



**CHURROS!**



**ZOO FUN**



**SWIM SPORTS**  
CAN WE DO IT AGAIN?



**Water Awareness**  
STARTS NEXT TUESDAY

**WELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Education For Country Kids

# Welcome Back



We had a fantastic end to 2016, with our annual concert followed by our camp to Melbourne. Pictured above are our weary looking campers after night bowling. More camp photos and information are on the following pages.

## New Faces

A very warm Welton welcome to our new Prep Students, Jasmine and Ashton. We are thrilled to have you join our close knit school. We extend an extra special welcome to Reena and Wade (Jasmine's mum and dad) and trust that like all of our Welton families we can enjoy a fantastic partnership between school and home.

## 2017 Information

**Bus-** There are two timetables attached. The regular Welton one operates on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please note that a different timetable operates on Thursdays due to the altered route to allow us to attend Gunbower PS on that day.

**Staffing-** Lisa Duffy: full-time. Duties- Principal and Classroom Teacher (all levels)  
 Sharon Flight- Tues. Wed. Fri. Duties- Classroom Teacher (all levels)  
 Joy Colvin- Wednesday (am) Friday (all day). Duties- Office/Administration.  
 Aileen Surplice- Duties- Cleaner (3 times per week)  
 Merv Toll- Duties- bus driver (5 days per week)

**Thursdays at Gunbower-** Students and Ms Duffy will once again join the students and staff at Gunbower each Thursday. The purpose of this arrangement is to allow our students increased opportunities for socialisation, an opportunity to be a part of a larger class and school and to be exposed to a wider range of teachers. Both schools work very closely together for planning and assessment. Our Prep students will be in Mrs Jackie West's P-2 class whilst the other students will be in Mr Glenn McMillan's Year 3-6 class (also taught by Ms D).

**Fees-** Information regarding 2017 school fees is attached to this newsletter.

**Lunch Orders-** These are available each Friday from the Torrumbarry Roadhouse. At the time of publishing we do not have a revised price list, thus I have attached last year's and will send the new list as soon as I have it. Orders can be written on an envelope with the correct money inside and given to Merv on Friday morning or they can be dropped off at the Roadhouse by 10am Friday.

(Please note- lunch orders will not be available on the Friday before the Southern 80).

**Hats-** A reminder that all students are required to wear a broad-rimmed school hat whilst outdoors (from Sept. 1st until May 1st). This aligns with the school's Sunsmart Policy. Students without a hat will be required to remain under the large shade structure/deck area during outside times. If you are unable to 'locate' your child's school hat, they are available for purchase for \$10 from the school.



## Camp

Wow! What a great three days we had in the Big Smoke. Our students were extremely well behaved, often getting compliments from passers by about their fantastic behaviour and happy dispositions. Our accommodation in the city was amazing- with views of the Yarra, buildings and the Crown Complex. We caught lots of public transport and successfully navigated our way around the hustle and bustle of the city. The visit to the Melbourne Zoo was a favourite as was Puffing Billy, night bowling and a trip to the cinema. Food was not a problem with students given the opportunity to order their own dinner from the multi-cultural food court at Southbank on night two. However, the favourite gourmet delight was experiencing the taste sensation of Churros (Spanish doughnuts) before our train ride home!

## Water Awareness/Swimming Program

This begins next Tuesday (Feb, 7th). We will travel to the Leitchville Pool for our program leaving school at 1.15pm and will return in time for the afternoon bus run. To keep the cost of the program at a minimum Ms Duffy and Mrs Flight will transport the students in their cars. Permission slips will be sent home later in the week. On Thursdays we will attend the program with the Gunbower students. Swimming dates are Feb. 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th. The cost of the program is \$15 per student.

Students will need to bring along a waterproof bag with their bathers, sunspot or t-shirt and a towel.

## Swimming Sports

Our annual Murray Plains Cluster Swimming Sports will be held on Tuesday February 21st at the Koondrook Swimming Pool. All students are expected to attend this event with swimming activities and events on the program to cater for all swimming abilities. Families are encouraged to attend and cheer our students on. If there are any families who are unable to transport their children please contact the school so we can arrange transport.

## Open Water Program

We have a booking for Friday February 17th for our Year 3 and 5 students. Sessions are run by Life Saving Victoria and focus on water safety in and around the river as well as resuscitation and rescue techniques. Session times and travel arrangements are still being finalised, so more detailed information will be available next week. There will be no cost for this program.

## School Council

Our first meeting for 2017 (with the existing 2016 council) is scheduled for Tuesday February 14th. If this is going to upset anyone's Valentine's Day arrangements, please let Lisa know!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on March 21st; at this meeting existing members may retire and new members are welcome. The term of serving on school council for parent members is two years, after which time members are able to renominate to once again be part of council. Last year we had each family represented on council and it would be fantastic to achieve this again. Lisa will contact members whose current terms are up and invite them to renominate. If you have any questions or would like a nomination form please contact the school.

## Playgroup

Playgroup will once again be running at Welton. Parents and caregivers of children under school age are invited to attend the sessions that run each fortnight on a Friday between 10am-12pm. It is a wonderful opportunity for the district children to play and take part in a wide range of hands-on activities. It also provides parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet and enjoy a coffee and chat together. Dates for Term 1 sessions will be available in next week's newsletter and be displayed at the Roadhouse.



## Family Get Together

We always have difficulty dodging the heat and flies at this time of year. We feel it is important for our families to have the opportunity to come together and meet. This year, as we did last year, we will have a BBQ lunch and get together after our first working bee. The date is yet to be set, so stay tuned.