Dear Parents and Students,

The launch of our Tiqbiz communication app has been a great success and many families have already downloaded and made use of it. I urge all families to join into Tiqbiz as it will become the main form of reminder and emergency management information to parents from now on. If you need any assistance with downloading or operating the app, see Chris or Sharyn at the office.

PREP—3 GUMBUYA PARK EXCURSION:
Children in those grade levels will bring home the form and information for this exciting event on Dec 5th. Please return your forms and money a.s.a.p.

CLASSES AND STRUCTURE FOR 2015:
I am pleased to advise you about our grades and staff for 2015. It is all very straight forward for next year. All teachers will remain in their current grade levels and rooms. There will be ‘straight’ grades from Prep to grade four. Mr Ferguson will have the only composite class - a grade 5/6. We are also pleased to provide extra teacher aides and staff across all grade levels to ensure your children receive maximum individual attention and assistance in their learning.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:
Christmas Hamper Raffle:
Each year the school council hold a big Christmas raffle which is drawn at our community party on December 18th. Prizes are made up from donations from each family. Tickets will be sent home in early December but donations can be made at any time - just drop them into the office. Items can include anything ‘Christmassy’ such as non-perishable food, decorations, Christmas toys etc. All proceeds go to the cost of the Christmas party and other student events.

GRADE 6 STUDENTS:
All grade 6 students please return your “Summit Camp” forms and money by tomorrow Friday 21st Nov thank you.

Regards Chris & Staff
Today is Bandanna day! We are raising money for CanTeen. Young people with cancer might die. Other people help with money. I have a green and white bandanna.

Bella

It is Bandanna Day and I'm wearing my bandanna today and also Halloween. I'm wearing my favourite pants and t-shirt. We are giving gold coins to teenagers for cancer.

Max

Today is Bandanna day! I am wearing my bandanna to support teenagers with cancer. I am also wearing my onesie that is Jake from Adventure Time and it says what the Bjork!

Julian

We sell bandannas for Bandanna Day. The bandannas help people with cancer.

Mackenzie

I'm wearing a bandanna to raise money for people with cancer.

Alex

Today it is Bandanna day! I'm wearing my purple, white and black bandanna. We do this every year to support CanTeen which stands for cancer and teenagers.

Meika

The teenagers need our help when it is Bandanna Day. I am wearing a onesie today.

Shelbie

Today it is Bandanna day and I am wearing free dress. We're supporting teenagers who have cancer. So fight for cancer and help!

Georgia
Dear Students and Parents,
On behalf of the Pom Pom girls we would love to thank you guys for all your help in buying our Pom Poms! We have raised $46.50 and we couldn’t have done it without your help! You Guys are SPECTACULAR! Keep up your fantastic work!
From the Pom Pom girls.
Dear Parents

As part of government funding reforms, the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) paid directly to parents will be discontinued at the end of the 2014 school year. The government has decided EMA funds that were previously distributed directly to parents in need will now be directed to schools that are deemed to be needy, as decided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD). As a consequence of this all schools will be affected with many receiving less or no funding. Most government schools in West Gippsland have been affected.

How does this affect some families?
EMA funds will no longer be available to support any family directly. If you have been eligible for and applied for EMA payments in the past, you will no longer be able to apply.

2015 Levies and educational costs: We are aware that this government funding decision will impact on a number of families in our school community.

The following information outlines steps that our school has taken and other information that may assist families to meet educational expenses.

♦ Our school has very low annual levies and school council subsidises many of the school activities throughout the year.
♦ Our school has sourced quality items and ensured we have negotiated competitive prices with our suppliers
♦ Our school has purchased school supplied items in bulk to maximise our purchasing power
♦ Our school offers payment plans to all families in our school community and these available options can be discussed with members of our office staff
♦ Some parents and families will also be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus which can be accessed through Centrelink. To be eligible for these payments, you must be a parent or carer who receives Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child in primary or secondary school. Eligible families with an adjusted taxable income of $100,000 or less will be paid the Schoolkids Bonus.

We realise that this government decision will have a significant impact on many families. As a school, we will endeavour to ensure there are a number of flexible payment options available to our parents. If you require any further information regarding any matter in this letter, please don’t hesitate to contact our school office.

Christopher Eeles                      Gagan Singh
Principal                              School Council president
Letters From Santa Fundraiser

Personalised letters from Santa, to be delivered just in time for Christmas!

These create a real sense of magic and Christmas spirit, as well as providing a great keepsake for kids, grandkids, friends, family members or even your boss!

Available in a number of designs to cater for multiple orders, each order, accompanied by a $4 donation, can be submitted to Sharyn Copley.

All funds raised will be donated to West Gippsland Hospital.

Orders must be received by Wednesday 26th November 2014- letters will be sent in the first week of December.

Order Form

Name: _________________________________

Address: ______________________________

Age: ______ Gender: Male / Female

Special Accomplishment this year: ____________________________________________

Hometown: _____________________________

Best Friend/ Siblings Name: ____________________________

Desired Christmas present: __________________________

Comments: ___________________________________________

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