



LET THE READING BEGIN!



WET DAY FUN



ANZAC ART



MAY 24th

WELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Education For Country Kids



## Making her MARC

Pictured above is our new MARC (Mobile Area Reading Centre) Librarian, Mrs Helen McLaren. Helen began working in the position last week. She will visit our school on Monday mornings from 9am until 10.30am. The MARC van also visits Koondrook, Leitchville, Nanneella and Gunbower Primary Schools.

## Garden Gurus

Last week we planted our 'winter' crop of vegetables in our school veggie garden. Students have been divided into gardening groups with each group responsible for their own 'plot'. We hope to have a bumper crop in coming weeks and look forward to cooking some delicious food to share.



## NAPLAN

Next week our Year Three and Five Students will sit the series of NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy) tests. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are tested, regardless of the school system they are enrolled in. Our students have been practising for this testing program in order to familiarise themselves with the layout of the tests. The dates for the testing are as follows:

Tuesday May 9th- Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday May 10th- Reading

Thursday May 11th - Numeracy (this will be taken at Gunbower PS) .

Please make every effort to ensure that your child attends school on these days.

If you have any questions or concerns with regard this testing program please contact Lisa. Information can also be found by searching NAPLAN information for Parents.

## Play Group

The last two Play Group sessions have had very disappointing attendance. This group can only continue to run if supported by families with young children in the community. It would be a shame to lose this program as it has many benefits for not only playgroup members and their parents but also the Welton Students. The next playgroup session is on this FRIDAY commencing at 10am.

What do you do when its raining outside and playgroup has been set up and all of the activities have been 'untouched'? Well if you are a Welton Kid, you play.....

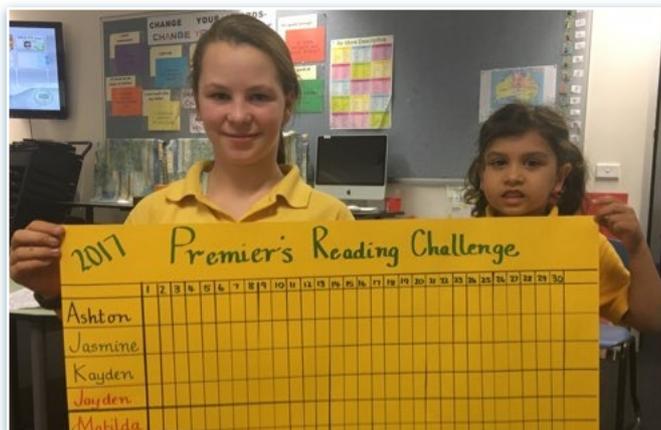


## Football Clinic

On Tuesday May 16th there will be a football clinic ran by the Essendon Football Club in Cohuna. This clinic is open for students in Years 3-6. It runs from 1pm-2pm. If you would like your child to attend please return the slip attached ASAP. Lisa will transport the students but depending on numbers attending we may need an additional car (parent helper), so if you able to assist with this please also indicate on the bottom of the slip. If not all students in Years 3-6 wish to attend we may be able to get away with only using Lisa's car. Mrs Flight will remain at school with the Prep students and any student who do not wish to attend.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

The last newsletter contained information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, which all students have been invited to participate in. Those students who have returned their signed forms (attached to last week's newsletter) have been registered and have begun the challenge. Students in Years 3-6 will be encouraged to select books from the reading list and read them as apart of our home/school reading program. Prep students will be able to select picture story books which can be shared at school and at home. Please indicate in student diaries when reading has been done- students will be required to complete tasks to show that they have read and understood the books. A reading tally sheet for all students (regardless of whether they are registered participants in the Reading Challenge program) will be kept in class.



## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea @ Welton

Welton Primary School are this year going to host a morning tea as part of the annual Cancer Council's fundraiser. The official day for this morning tea is Thursday May 25th : however as this is a day we are at Gunbower, we are going to host our morning tea on **Wednesday May 24th (the day before)**.

We invite all members of the community to come along and join us. The students will be making some treats and serving refreshments. We invite guests to bring a plate and make a gold coin donation that will go towards the Cancer Council's fundraising efforts. Flyers will be distributed to the community this week.

The morning tea will commence at 10.30am and run until 12pm. To provide us with an indication of numbers likely to attend please contact the school to let us know if you can make it.

## Hats

In line with our Sunsmart Policy, students are no longer required to wear their school hats when playing outdoors. Hats are not required between May 1st and and September 1st.

## Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to those families who have already donated items for our upcoming Mother's Day Stall. A reminder that this will be held on Friday May 12th. Students are permitted to bring no more than \$5 spending money on the day.

## Books Fundraiser

Don't forget if you have any books to donate for our fundraising initiative where we have secondhand books for sale at venues around Torrumbarry, to please send them to school. Thank you to those people who have donated books so far.

## Art/Sports Day at Leitchville

We have been invited to participate with the students from Koondrook, Leitchville and Gunbower Schools in an ART and Sports themed day at Leitchville Primary School. This will in part be used to replace the Murrabit Cross Country (which is no longer running). All students will participate in a Colour Run - they will be given a white shirt and encouraged to run whilst coloured powder is thrown at their shirts (sounds messy but fun).. Also on the day the older students will be given the opportunity to practise for the upcoming Lightning Premiership (football and netball) . Our Year Prep and Three students will be taking part in other sporting activities. All students will also take part in some art activities organised by Miss Bentley. This day will take place on Wednesday May 17th and students will be transported by bus to and from Leitchville; normal morning and afternoon travel arrangements to and from Welton will apply. Students are to bring their own snacks and lunch (no pie warmer on this day). The cost of the excursion is \$10 per student. A permission slip is attached to this week's newsletter please sign and return.

## Pie Warmer

Most students are enjoying being able to regularly use our school pie warmer so they can enjoy a hot lunch on these colder days. A reminder that all food must be wrapped in foil or in a foil container (with lid), it also needs to be clearly named (we have already had a couple of mix ups).

## Footy Tipping

We have a classroom footy tipping competition running. This tipping competition is not only a bit of fun, it offers so many learning opportunities in the area of geography, language and mathematics, not to mention Australian Culture. Each week we look at the draw and locate where teams are playing (using a map of Australia) and the direction of travel. We also look at the ladder and points system.



## STEM Week

We will be holding our inaugural STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Activity Week beginning May 22nd. This week will see some of our regular classes and activities replaced by investigations, guest speakers and presentations as well as many hands-on activities to encourage investigation and promote understanding of how things work. We will be visited by Mr Rob Krober from Coliban Water who will present a workshop entitled 'Taps and Toilets' this will provide the students with an understanding of how much water we use in the home and how to save water.

Our STEM week includes Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, we will be cooking a variety of foods for the day. Using a lot of technology to create our yummy delights.

STEM week will culminate in an excursion to Echuca. We will visit Twisted Science and be participating in a session where students can find out about the workings of a traditional paddle steamer- then build their own models. We will also look at the construction of the Echuca Moama Bridge and both the Moama and Echuca Wharves. We hope to visit the Moama Playpark to eat our lunch and look at the materials used to construct the equipment and how it works. This excursion aligns perfectly with our Term Two Science topic of 'What's it made of?' Further information about the excursion will be included in later newsletters.

## School Council

The next school council meeting is to be held on Tuesday May 16th at 7pm Packages will be sent home next week. If you are unable to attend the meeting please let Lisa or Sharon know.

# Echuca Cross Country

Any Year Five students who would like to participate in the Echuca Primary School's Cross Country on the 19th of May are to provide their names to Lisa by the end of this week. Names and details need to be forwarded to the organisers in Echuca by Friday. Parents would be responsible to taking their child into this event. I do not know the exact times yet but they usually run mid morning.

Each year the senior students of the school are asked to complete the Student Attitudes to School Survey. Traditionally this has been completed on survey forms sent out by the Department and only Year Five and Six Students can participate. This year the the survey will be completed by students online and Year Four students are invited to also participated (not that this affects us). Please find attached further information about this program.

LAST WEEK IN ART (MACC PROGRAM) OUR STUDENTS CREATED ANZAC THEMED WORKS. BELOW ARE SOME EXAMPLES.



## COMING SOON

- SPECIAL MORNING TEA @ GUNBOWER - 1.0.15am.....Thursday May 4th
- PLAYGROUP at Welton.....Friday May 5th
- NAPLAN TESTING- Year 3 & 5..... 9th, 10th, 11th
- MOTHER'S DAY STALL.....Friday May 12th
- SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING.....Tuesday May 16th
- FOOTBALL CLINIC AT COHUNA (optional).....Tuesday May 16th
- CLUSTER ACTIVITY DAY AT LEITCHVILLE.....Wednesday May 17th
- AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA @ WELTON.....Wednesday May 24th