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Calendar

April	
Thursday 25 th	Public Holiday.
Friday 26 th	Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser.
Monday 29 th – Thursday 2 nd	Grade 5 and Grade 6 Camp.
May	
Thursday 2 nd	Regional Tennis.
Friday 10 th	Mother's Day Stall.
Tuesday 14 th -16 th	Naplan test Grade 3 & 5.
Wednesday 15 th	Prep Excursion.
Friday 17 th	Kidz Rock Disco.
Tuesday 21 st	7,8,9 y.o Athletics Day.
Wednesday 22 nd	10,11,12 y.o Athletics Day.
Wednesday 29 th	Active After School Program ends Term 2.
Wednesday 29 th	No School Buses Running – Dysons town bus will be.
Friday 31 st	Pupil Free Day

Slapped Cheek

The school has had a suspected case of "Slapped cheek" it is a viral infection caused by a virus called parvovirus B19. It is also called 'fifth disease' or erythema infectiosum.

Slapped cheek usually affects children between the ages of four and 10 but can happen at any age, even in adulthood. Most infections do not have any symptoms. Six out of ten people in the population have had the virus by the time they are adults. It is not life threatening and complications are rare.

Principal's Report

Fun Run This Friday

This Friday's Fun Run is about raising funds for projects that the students identify are needed to improve the school environment.

This year the goal is to raise enough funds for soccer goals, provide goal posts on the front oval and padding around both sets of goal posts.

Through the annual Fun Run the students have made a major difference to the quality of our facilities and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

School Camps Next Week

On Monday Year 5 students will be heading off to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat, where they will immerse themselves in how children and adults lived in the 1800s.

This is a fantastic camp that is enjoyed by students and staff and we look forward to their stories on their return.

Year 6 students are going to Canberra (also on Monday) where they will participate in many rich experiences, including Questacon, the War Memorial and Parliament House.

Both camps provide the students with hands on learning where they directly experience the topics being learnt in their classrooms prior to and following the camp.

It is an enormous responsibility for staff to take students away for four days and providing for their care around the clock. This is something they do with great diligence and care.

As I will be attending the Year 6 camp, assistant principal Warren Fyfe will be in charge during my absence and writing next week's newsletter.

Junior School Council Feedback

Last Friday Junior School Councillors met and discussed staff recommendations for whole school guiding principles promoting positive classroom environments.

The meeting was an example of why it is important to empower students to participate in meaningful discussion and debate about what is important for our school and what we can do to improve it.

There were great ideas from very young to older students which will be included in the discussions at this Friday's Student Leadership meeting.

Recommendations from both groups and staff will be taken to School Council before being drawn up for final approval.

Ensuring that we are maximising every opportunity for promoting positive classroom environments has important implications for students' learning and social development.

Our goal is to build the commitment to approaches and strategies that promote a pre-emptive, positive classroom and school wide culture that minimise time spent on issues after they occur.

Staff has begun trialling a range of strategies that enhances what is already provided. These strategies will continue to be worked on during the year to become the agreed norms in all classrooms.

We are fortunate that we have a number of staff involved in further study on school environment, provided by a range of recognised authorities in the field, which will add to the depth of our practice.

ANZAC Day

Today our whole school participated in a ceremony that recognised the significance of ANZAC Day.

School Captains Mikayla Scott and Connor McKinnon led the ceremony and students Rhianah Armstrong, Jeb Clay and Tristen Noy spoke on what ANZAC Day meant to them.

RSL representative Peter Wertheimer related the moving letter of a soldier who fought at Gallipoli and the Western Front. Mr Wertheimer, who is treasurer of Bairnsdale RSL, has been in the Army Reserves for 30 years (artillery) and was awarded an Order of Australia.

The Last Post was played while students observed a minute's silence. At the conclusion of the ceremony classes laid their wreaths at the ANZAC tree.

A reminder that, as tomorrow is ANZAC Day it is a public holiday, and school will not be operating. Some of our students and staff will be participating in the ANZAC march in Main Street, Bairnsdale. Students who would like to participate are asked to be at the Bairnsdale Post Office by 10.30 a.m.

School captains Connor McKinnon and Mikayla Scott will participate in a wreath laying ceremony at 10.15 a.m., held at the Bairnsdale cenotaph.

James Mulcahy - Principal

Classroom News

Class	Student of the Week
PJL	Tyson Raeburn - for the respectful way he treats all classmates and teachers. I great class member!
PIA	Esther Walker – for always working well and helping to clean up the room.
PAS	Aksell Hilbrands - for a fantastic start to term 2 and the wonderful choices he is constantly making - well done Aksell!
PEH	Hudson Tarling – for being willing to include others in your play during recess and lunch.
1MC	Adam Reddick – for an excellent start to term 2. Bella Griffiths – for being super organised in class. Ally Morris from 2FW - for sitting quietly and listening during assembly last week.
1TS	Jaymz Southern - for his excellent efforts in his holiday and Big Samba writing.
1EW	Gareth McKinnon - for working incredibly hard at everything he is told to do.
2FW	Alix Pearson-Young for making a huge effort to improve his spelling and writing – keep up the great work Alix!
2LD	James King - for trying so hard to listen carefully and finish his work to the best of his ability.
2JB	Sharmain Morgan-Gibbons-Trice - for showing greater confidence in answering questions and speaking to the whole class.
3AH	Adam Rowe - for his improved attitude in seeing himself as a learner, resulting in increased academic results. Terrific to see Adam and keep it up!
3BM	Jack Mayes - for his fabulous progress in his reading.
3EC	Rebecca Craddock- for her fabulous toys project and improved homework habits.
3/4 LB	
4CS	
4RB	Keeley Dykes - for her fantastic work and detail on her water project, amazing job well done!!!
4MP	Campbell Dare – for working really hard on improving his handwriting. WOW, what a

	difference! Well done Cam!
5TB	Pearl Patel - you always strive for excellence and always have a positive attitude to all that you do! Well done!
5KB	Tahnee Rawson – for showing great improvement in her behaviour and presenting interesting arguments for her persuasive writing.
5/6GD	Jacob Royes - for settling into his new school so well and making good choices in the classroom.
5/6MH	Tilly Alvin- Tilly's work ethic and respect and consideration for others is a superb example for her peers to follow.
6JC	Rhianah Armstrong - for her thoughtful written response to our ANZAC study. Well done Rhianah!
6PN	Stephanie Mayes - for always being considerate of others both in and out of class.

Fitness Fanatics Update

Number of participants –Tuesday – No Fitness Fanatics

Wednesday - 34

Distance ran and/or walked- Tuesday – No Fitness Fanatics

Wednesday –54.5 km

New members of the 50km club – Emily Eenjes

New members of the 200km club – William Atkinson

Debbie Dooley - Fitness Fanatic

Fun Run Fundraiser

Just a reminder that our Fun Run Fundraiser is scheduled to be held thus Friday the 26th of April from 10.50am – 12.50pm.

We are hoping to raise enough money to put towards new football goals, safety padding for the new and pre-existing football goals and permanent soccer goals for our school.

This year it would be great to see everyone receive a prize and if all children in the school raise \$10.00 then they will not only choose a great prize but we will raise over \$5000 to put towards improving our school.

In addition to the fantastic prize program on offer, we are also offering the following incentives:

- Each student has the chance to WIN an iPad and our school will also go into the draw to win two (2) iPads.
- Highest fundraising student will be rewarded with a 2GB MP3 player
- Surprise party will be offered to the highest fundraising class
- Students will receive a Berri Quelch frozen juice stick on the day of the event
- Students will receive a participation certificate for their efforts
- Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive a family discount voucher valued at \$140 for Baskin Robbins, Stefans Hair Salon and Pixie Foto.

Please remember that all monies need to be returned to school by Monday the 29th of April so that all prizes can be finalised.

This year we will be leaving school and making our way down Flynn's Road to incorporate the Backwater walking track into our fun run/walk. The preps and grade ones will do a shortened track this year. They will still start walking down Flynn's Road but instead of walking down to the start of the Backwater track they will turn at the second roundabout and do a short loop back to Hacks Track. Parents and friends are more than welcome to come and join in the fun. We leave the backwater via a steep hill but it is bitumen and is quite suitable for prams.

Could parents please remember to send children along with asthma medication if required and a water bottle.

We look forward to a fun day on Friday and we hope to see lots of parents joining us on our fun run/walk. Thank-you for your assistance with our fundraising activity.

Debbie Dooley and Student Leadership Team

Student Banking

A competition for Term 2. All you need to do is make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

More information from the office.

ANZAC Student Writing

What ANZAC Day means to me.

What ANZAC day means to me? Well, I can't feel what my Pop feels because he lost a friend in the war. But I can tell you what *I* feel.

I feel sorry for my Pa, sorry for all the family and friends that have lost family and friends....to me? tragic stuff.

Terrifying, sad, destructive, angry and sorry. War to me means bad stuff. But bravery, courage, honour, loyalty and pride is also what war means as I realise that sometimes war has to come.

ANZAC day helps me to remember how grateful we should be and how lucky we are.

By Jebaihdiah Clay – 5TB

Hello my name is Rhianah Armstrong and I am going to tell you how I feel about ANZAC Day.

ANZAC Day means to me remembering all of the 80 thousand sons, brothers and fathers who showed great courage and mateship and lost their lives for our freedom.

I attend the Dawn Service and ANZAC March every year with my Mum, Nan, Pa and my Great Grandmother.

It is an amazing experience to be at the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day. It is usually still dark when we arrive at the ANZAC Memorial in the Main Street for the Service.

After the Dawn Service we go to the RSL for a gun fire Breakfast which means most of the men have a shot of Rum in their coffee.

That is what soldiers used to keep them warm.

Then later we march from the post office to the Memorial for the Service.

My Great Grandfather Ronald Simmons was in the Air Force in the Second World War and always marched on ANZAC Day.

The first ANZAC Day was held in 1916 with Australian and New Zealand troops.

By 1925 huge Marches were being held in all capital cities and small country towns. Most states marked the day with a public holiday.

Second World War Service men and women and later other service men from other wars accepted ANZAC Day as their day also.

Large crowds now go to Gallipoli for ANZAC Day. My Nan, Pa and Uncle travelled to Gallipoli to attend the 90th anniversary in 2005.

They all said it was a wonderful experience to be in a very special place.

Thank you for listening.

Lest we forget.

What Anzac Day means to me.

I feel sad because a lot of people died in the war. They went to war to protect our country. We have a good life in Australia because of the soldiers that went to war. Parents would feel sad because their children died and they would never return home.

The soldiers would have been very scared and sad. They would be crying to lose their friends.

By Tristyn Noy.

Bounce Back

During our Teacher Professional Development Day last week we discussed the values of our school and how best to support our students to have a happy and safe learning environment. BOUNCE BACK is a program which links in with our school values and is designed to introduce resilience during difficult experiences and challenging times.

This program is designed to teach students honesty, responsibility, being fair, being supportive, acceptance, respect and cooperation. Attached to this newsletter is the acronym of what BOUNCE BACK represents. This poster is used in every classroom across the school and is referred to by teachers and students. Feel free to utilise this resource at home.

Regards the Swell team

Bad feelings always go away again.

Other people can make you feel better if you talk to them.

Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset.

Nobody is perfect – mistakes help you learn.

Concentrated on the good things and have a laugh.

Everybody feels sad and worried sometimes, not just you.

Blame fairly. Whose fault was it?

Accept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can change first).

Catastrophy! It is really that bad?

Keep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.

Finger Knitting

I will be hosting a finger knitting group in the Art Room beginning next Monday the 29th of April, during the second half of lunchtime, from 1.25pm - 1.45pm. If you have never finger knitted before, and would like to learn, please feel very welcome to come along, and if you can finger knit please come willing to help others get started.

All students, teachers and family members are welcome.

I have some wool for us to use, or you may bring your own. *Any donations of wool to the art room would be gratefully accepted.* When we complete enough finger knitting (with the Art Room wool) we will plan some warm finger knitting decorations to

weave within the school grounds during our cold Autumn and Winter months.

Students are reminded that decorating the school grounds with finger knitting will be a planned and supervised activity to be done under my guidance.

If you have any queries please see myself in the Art Room on Mondays or Tuesdays or leave a note for me in my pigeon hole.

Mrs Padula - Art

Dear Parents,

Every year we hold the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) which gives students from grade 3 – 6 the opportunity to measure their own achievement by an external testing body.

These tests are held at school and are supervised by teachers. The tests are provided by the University of N.S.W. and when completed are also marked by ICAS.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report. Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students

If you would like your child to participate in all or any of the following tests could you please tick the test you would like done and return the slip below to school with the entry fee by April 28th.

Child's name.....

Class.....

The entry fee per student is as follows:

- ☐ Computer skills -21st May 2013 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- ☐ Science – 5th June 2013 (\$8.80)
- ☐ Writing – 17th June (\$18.70 GST inclusive)
- ☐ Spelling – 18th June(\$12.10 GST inclusive)
- ☐ English – 31st July(\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- ☐ Mathematics – 13th August (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- ☐ All of the above (\$66.00 GST inclusive).

Helpers Needed

On a Monday and Wednesday when the Active After-School Program runs in our school, the children have a healthy afternoon snack of platters of fruit and rice crackers before they begin their activity session. We are looking for some volunteer helpers to assist with cutting up the fruit for the platters. You would need to allow about half an hour to get all the fruit prepared and put on the platters ready for the children at 3.20pm.

If you are willing to help on a Monday and/or Wednesday could you please fill in the form below and return to school by Friday the 8th of February. We would certainly appreciate any time you can spare to assist with getting the fruit prepared.

Active After-School Program Helper

I am willing to assist with cutting up the fruit for the Active After-School Program on a Monday and/or Wednesday (Please circle the day you can help).

Name (Please Print) _____

Contact Phone Number _____