PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Languages 2015

At last week’s School Council meeting we discussed our Languages program for 2015 to comply with the minimum requirement for the provision of another language for Preps in 2015.

After much discussion the intent of Languages was our guiding principle, learning another language benefits students’ ability to learn and enhances literacy development.

It was decided to explore the recruitment of a Mandarin Chinese teacher. The decision was based on the parent surveys, greater recruitment opportunities through cluster arrangements, School Council parent representation, a 2015 Mandarin Chinese network in South Gippsland and potential for cultural experiences across the Cluster.

Staffing Languages in country areas is proving a challenge and we hope this endeavour comes to fruition. If not School Council will reconsider our preferences and options.

Water Week Winners

Several of our students won prizes in the South Gippsland Water Week Competition.

First Category
Jada D 1/2
Louise J 3/4
Matt M 5/6

Louise’s poster will feature on the July calendar page
Matt’s poster will feature on the January calendar page and is a State Finalist

Second Category
Scott M 1/2
Flynn L 3/4

Third Category
Sophie K 1/2
Bella M 1/2
Campbell J 3/4
Chelsea E 3/4
Talia J 5/6

Matt’s winning entry

ICAS Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at Monday’s assembly.

Mathematics Writing Science Computer
Merit- Jennifer M, Credit- Louise J, Credit- Credit-Ben M,
Distinction-Louise J Louise J, Holly D Fleur T, Campbell J Distinction-Louise J

Please note: The English Awards will be handed out at next week’s assembly.

Years 3 & 4 Girls Positive Friendship Program

Next week, we will be starting a program to support girls in Years 3 and 4 to develop, maintain and repair friendships. This is a significant time in their social development and we are endeavouring to be proactive and equip them with positive and constructive knowledge and skills to navigate friendship issues. We are fortunate to have Trish Bowler from our network office conduct these sessions. This course should complement our focus on supporting students through different developmental phases of their lives. The ParentZone was one support for parents and this program should directly support students. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Brett Smith
EVENT JACKETS
We have been fortunate to receive sponsorship from the Toora and District Bendigo Community Bank Branch to purchase a set of Event Jackets for students to wear to a number of community and sporting events. Trevor from the Meeniyan agency officially presented the jackets to the school today. Our school leaders proudly modelled and happily accepted the jackets on behalf of the school.

TVPS UNIFORM ORDERS
School uniform order forms were distributed with last week’s newsletter and are also available on the school website. An order for delivery by the end of term (hopefully) will be placed at the end of October. Forms and money need to be returned to school by COB Thursday October 30th. Late orders cannot be accepted.

CHRISTMAS CAKES – YEAR 6
Year 6 students at our school look forward to the tradition of decorating Christmas Cakes to share with their families at Christmas time. We are so fortunate to have Fay Sinclair volunteer her knowledge, skills and time for this activity. Students will need to bring a 15cm square or round fruit cake and $10 to cover the cost of ingredients by Friday 7th November.

PARENT / STAFF INFORMATION SWAPPING SESSION – NOVEMBER 10th
In 2015 TVPS will be focusing on Social and Emotional Learning as part of our KidsMatter journey. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) can help students develop the understanding, strategies and skills that support a positive sense of self, promote respectful relationships and build student capacity to recognise and manage their own emotions and make responsible decisions.

(www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/health/Pages/healthyminds.aspx)
Social and Emotional Learning and teaching takes place on a day to day basis at TVPS, through general interactions, problem solving situations, reflections on the school values as well as dedicated class time. In preparation for 2015 we, the KidsMatter Action team, invite you to work with the staff to help us develop a better understanding of the values, skills and strategies you believe your child/ren would benefit most from learning so we are able to put into place the most appropriate formal Social and Emotional Learning program. Research shows that this learning, as with all other, works best when school and home work together!
We will be running one session, over two time slots on Monday 10th November.
It will be a sharing of information session – we will explain in more detail what SEL can offer and you will have opportunities to chat and share what you hope it can give your child/ren.

Session 1 3.40 - 5.00pm Tea and coffee available from 3.30pm (child minding will be available)
Session 2 7.00 - 8.15pm (child minding will be available)

Please return the Reply Slip at the end of the newsletter by COB Thursday November 6th. It would be appreciated if you could indicate if you will be requiring child care.

RED CROSS FASHION PARADE
Congratulations to Claire, Hayley, Campbell and Matt for supporting the Red Cross Fashion Parade and strutting down the catwalk with enthusiasm. It was nice to hear that Matt and Hayley initiated a thank you to the Red Cross for allowing us to participate.
MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!
It may be a Jedi greeting but it is also the Forces unit the Senior students are currently studying. Mrs Ross and Mrs Guy have planned a highly engaging and ‘hands on’ unit of work to explore the topic of forces and matter. Students have explored forces in the community, made gloop to study states of matter, made and played with marshmallow shooters to see forces in action and yesterday they conducted experiments with their hovercrafts. It was really interesting sitting in on their hovercraft experiments as they explored variables, constants and testing conditions, developed hypotheses, tested predictions and recorded results. Safety has also been incorporated into the unit which is part of the AusVELS science course.
Through this engaging unit, the students will learn a range of knowledge and skills that they can transfer to other science lessons, their understanding of the world and perhaps in their future workplace.
Thanks Claire and Kathleen for all the extra preparation put into this unit and the students who have assisted in preparing the materials for the other students to use.

DIVISION BASKETBALL COMPETITION
Hayley P and Jen M will be joining girls from Fish Creek Primary School to compete at the Division Basketball Competition tomorrow. We wish the girls all the best. An ENORMOUS thank you goes to Terri Potter for offering to referee the girls’ matches.

COME FOR A CUPPA!
The KidsMatter Action team invite you to join them for a cuppa and cake after assembly on Monday 27th October. We’d love to brainstorm some ideas for the end of year family celebration for 2014 and the Welcome to School event for 2015. All ideas gratefully accepted and will contribute to the discussions when planning the events.

Kath Gilbert on behalf of the KidsMatter Action Team

STUDENT AWARDS
😊 Lylah K for clear mathematical thinking about finding the total in our ‘groups’ problem.
😊 Louise J for the positive, happy way in which she enters the school ground. Her smile says it all.
😊 Annika W for sharing her Somers camp experience with new found confidence. We loved hearing about her orienteering games!
😊 Brody M for using what he already knew about long and short vowels when developing new spelling generalisations.
😊 Claire P for being a natural and enthusiastic model at the Red Cross Fashion Parade.
😊 Anna D for showing a mature and respectful attitude when faced with a setback.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:
😊 Mackenzie B for neat and consistent handwriting.
😊 Olivia M for nice handwriting style.
😊 Brayden S for using great vocabulary in his writing to make his message stronger and using his spelling strategies to spell words.

YARD DRAW:
😊 Daniel J for dragging branches from the yard to the stick pile.

HOUSE POINTS  Last Week’s Winner:  Bluegum  Current Overall Leader:  Bluegum
MACS ROSTER – October/November 2014
For any change in your shift please call – Maureen Graham on 5664 0038 / 0402 402 591

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COMMUNITY NEWS

West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation – Children’s Sessions
- Baby Rhyme Time: Enjoy songs, rhymes and some special time with your baby. *Foster – Fridays 2-2.30pm.
- Stories, Songs & Rhymes: For babies to pre-schoolers – Venus Bay Community Centre – Fortnightly Thursday 10.30am.
- Lego Club: Join in with Lego Club as we take over the library with Lego – Leongatha Thursdays 4pm, Dec 4 & 5. All sessions are FREE & no bookings required. For further information call 5662 4829. * Baby Thyme Time will not be continuing in 2015. Sessions do not run on public holidays.

Leongatha Gymnastics – Free Trial Classes
Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd December from 4pm. Booking Essential to: leongathagymclub@hotmail.com or 0400 273 658.
The club is still taking enrolments for Term 4.

Port Welshpool Volunteer Coast Guard presents – Rockin’ the Boat Music & Food Festival
Saturday 1st November (Melbourne Cup Weekend 9.30am-4.30pm) at Port Welshpool Ferry Terminal. Music, entertainment, face painting, markets, food. Further information please contact Rocco Maruzza (Festival Coordinator) 0428 366 467. www.pw-coastguard.com
Entry: $5 Adult & children under 14 free.

Toora Primary School – Halloween Disco
Toora Primary School together with Police Blue Light Disco are hosting a Halloween Disco.
* Friday 31st October 2014 at the Toora Community Hall from 4.30pm – 6.30pm.
* Cost $10 includes – snacks, drink & glow stick.
* Dress Up – Prizes for best dressed Boy, Girl, Parent
* All Primary School age children welcome – parents encouraged.
Enquiries to Kelly 0433 452 562 or Toora PS 5686 2283

KidsMatter- Social and Emotional Learning Forum – Monday November 10th
Please return reply slip to school by COB Thursday November 6th

Name..................................................................................................................................................

I am able to attend the (circle either) 3.40pm session 7.00pm session

I will require child minding for _________ children