Dear Parents and Students

Another hot weather week at school - a good reminder to ensure your child has a hat (or two) in their bags each morning.

**PARENTS MORNING TEA:**
We are holding an informal morning tea TOMORROW, Friday 8th March in the multipurpose room. This will start at 9am and is aimed at the new parents at the school. It’s a great chance to meet and arrange play-dates for your children! Thanks to Amanda Barton for organising this event.

**SCHOOL SPORTS:**
* Drop off/pick up at the Geoff Watt track NOT school.
* The sports are for all children from all grade levels. Every child is in at least one team event and all students are expected to attend and stay for the entire day (8.45am - 3pm)
* This is a fantastic day for grandparents other relatives and friends to attend - please invite them along - BYO chairs/picnic rugs/ food etc
* There is no after School Care on that day
* Any child needing to leave (ie for medical reasons) MUST be signed out by a parent/guardian
* Please read all information over the next two week’s newsletters and see the staff for any enquiries.

**READING HELPERS:**
The junior/ middle school staff (P-3) are seeking more parents/grandparents etc who would be able to help with reading. Please assist if you can. Thankyou to those who have already committed to this request.

**2013 SCHOOL PHOTOS:**
your child will have an order form sent home today for the annual school photos - to be held on Wednesday 20th March. Please read all details carefully. Family portrait order forms are available at the office.

**EASTER RAFFLE:**
Due to the heat, could you please keep any chocolate/food donations at home to avoid them melting at school. They can be sent along when we get a cool change!
Raffle tickets will come home with the oldest child next week. More ticket books available in the office. The money raised from the raffle is spent on extra Easter bunnies/eggs so that every child at school receives a free easter gift on the last day of term, Thursday 28th March.

**‘GIPPY FARM LIFE’ PHOTO COMPETITION:**
Entry forms are available at the office for this competition - there are some great prizes and all children have to do is take a photo of a farming scene/topic. I encourage children to have a go at this - there’s a very good chance of winning a prize!

Regards
Chris & Staff
Hey Caps here’
It has been a wonderful week so keep it up. You’re doing great putting icy-pole wrappers in the bin.
The sports are next week so try your best.

DID YOU KNOW?
The biggest earth tremor was 7.1m
From Liam, Jaimie, Brent & Alana

HELP!!!
The family who normally supplies the hay bales for the athletic sports cannot do so this year. We would need 20 small square bales on Friday March 15th at the Geoff Watt track in Warragul. They would normally be returned in reasonably good condition.
If you can help please see Chris or Rob.

DIARY DATES

MARCH
Monday 11th  Labour Day/ No School
Friday 15th  Aths Sports
Tuesday 19th  School Council meeting
Wednesday 20th  School Photos
Thursday 28th  Last Day Term 1

APRIL
Monday 15th  Start of Term 2

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Next week we open the special cupboard
PARENT HELPERS

Grade Prep and Prep/1 are now ready for parent helpers. If you could spare some time we would LOVE parents/ grandparents to help us in our classrooms.
Please see Sharon or Laura to arrange a suitable time.
Thanks

ATHLETIC SPORTS - FRIDAY MARCH 15TH

Everyone is looking forward to the Sports next Friday. We hope many parents, grandparents, relatives and friends will be there to support the children and cheer them on.

Some important reminders:-
♦ Children should be at the Geoff Watt track in Warragul by 9.00am for a 9.15am start.
♦ If the weather is either too wet or too hot a decision will be made the day before and communicated to parents at school. If there is a postponement the back-up day is Tuesday March 19th and school will proceed as normal.
♦ We will assemble together at our school banner.
♦ Children should wear the school colours. They should have runners (and must wear them all day). They must all wear a hat and sunscreen.
♦ Children need to bring lunch and plenty to drink.
♦ The kiosk will also be operating.
♦ The children’s ages for the morning rotation of events is taken as of July 1st 2013. This can be confusing for those children who have a birthday between now and then.
♦ Parents are responsible for toddlers and must ensure they stay clear of participating children.
♦ The sports usually finish at about 3.00pm. It would be appreciated if children could be picked up promptly.
♦ To try and avoid the problems we have had previously with the toilets, we are encouraging parents to use the public toilets on the other side of the tennis courts. This would be a good spot to park too.
♦ Also - There is some chance your child will be photographed for the Warragul gazette. If you do not want your child’s photo taken please contact your child’s teacher.

BRYLIE & NEISHA!

On the 5th March, Neisha & Brylie went to the Warragul Leisure Centre to represent our school with a swimming competition!
Brylie came 5th & Neisha came 1st & 2nd. Neisha will now go to the next competition in Sale. We had so much fun.

By Brylie & Neisha