



METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL

"THE VILLAGE SCHOOL"

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

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MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018.

MONDAY 19th February	Homework club
TUESDAY 20th February	Homework club.
WEDNESDAY 21st. February	Swimming carnival. Bus leaving school at 8.50a.m. Regional library. Library bags required. No Preps at school today Homework club.
THURSDAY 22ndh February	School barbeque. Village Green at 6.00 p.m.
FRIDAY 23rd. 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, sunscreen, food and drinks for the day and bathers and towel. Students will be back at school by the end of the school 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 please.

SCHOOL BBQ

The weather looks promising for Thursday evening (22nd 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. Could all families bring their own plates, cutlery and drink containers.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 6th 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 9th March. Grandparents and special friends are welcomed into the classroom to enjoy special activities. Can you please let us know if you are attending this day to give us 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 \$240.00 per student. (Please note the amount in last weeks' newsletter was incorrect). Invoices are attached to the newsletter with a breakdown of the costs involved. We would appreciate prompt payment as the school has outlaid a considerable amount of money to buy equipment for students to begin the school year.

ABSENCES

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

Parents can contact us by email, school website or phone contact of any student absences.

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 from 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 27th 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!

3/4 Report

Week 4 in the 3/4 room and we are continuing our study on dinosaurs. We have been investigating more into the Mesozoic Era and what occurred at that time and learning the origins of our world of the super continent Pangaea. If any parents are interested in helping in the room, they are welcome to help out during reading groups. This is a good chance to help students read, solve comprehension questions and receive help while I work with groups of students. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

Good luck to Willow on Wednesday as she heads off to Orbost for the next stage of swimming!

We have our annual School BBQ on Thursday down at the Village Green, I hope to see all our families there and that the weather is kind to us!

This week we begin a new unit in Maths, addition! We will be focusing on simple addition, rounding, strategies and carrying. Our sound this week is 'c/k' as in kite and there are many graphemes (letters) for this phoneme (sound) such as c- cat, k- kite, ck- pick, ch- school, q- queen, x- six.

I am still encouraging students to read at home and write in their diaries what they read. I would like to see more home reading of at least 5 nights throughout the week. It is vital for children at this age to be reading as often as possible to improve their reading skills, develop their reading strategies and extend their vocabulary.



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.

Holly Callaghan for her beautifully neat handwriting in her Handwriting for Victoria workbook.

Eric Murphy for completing all his reading activity tasks in week 3!