Dear Parents and Students,

Tomorrow our grade 5/6 class head off to Warragul Regional College for a secondary school experience day. This is one of those ‘mile-stone’ days for our senior students as they transition towards secondary school education. I hope they enjoy the event.

**JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY:**
Friday 9th August we are holding a special Japanese day. Ellinbank school are joining us for the day. Our activities include a special Art Council performance, Japanese sports & games, art and cultural displays. There is no cost for the students, however please note that NO SHOP LUNCHES are available on that day due to the varied lunchtimes. Thankyou

**VEGGIE GARDEN NEWS:**
Last weekend John & Rhonda Carlin painted the section of fence behind the veggie garden in preparation for students to paint murals. Thanks John & Rhonda - it looks fantastic!

**STAFFING:**
Tomorrow, Friday 2nd August, we farewell Leona Nankervis as she goes on maternity leave. Leona & Matt are looking forward to the birth of their first child in mid September and we wish them the very best. Leona is an outstanding teacher and we look forward to her return to us in the future.
We welcome Miss Sarah O’Brien to fill in for Leona until the end of 2013. Arrangements for 2014 will take place prior to the end of the year.

**STUDENT ABSENCES:**
At this cold time of the year, a number of students are often away with illness. Thankyou to all those who ring or drop a note to inform us of absences. We have also attached a ‘set’ of absence notes for you to use.
One thing we do ask, however, is that students arrive on time and ready to start classes at 9am as late arrivals are disruptive to class routines & lessons. Thankyou

**SPORTS SHOES:**
In the interests of safety can parents please ensure children have suitable ‘runners’ on the days your child has sport.
This would include every Friday. The Phys. Ed days are:
Prep - Mondays Prep/1 (Laura) - Tuesdays Gr1/2 & Gr 2/3 - Thursdays
Gr 4, 5 & 6 - Wednesdays. Thankyou

Regards
Chris & Staff
GRADE 5/6 WARRAGUL REGIONAL COLLEGE VISIT

Warragul Regional College will be hosting all year 5 and 6 students from Mt Worth Cluster schools on Friday the 2nd of August. The aim of this day is to offer students in senior primary at smaller regional schools an opportunity to visit a large high school setting and immerse themselves in some of the many different curriculum programs we have at Warragul Regional College.

Students should arrive at the college (Flexible Learning Centre) between 9:00 and 9:25 on the Friday ready for a 9:30 start. The day will contain three sessions for the mixed-school groups broken up with a provided morning tea and barbeque lunch. The day will conclude at 2:45pm, and students will be dismissed from the Flexible Learning Centre.

Students should wear school uniform, and should bring with them a pencil case and a drink bottle with water.

If you have any questions, please contact your primary school.

THANK YOU!!
Thank you to the parents who have been helping us with book covering and resource making for the juniors. Please see the teachers if you are able to assist in any way.

SHOE BOXES WANTED!!
Grade one/two and two/three will be needing shoe boxes for art in coming weeks. If you have any laying around the house we would greatly appreciate them.

Thank you
Rhonda & Kris

DIARY DATES

AUGUST
Friday 9th Japanese Cultural Day
Tuesday 20th School Council Meeting
Wednesday 21st Dress up day - Book Week

WANTED FOR PREP ROOM
Mrs Webster is collecting clean, plastic bottle caps with no writing on them. These can be found on milk, juice, soft drink and water bottles.

Children's Book Week “Read across the universe”
We are going to celebrate “Children's Book Week” with a dress up day on Wednesday 21st August, 2013. The theme is “Read Across The Universe” so dust off your alien outfits and blast off into space mode.