



# METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL

## "THE VILLAGE SCHOOL"

"It takes a Village to educate a child"  
Hillary Clinton 1994

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### **MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018.**

MONDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Homework club
TUESDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Homework club.
WEDNESDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> . February	Swimming carnival. Bus leaving school at 8.50a.m. Regional library. Library bags required. No Preps at school today Homework club.
THURSDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> h February	Start of school year barbeque. Village Green at 6.00 p.m.
FRIDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> . February	Lunch orders from the Nautica Fish and Chips and Metung Bakery

#### **SWIMMING**

On Wednesday 6 of our students will be attending the swimming carnival in Orbost. Leonie will be driving the community bus. Students will need sun hat, sun screen, food and drinks for the day and bathers and towel. Students will be back at school by the end of the day.

At this stage there are spare seats on the bus for any parents wishing to attend. Please let Rick know.

**The bus will be leaving the school on Wednesday at 8.50 a.m. Could all students be at school prior to this time.**

#### **SCHOOL BBQ**

The weather looks promising for Thursday evening (22<sup>nd</sup> February) for our school barbeque. Looking forward to seeing all new and current parents on the Village Green at 6.00 p.m.

Just a reminder that all school functions are alcohol free.

The school will supply the barbeque meat and bread and we are asking parents to please bring a salad or sweets to share.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. School uniform for all students please. Envelopes will be sent home with the students tonight. All dealings are with the photographer (Rosie). The envelopes can be handed in at the school but will be passed directly to Rosie on the day.

#### **SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Grandparents and special friends are welcomed into the classroom to enjoy special activities. Can you please let us know if you are attending the special activities so have an idea of approximate numbers attending the class rooms.

#### **COMPUTERS**

Parents who wish to take the Computer offer, **MUST** see Rick this week as we are placing an order on Friday.

#### **ESSENTIAL ITEMS**

Council has set the Essential item fee for 2018 at \$140.00 per student. Invoices will be sent out next week with a breakdown of the costs involved. We would appreciate prompt payment when invoices are sent out as the school has outlaid a considerable amount of money to buy equipment for students to begin the school year.

A copy of the breakdown of costs associated with Essential Items is attached to the newsletter.

#### **ABSENCES**

That you to the parents who have been notifying us regarding student absences. I need to reinforce the importance of us knowing where all the students are at all times.

It is very important that parents advise us by email, school website or phone contact of any student absences. Early notification reduces the workload of office staff as under new Government policy we have been instructed to follow up with all parents of each individual unexplained absence.

**Student Enrolment Information Forms** are being sent home with all students tonight. Please return to school as soon as possible.

### **CSEF FUND**

Information regarding financial assistance with the Camps, Sports and Excursion fund (CSEF) is attached to the newsletter.

For new applications, forms can be obtained from the school office.

### **Prep/1/2 Classroom**

Another busy week in the Prep/1/2 classroom! Today I have completed the 'English Online Interviews' with very pleasing results. I have been able to graph the students' results in the areas of reading, writing and speaking and listening. These results will guide the teaching and learning literacy activities this term. Tomorrow I will be attending a Principal's forum in Bairnsdale with Rick which focuses on our priority area of 'Reading'

A warm welcome to Jacki Walker who is working in our classroom again this year for a session each Tuesday. She has been working with the grade one students assisting them in the area of reading. This has included both reading aloud in guided reading sessions and oral and written comprehension activities. On Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> Jacki will be introducing the class to 'rock painting'. Could each student please bring a rock to school this week in preparation for the session.

Congratulations to our Prep students who have settled in beautifully at school. They are enjoying both classroom and playground activities. They are also participating in literacy sessions with Leonie on a daily basis.

The class enjoyed a hockey clinic today. Well done to everyone!

### **Awards**

Grace Jarvis for creating a beautiful 'Candy Land' picture.

Bella Hill for very pleasing progress in the area of handwriting.

Jasmine Coles for reading and spelling the most common 100 words.

Zara De Donato for reading and spelling the most common 100 and 200 words.

