10th October, 24th October, 21st November, 5th December

Term Dates:
- Term 3: Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September
- Term 4: Monday 6th October to Friday 19th December

Victorian State Election:
Saturday 29th November, the grade 5/6 classroom will be a polling place for Victorian Electoral Commission.
**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**NEXT TUESDAY 22ND JULY**

Every student should have taken their order form home.
Check that your child's name is spelt correctly on the order form.
Return the order form to the school office by 9am Tuesday morning.
Refer to envelope for ordering online or cash/credit card.
Blank orders are available at the school office, if you have lost your form.
No late envelopes can be accepted.
Family order forms are available at the school office, to be filled in by 9am Tuesday morning.

Thank you to those families that have already returned their forms.

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Firstly, welcome back to all our families. If you have not already seen it (it’s pretty hard to miss) the new kitchen bench was installed over the holidays and it is fantastic and a wonderful example of our fundraising monies being put to good use. Also this term the kids will be participating in an 8 week Hip Hop dance program which they are very excited about, and this has also been paid for by fundraising monies.

This term we have the second of our fundraising BBQ’s to be held on Saturday 9th August. It will be run by Mitchell House. We all know Lang House set the bar pretty high last term so if you are in Mitchell get your thinking caps on and have a think about what you can do to support your BBQ.

Woolworths Lansell Plaza will again be supporting our school by donating the snags, bread and other items we need so all the monies raised on the day goes directly into our schools fundraising. Thanks Woolworths!!

Last term we approached Bunnings in Kangaroo Flat to see if we could get a new school BBQ donated. They do get a lot of requests from schools and not for profit organisations, however we did follow them up over the holidays and they did seem positive, we may get a BBQ or we may receive a gift card that we can use towards the purchase of a BBQ. We hope to know over the next couple of weeks.

Lastly, if you are in Mitchell please keep an eye out for next week’s newsletter as there will be more information about the BBQ. If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to be involved with the fundraising committee please call Di on 0488 148 358 or email di@bendigopropertyplus.com.au.

The Fundraising Committee.

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**FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS**

Each week bring in lunch orders with correct money on either Mondays, Tuesdays or by 9am Wednesday.

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(Please indicate on your form whether you would like egg or veg sushi)

Additional Information
- All meal sizes are suited to the individual child ie: preps have a smaller serving than a grade 6. I try to ensure there is plenty for 2nds.
- Please contact me if there are foods on this menu that are not suitable for your child so we may work out an alternative.

Jacq Cue  jacqcue@westnet.com.au

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - SECOND SEMESTER**

Second semester of Education Maintenance Allowance will commence on the 14th July 2014.
If you are eligible from this date you will be able to apply for EMA for the second half of the year.
If you applied at the beginning of the year and your status has not changed there is no need to do anything.
If you are no longer eligible please let the office know.
If your child/ren enrolled at the school between March and July and you are eligible, please call in at the school office to fill in an EMA form by Friday 25th July.
We will need to photocopy your health care or pension concession card.
No late applications will be accepted.
Do you have a child with a disability about to move from primary to secondary school?

New information and advice is available to support children and young people with additional or complex needs that arise from disability or difficulties in learning transition from primary to secondary school. Transitioning from primary to secondary school can present a significant change and adjustment in the lives of children and young people and for their parents, carers or guardians. The new resource provides a framework for transitioning students, a suggested timeline for key planning activities and links to additional information.


Want to read about our school highlights?

Our 2013 Annual Report to the school community is now available in the State Register on the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority’s website: http://www.vrqqa.vic.gov.au/StateRegister/Search.aspx/Search?SearchType=0. The annual report is a key legislative and regulatory requirement, but it is also is an important way to keep our school community informed about how we are performing and what is being done to improve the learning, engagement and wellbeing of our students. Providing information about our school in this format helps the community to become involved and engaged in discussions about the school and how further improvements can be supported. I encourage you to have a look at our report.

Matt and Lynda, together with the Castlemaine Table Tennis Association would like to invite children of all ages (& parents) to come along and have a hit. The kids will be given the opportunity to learn and practise serving and aim skills, and can even have a game if they wish. This is not a competition. It’s just for fun.

Bats and balls provided

Where: Camp Reserve shed at front gates (Forest Street)

When: Thursday afternoons starting 24th of July

Time: 4 - 5.30pm

Cost: 2 free sessions, $1 a session after

For any info contact Matt or Lynda on 5474 2534 or 0437 241 138

Soft drinks and chocolates for purchase