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# Newsletter

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## TERM 1 CALENDAR

School Council – Tonight @ 7-00pm

Council nominations close—4pm 20th Feb

Parent/Student/Teacher conferences  
27th & 28th February

Labour Day—Monday, 13th March

School Swimming Programme  
20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th, 29th March

End of term 1—Friday, 31st March



**Emily:** For great listening and always following instructions.

**Sophie:** For starting work straight away and always showing her best effort.

## Junior Grade News

This week in our Literacy block we have been working on Valentine's Day cards for our special person, discussing the features of our local community, writing about 'choices' after reading "Would you rather...?", and on Thursday our Big Write topic is "What I would do if I won one million dollars".

In Numeracy, we have been exploring how to make ten, how to write numbers and numerals to twenty and using concrete materials to skip count by 2's, 3's, 4's and 5's.

## UNIFORMS

An order form has been distributed with this newsletter. Please complete and return (with deposit if required) to school by Friday 24th February. Thank you.

## ACTING PRINCIPAL REPORT

### SCHOOL REVIEW

As part of the school improvement cycle, all schools undertake a review every four years. I have been advised that this year our school will be undertaking a school review. The school review will provide an opportunity to analyse our school's performance against the goals and targets established in the current strategic plan. A major component of the school review involves completing a pre-review self evaluation.

The pre-review self evaluation considers input from all stakeholders within the school community. Attached to next week's newsletter will be a short questionnaire providing the opportunity to have your input into, 'What our school does well?', and, 'What could we be doing to make our school an even better one?.' I encourage all families to complete this questionnaire.

### PREP HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRES

Trina Douglas will be attending the school next Tuesday 21st February. Please ensure all health questionnaires are completed and returned prior to next Tuesday. As advised in last week's newsletter, if families of Grade 1 to Grade 6 students would like their child to see the school nurse, a request form can be collected from the office.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING

A swimming competency form has been sent home today with the newsletter. It would be appreciated that this form is completed and returned to school no later than next Monday 20th February.

### STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Scheduled times for student/parent/teacher interviews will be issued next Wednesday.

### SCHOOL DIARIES

All students have been allocated a home reading diary. Please ensure that all home reading is marked in your child's diary. Signed reading entries significantly assist teachers to help track the quantity of reading each child is doing each week and more importantly, significantly assists with the development of your child's reading skills. Attached to today's newsletter are some parental tips to assist with your child's Literacy development.



### READING EGGS / READING EGGSPRESS

Did you know that we subscribe to Reading Eggs/ Reading Eggspress?

Would you like to know more about this online reading program?

Come along to school from 3:30 to 4:00 pm on Tuesday 14th March with your child and learn more about this interactive program.

### MORNING READING

Our school's daily reading goal is to ensure all students have the opportunity to read to an adult. Each morning from 8:45 to 9:00 I encourage parents/carers to listen to their child read their reader prior to the commencement of the bell.

### WALLAN MARKET

Thank you to the families and staff that attended Wallan Market last Saturday. From all reports the sausage sizzle was well patronised.






**SAFE PL8 DAY**  
**SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY**  
**10AM TO 2PM**  
 at the Hidden Valley Market  
 Hidden Valley Blvd, Hidden Valley

Don't have your number plates used in a crime; have one-way screws fitted to your plates. Just a gold coin donation.



Avoid the inconvenience when your number plates are stolen - trip to VicRoads for new plates, notifying insurance, RACV, CityLink and other companies.

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**2017 HEALTH AND WELLBEING EXPO**  
 Wallan, 10am - 2pm  
 Saturday 25 February

**COMMUNITY BANK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND CELEBRATION**

**JOIN US AT THE 2017 HEALTH AND WELLBEING EXPO.**

No matter what your age, ability or wellbeing objectives, there is something for everyone. Talk with a fitness or health professional or find out more about local services in Mitchell Shire.

Come see what our local businesses and community groups have on offer to achieve your wellbeing goals.



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| <p><b>Wallan Multi-Purpose Community Centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy food demos</li> <li>• Mini health checks</li> <li>• Bike 'n' blend smoothies</li> <li>• Reflexology</li> <li>• Local health services</li> <li>• Fitness activities</li> </ul> | <p><b>Community Bank Adventure Playground</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live entertainment</li> <li>• BBQ lunch</li> <li>• Paper boat races</li> <li>• Face painting</li> </ul> <p><i>Plus More!</i></p> |
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**Working together to understand and plan for health and wellbeing**

Local organisations focused on health are working together to create a healthier, happier community. Cobaw Community Health, Kyneton District Health, Macedon Ranges Health, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Windarring are inviting community members to identify health priorities via a short online survey, with the support of the Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership.

Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership's Executive Officer, Shelly Lavery said each organisation plays different roles but together they work to promote health and wellbeing of community members "from the cradle to the grave".

"It is great to see collaboration on health planning start with organisations asking community members what is important to them in relation to health and wellbeing" she said.

Survey responses will help guide planning for community health and wellbeing in the Macedon Ranges Shire. The online survey found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRsurvey2017> will close on 10 March 2017. Paper copies are available from each organisation.

People who complete the survey can also go into the draw for a chance to win one of 5 family swim passes and a family ticket to a Macedon Ranges Arts and Culture show.

If you have any further queries about the survey please feel free to contact:  
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