We have an Arts Performance on next Friday 1st August and we will be dressing up for a trip to the Opera, so the children are invited to come in their good clothes. It’s a gold coin to participate and the money will be used as a donation to the Cancer Council.

**Hip Hop classes** start on Monday next week 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 are on a countdown to the **Grade 3-4 camp** and parents are reminded that full payment is required before the camp. We are also seeking volunteers to help walk the horses. A payment plan was included in the note at the end of the term, please make sure that you take advantage of this.

A reminder to **School Councillors** that it is our July meeting, next Wednesday night, starting at 7.30. Briefing papers will be sent home on Friday. Lots of reading this time!

Did you know? Yesterday the **Preps** celebrated their first hundred days of school. The Grade 1 and 2 children helped them to celebrate this milestone, with some interesting 100 activities and also a “mini party”. Congratulations Preps! You are now 100 days smarter!

**National Schools Tree Day**, Friday 25th July, help us celebrate by planting trees with the school students and staff at 2.30pm (weather permitting)

**Head Lice** are back again! Please make sure that you treat them immediately if your child has them and then tell us. Once a child has received treatment they can be at school. It is not necessary to take more than treatment time off school for this.

Absence or is it attendance?!

Research evidence shows that children who attend school regularly and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes and higher incomes across their lives. All very good reasons to keep coming to school!

Missing parts of the school day is also very disruptive to both the school program and also your children’s learning. Please make every effort not to take your children out of school during the day or bring them later. I encourage all families to make their appointments after the school day is finished.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:
Grade Prep/1: Shayla: Being extremely focussed on all her school work this week. Fantastic!
Grade 1/2: Murray: Continuing to work on his maturity.
Grade 3/4: Georgie: For an improved effort with her handwriting with the size, shape and formation.
Kane: For being a thoughtful and observant person—helping Lainey with her scarf.
Grade 5/6: Zarah: Great use of similes in her homework.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Number of days that students have been away this week:
Grade 3/4: 9.5 days
Grade 5/6: 15.5 days
Cool to be at school winner is Grade Prep/1
Early Bird winner is Grade 5/6

READING NIGHTS
Nate, Ebony C, Mason
Students that have achieved 100 nights of reading:
Fraser, Angus
Students that have achieved 125 nights of reading:
Well Done!

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.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection).
This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.
The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.
The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form.
More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.
**FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS**

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

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

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**Arts Performance - Opera Australia - Cinderella**

**DATE:** Friday 1st August 2014  
**TIME:** 10am  
**VENUE:** At School  
Parents and toddlers are welcome to attend

**GRADE 3/4 CAMP - DAYLESFORD – BOOMERANG HOLIDAY RANCH**

**Dates:** Wednesday September 3 – Friday September 5, 2014  
**Total Cost:** $250  
Permission form and deposit of $50 due Thursday 31st July

**Fundraising**

We have had a positive response from Bunnings and they have kindly offered to support our school by donating a Jumbuck 4 Burner BBQ. Their generosity is greatly appreciated and it will be put to good use soon for the Fathers Day breakfast. Thanks Bunnings!!

Further to last week’s update regarding the Mitchell House BBQ on August 9th – Lynda Wilson has kindly offered to coordinate the day for Mitchell so please support Lynda in any way you can and if you can give Lynda a hand with organising the event it would be fantastic. We believe cakes and goodies will be on offer on the day so if you can make something to sell please do and deliver to the school on the Friday before so those setting up the stall on the day have everything ready to sell. There are always early birds looking for goodies to buy. A wood raffle is always good at this time of year – and we think may also be part of the Mitchell plan to boost funds so if you have wood you can donate or can help with transport etc please let Lynda know. A roster will be placed at the office from tomorrow - for those of you that are able to help on the, day please indicate next to the times that you are available. An hour is all we ask. Come on Mitchell get you red gear on and support your house. **Remember there are house points on offer for all families that volunteer their time!!!**

Lastly we have recently formed a fundraising committee that will work in conjunction with school council to come up with ideas, set up a timetable of events and coordinate future fundraising activities. We understand the constraints a small school community have in raising funds and we want to look at ways to bring revenue in from outside the school community. If you have an idea, would like to join the fundraising committee or know of any grants, donations or opportunities available that we could apply for please contact Di on 0488 148 358 or [di@bendigopropertyplus.com.au](mailto:di@bendigopropertyplus.com.au).

Thank you,  
The fundraising committee
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Castlemaine Table Tennis Association
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
This is not a competition. It’s just for fun.

Helping kids make sense of the HM17 air disaster

Tips for staying active this winter!
Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) is a common trigger for asthma. However, it does not need to be a barrier to Students participating in sports and physical activities.
Here are some tips to help prevent EIA in students:
Before Exercise take reliever medication 5-20 minutes before warming up.
Warm Up before exercise as normal.
During Exercise watch for asthma symptoms and administer reliever medication if they should occur.
Only return to exercise if symptoms are relieved.
If symptoms appear again, administer medication again, until they are relieved.
It is not recommended that the Student should return to the sporting activity after a second occurrence of asthma symptoms.
After Exercise cool down as usual.
Note that asthma symptoms can present up to a half an hour after exercise has stopped.
Ensure reliever medication is still easily accessible should it be required.
Other things to remember:
Ensure all students have current Asthma Action/Care Plans
If possible make activities that are scheduled for the night indoors as the drop in air temperature makes air colder to inhale and acts as a greater trigger.
Encourage students with asthma to participate fully!

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