NEWSLETTER 19 – Week ending 19th June, 2014

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 2

JUNE
Thursday 19th  AAS – Skateboarding
               School Council, 7:30 pm
Friday 20th    Talent Quest 2 pm
Monday 23rd    Library / Science
Tuesday 24th  Bluearth
Wednesday 25th Piano Concert 2pm
               Year 5 & 6 Parent Teacher Interviews
               Olivia’s Fundraiser
               ***Pick up your pies
               LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30 pm FINISH

JULY
Monday 14th   FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
Wednesday 16th  Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 17th  Parent Teacher Interviews

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday this week to Rori McDonald, Leighton Reginato and Tyler Currie. We hope you had a great day!

OLIVIA’S FUNDRAISER – Last day of Term
Thanks for getting your orders in. If you have not yet paid please bring along your money on the day. Students can wear casual clothes and don’t forget it is a 2.30pm finish!

PIANO CONCERT
Students that participate in piano will again dazzle us with the skills they have learnt in a piano concert next Wednesday 25th June at 2pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

PIE ORDERS
Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Pie Drive fundraiser. Your pies will be available to collect after 2pm on the last day of term. We raised over $500 profit!

CATERING FUNDRAISER - Well Done
Congratulations to all who helped with the catering fundraiser last Saturday. We raised around $1500. Special thanks to Pam for a great job with the organising of this day.

Juan, Melissa and Jean provided a delicious main meal and our fabulous baking parents a beautiful morning tea spread.

Thanks to all who contributed with food, their time and even a few layers of skin! It was a great effort.

Special thanks to Bree Campbell who not only had to nurse an ailing principal but did a stint helping out on Saturday as well - above and beyond the call of duty, thank you!

Helen Taylor – School Council President.

PRINCIPALS REPORT
What a fantastic term we have had and there is still one more week to go until everyone gets the chance to have a well-deserved break. This will however be our last newsletter as I am taking one week’s leave and driving with my little family up to a wedding in Queensland. Lenny has had his bag packed for a week and it has been sitting by the door waiting to be placed in the car.

Reflecting on the term I would like to thank everyone in the community who have played such an important role supporting the education of not only their own children, but also their peers. Talking to the staff the other night at our regularly Professional Learning Meeting (PLT) I discussed that the parent and community participation that we have had this semester is the highest that I have ever seen it. We have had;

- Numerous parents that have volunteered their time to come and listen to students read on a daily basis,
Parents volunteer their time to look after the chooks and grounds over the weekends,
Many volunteers for the excursions and camps that we have already held,
Parents volunteering their expertise in different areas to install TV’s on the wall, fix lighting around the grounds, fix computers or completed plumbing problems that we may have had,
Parents cooking for fundraising events that we have held or even by supporting any events that our Parents and Friends have ran,
Parents who have been on School Council or Parents and Friends Committees and have given up their time to come to these meetings.

A huge thank you to all of the work that you have done as a school community this year, you make our school such a wonderful place to be. Thank You!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my staff who have worked extremely hard throughout the first semester supporting the learning of all of the children within the school. This includes all of the classroom teachers (Mrs Batey, Ms Collihole, Mr Porter and Mr Shaw), our expert science teacher (Mr Lawler), our excellent business manager (Jaye), our visiting Art teachers (Ros and Cate), Rebecca Davern and Andrea Tully for the work that they have done throughout the first semester in specifically helping individual students as well as groups of students, Ruth our music teacher, Brandon Ryan our Blue Earth specialist, Helen and Bec for the role that they have played in both our Out of School Hours Program as well as our Vocational Care Program and finally our School Council President Helen Taylor who does a terrific job in leading the community. Well done everyone!

Mr Shaw
Mr Shaw has an exciting term ahead, taking some well-deserved long service leave and a trip to Europe planned with his fantastic wife Trish. We would like to wish him and Trish all the best for the trip and look forward to hearing about everything they get up to when he returns for term 4.

We have been lucky enough to secure the services of Mrs Howard during the third term after her terrific effort in supporting all of the year 5 and 6 students during the second semester last year.

Reports
Teachers have all been very busy at the coal face with assessment and reporting over the last month. This is a crucial time in every school year to ensure we analyse and be very explicit with our use of data (both informal and formal) to make judgements based on facts. We are accountable to the system we work in to provide our students with AusVels standard and as a school we work tirelessly to make sure this is accurate.
What we also do is strive to ensure we acknowledge the growth in students at this time of the year and this is where we find our greatest joy as educators in seeing the breadth of steps our students take with their learning.

Our approach to reporting is best summed up by an article by Patrick Griffin an educational researcher working at Melbourne University: There are no year level expectations in a series of achievement standards. No one is at, on, above or below expectations. Every student is simply at a level of development defined by what learning is developmentally appropriate. This approach enables differentiated and targeted teaching to occur.

It is imperative we know our students points of achievements or better known as dots! What is more important however is we as educators and parents understand that learning is forever and we all learn at different rates and what Griffin describes as developmentally appropriate.

Yes mid-year reports will define each child’s development point, but even now our teachers are planning their next piece of work for every child in this school that is differentiated and targeted to ensure every child gets an education that is developmentally appropriate for them.

I therefore ask you to look passed the A, B, C, D and E marks and read the comments that the teachers have made about your child and what is their next step of learning in the classroom.

Reports have been sent home today. You will notice a slight difference in format. This year they have one section that explicitly explains where each student is in all curriculum areas, a section where the teachers have written...
about what your child has achieved throughout the first semester and a final section that explains areas of focus for your child during the second semester. We as a staff have decided to delete the section of what the school will do and what you can do at home and believe that these sections are catered for during our parent/teacher interviews.

**Anglesea and Snow Trip**
Last week we sent out the first letter about Anglesea camp for the year 5 and 6 students. The School Council approved a $20 reduction in the price of this camp so it will now be $314.00. Could you please send back the tear of section to this letter to let us know which students will be attending this camp. I will also be sending out an expression of interest form for our ski excursion next week. Could you please return this form also before the end of the term?

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Attached to this newsletter are the parent/teacher interview times for Mr Shaw next week as he is going on leave.

I have also attached a parent/teacher interview template for next term for Mrs Batey, Ms Collihole and Mr Porter. These interviews will be conducted during the first week of term 3. If your preferred time could be back by next Wednesday the 25th, then Jaye will send home a confirmation letter on the Thursday.

**Cross Country**
Xavier competed at the Ovens & Mitta cross country competition last Wednesday and came 27th overall – Well done Xavier, this was a fantastic effort.

**Jeremy Campbell**

“Committed to nurturing confident, lifelong learners in a friendly rural community”

**Photos from the Semester**
GRADE 5 & 6 PARENT/TEACHER/CHILD INTERVIEWS - Wednesday 25th June, 2014

Please find below times for Grade 5 & 6 Semester One, 2014 Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews will be held for the Grade 5 & 6 students on Wednesday 25th June, 2014 with Peter Shaw due to him taking Long Service Leave in Term 3. All other Grades will have interviews early in Term 3.

If you have not yet booked a time please choose an available time slot and let Mr Shaw know. It is much appreciated that parents can make themselves available for these very important discussions.

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~ PREP & ONE’S NICKLE NACKLE TREE ~
COME IN AND SEE THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ARTWORK IN THE SCHOOL FOYER

3rd Little Duck Lunch Orders
Next term we will be having some winter warmer seasonal specials and there are a couple of changes to the menu (Calippo’s are off the menu for the winter term, will be back in term 4 and chicken tenders price has slightly increased due to a change in supplier however they are a larger size)
There are 2 snack specials: Chocolate truffle balls x 3 for $1.50 remain and a new one of a bag of crunchy noodles with chicken seasoning also $1.50
For lunch we have a yummy pumpkin soup with a bread roll for $3.00 and the chicken schnitzel burger with lettuce and mayo for $1.50.
Finally coming soon we will introduce SUSHI as a seasonal special onto the menu in Spring – watch the space for the types and price!!

North East Bushrangers Basketball
Skills and drills school holiday camps
Dates: Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd July 2014
Where: Wangaratta Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre (Barr Reserve)
Times: 9.30am to 3.00pm daily
Who: Domestic and Representative Players aged 7 to 14
Cost: $75 for the 2 day camp
For more information please visit the website www.nebushrangers.net

Steer Clothing Co.
Annual Winter Sale - Thursday 19th June until Monday 30th June
20% Schoolwear & Corporate wear