Our **School Captains** ran assembly today and what a fabulous job they did. Their reflections on the first semester were well thought out and I don't think they missed a thing. It's amazing how much we have done in the first half year. I am hoping that we can put their speeches on the school’s website so you can read about it if you weren’t at assembly. Also see page 3 for Avalon’s speech. Well done Caitlin, Jade, Ash and Avalon.

We still have some families with **outstanding accounts** for school fees. We would appreciate if this could be paid by the end of the term. The school runs on a very tight budget and minimal cash flow so it would be helpful if this was paid up as soon as possible.

There is lots of **lost property** in our basket outside the toilets. Please check there if your child is missing some uniform.

**Reports** are nearly finished and we anticipate that you will have them next Thursday. As a follow up next term, we have our student lead conferences, so look for the details of this, early in Term 3.

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**Sickies!!!!**

We have had a high number of absences this week, which is due to a lot of illness around at present. We have chickenpox in the school, so please be aware that this is highly contagious. If your child is immunised, they may still get it, but generally it is much milder than an unimmunised child. They may not attend school until the sores have dried out and are not oozing. Chicken pox will generally start with a runny nose and feeling mildly unwell. This is also the most infectious time.

We also have some cases of nits in the school, so please check your children's hair and if necessary treat them. Please inform us if you have discovered nits. There is no need for a child to be away for a whole day if they have nits, simply treat them and bring them to school.

As there are lots of coughs and colds around as present, we are encouraging the children to use tissues carefully, throwing them away when used and covering their mouths when they cough. If a child has a mild cold or is slightly unwell, they are welcome to be at school as otherwise they may miss vital learning. We will monitor the children and if they do deteriorate we will send them home.
**FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS**
Each week bring in lunch orders with correct money on either Mondays, Tuesdays or by 9am Wednesday mornings.

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**Menu**

- Chicken Risotto / Honey Joys
- 2 Sausages in Bread / Sticky Date Pudding

**Mains** $3 each
**Dessert** $1 each

Term 3 menu, roster and order forms will be sent out with next week's newsletter.

**MISSING**
Size 8 School Jumper with “Daffy” written inside the jumper. Please return to the school office.

Also check that all clothing worn to school has your child’s name clearly marked on it. If clothing belongs to another child, return it to the school office.

Our lost property basket is full again, please come into school before the end of term to collect any lost clothing.

We also have various items eg: toys, head bands etc, please come into the school office and describe your lost item.

**FAMILY ACCOUNTS**
Statements and receipts will be posted home this week. If you have any questions regarding your account please contact the school office. For those wishing to pay into the school’s bank, account details are printed on the front of this newsletter.

**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.

**Skip along to Skipping**
You are invited to come along and watch a showcase of skipping skills.

Who: Prep to Gr 6
When: Friday 27th June (Last day of term)
Time: 9:00 -10:00
Students Of The Week:

Grade Prep/1: **Hamish**: His amazing knowledge about insects.

**Shayla**: For excellent effort in French

**Hamish**: For effort in French

**Julie**: Helping out in French

Grade 1/2: **Xavier**: Making the most of the Bendigo camp experience.

Grade 3/4: **Owen**: For great insight and discussion with the class novel.

Grade 5/6: **Avalon**: For a great 3D shape poster.

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Every day counts – school attendance

Number of days that students have been away this week:

- **Grade P/1**: 3.5 days
- **Grade 3/4**: 9 days
- **Grade 1/2**: 12 days
- **Grade 5/6**: 10 days

Cool to be at school winner is **Grade P/1**

Early Bird winner is **Grade 1/2**

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Reading Nights

**Koby**

Students that have achieved 50 nights of reading:

**Luey, Shayla, Isla, Ebony C, Owen**

Students that have achieved 75 nights of reading:

**Beatrice, Soren, Fraser, Shannon, Angus, Eve**

Students that have achieved 100 nights of reading:

**Well Done!**

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Semester 1 Reflections  by Avalon

This year we had book fair, book fair is (in case you didn’t know) where a company brings in a bunch of books and stationary. Then the one of the teachers sell them to the children and parents after school, this year it was run by the lovely Mrs.V-G

On book week, the school dressed up as their favourite book character I went as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, but there was a whole lot of other book characters is was incredible! There was the cat in the hat, characters from the series “dork diaries”, diary of a wimpy kid and many more.

This year, to celebrate the day that several thousands of Australians and New Zealanders went to war and gave their life to save us, we made Anzac biscuits to thank them on protecting us, and the recipe we used tasted really good!!

This year, we changed the lunch order menu to get a different taste of food the children may not have tried before. So far there has been baked potatoes, sausage rolls and chicken risotto coming up tomorrow with honey joys. Thank you to all the parents who have helped it has been a real hit! And don’t worry if you drop or break a bowl it’s not the end of the world!

This term we have been focusing on skipping and learning new tricks and routines. The children have been having lots of fun down in the stadium, and showing of their skills to their friends with Mr. Watkins’ favourite song in the background, Happy, by Pharell Williams.

This year at Applefest it was down near the pool instead of along the main street of Harcourt, personally I think it was better where it was this year, it’s shadier and it doesn’t block of roads. The Harcourt stall made about $4375 dollars to help out with the school, like the new kitchen bench and much more. On the Harcourt stall we had the annual apple pies and a few apple strudels as well as some homemade jams and apple cupcakes. Thankyou too any students parents or teachers who helped out to raise those thousands of dollars!

This term the 5/6 have been focusing on electricity, where it comes from and how it’s made, so far we have made posters on generating power and we made a skill tester and discovered how many lemons it takes to power a LED light. It took 2 lemons to power it but 3 lemons to power enough energy to make it bright enough it glowed.
Relay for Life
Lorelle’s Angels
Music/Sportz Trivia Night & Dance
Date: 5th July
Cost: $25.00
Time: 7.00pm
Where: Castlemaine Football/Netball Club Rooms
Nibble/Supper/Tea & Coffee provided
Great prizes ~ Raffles ~ Competitions
Drinks available at bar prices
Tickets on Sale Now
Contact: Bev Hood 0438 304 887
Jenny Nuske 0413 192 181

Road Safety Tips from your School Crossing Supervisor –
Riding bikes is a great way to get around and can be lots of fun for all the family. As the weather starts to turn dull during the winter months, riders must take further precautions to ensure their safety. The following is the Victorian Road Rule regarding riding bicycles at night (or in hazardous conditions such as fog) –

The rider of a bicycle must not ride at night/fog, or in hazardous weather conditions causing reduced visibility, unless the bicycle, or the rider, displays –

(A) A flashing or steady white light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres from the front of the bicycle; and
(B) A flashing or steady red light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres from the rear of the bicycle; and
(C) A red reflector that is clearly visible for at least 50 metres from the rear of the bicycle when light is projected onto it by a vehicle's headlight on low-beam.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in 1 penalty unit.