Welton kids have been going bush in recent weeks to hone their survival skills. We have made shelters and built fires even though conditions were damp. Our shelters proved to be somewhat weather proof but it is doubtful we would stay dry on a very rainy day. Darby learnt that the bush can bite back and Matilda met some red bulldog ants. We’ll try some bush cooking by our shelters next session.
Morning Tea

Thank you to all of those who attended our Morning Tea, held at the school this morning. Our students had worked hard, slaving over hot coals, creating floral master pieces and artistically designing place mats - so it was great to see it all come together.

Bush Dance @ Leitchy

Please read the following carefully as there appears to be some confusion around the arrangements for next Monday’s Cluster Day at Leitchville.

- We are attending Leitchville PS along with students from Gunbower and Koondrook.
- We will leave from school once Merv has completed the usual morning bus run.
- We are travelling by mini bus (Ms D is driving)
- Students are to wear bush clobber (jeans, trackies, checked shirts etc and sneakers)
- Students need play lunch and lunch as well as a refillable drinker
- Students will stay at Leitchville for the day and into the evening to attend workshops and the evening bush dance at the Leitchville Hall.
- Tea can be ordered, orders need to be back (and paid for) by tomorrow
- Tea can be sent along for those who do not eat BBQ
- At the completion of the evening (8pm) Lisa will drive back and deliver each student to his or her home. She will text when they are leaving to give you an ETA.

I neglected to mention that ice-creams are available for $1 for supper. Any student wishing to purchase one please send money, in a named envelope, to school with your BBQ order or if you have already sent this back, separately.

Still Missing In Action

We have a number of iPad charging plugs at school minus the cords. These cords have clearly found their way into your homes. Cords must accompany iPads to and from home as it is inevitable that there will be times when iPads need to be charged in the school environment. All families are asked to give this due consideration and take appropriate action.

Lion King

This excursion is only two weeks away. Please ensure that you have paid for your tickets and returned the signed permission slips before the day. Next week’s newsletter will include reminders about leaving times and what to bring.
Football and Netball at Kerang

Next Tuesday the students in Years 4-6 will attend an interschool football and netball tournament at Kerang. In order for our team to be there on time, we need to leave by 8.30 am. Therefore, Merv will complete the usual bus run for the following families: Barrat, Fowler, Baldwin (Angus), Kalinowski. Other families can choose to put their kids on at the Torrumbarry Hall stop at 8.05am or bring them to school before 8.30am. Merv will then take our senior students to the sports, picking up Gunbower and Leitchville along the way. As the sports do not finish until 2pm, our bus run will not begin until 3:30. The afternoon run will be as normal, stopping all stations, but will be 15 minutes later than normal. Mr Taylor will accompany our Year 4, 5 and 6 students on their adventure. Mrs Campbell will hold the fort at school with the Year 1-3 students. Footballers need to bring suitable footwear, footy shorts and a mouthguard—this is in addition to their snacks, lunch and drinker. Jumpers and helmets will be provided. Netballers need a red t-shirt, skirt or shorts, sneakers and a smile—in addition to their snacks, lunch and drinker.

Somers Camp

Every second year our Year 5/6 students are offered the opportunity to apply to attend Somers Camp. This is a school camp that caters for government school students. The camp is located at Somers on Westernport Bay. This is a nine day camp which offers selected students a chance to participate in beach activities, adventurous and educational activities and the opportunity to mix with students from other schools. Past students who have attended this camp rate it as one of their all time favourite adventures. More information about the camp can be accessed at http://www.somersschoolcamp.org. Our region has been allocated the camp running from Nov 3rd-11th. If anyone in Year 5 or 6 would like to attend this camp please let me know so I can forward the names as soon as they are called for. Places are limited to 80 boys and 80 girls from within our region.

Report Writing Day

School Council has given their approval for a report writing day to be held on Wednesday June 17th. Staff will be in attendance on this day but students are not required at school.

Lost Anything?

We seem to have a sea of blue jumpers, and the occasional pair of pants, in our lost property bin. There are also other items such as drinkers, lunch box lids, containers and goodness knows what else is lurking in there. If you are missing anything, please ask your charges to look for it; or cut to the chase and come and get it yourself. When you do get it back—name it!

No Smoking

As you would all be aware smoking within the school buildings and grounds is banned by law. In April, new laws came into effect which ban smoking within four meters of school grounds. We would appreciate your co-operation with this.

Working Bee

Don't forget that this Sunday, commencing at 10am is our working bee. The main task is to work on the new front fence, but there is a list of other minor tasks that can be done. We are after shovels, wheelbarrows and pruners, so if you have any of these items please bring them along. A light lunch will be served around 1pm for those in attendance. Hope to see you all there.
Maddy’s Reflections

How is Secondary School?
It’s great! There are a lot of new things to get used to though, like the number of kids in each class and checking which subjects and room changes you have each morning. Also keeping on top of homework is a bit challenging but I try to do it in advance.

Favourite subjects?
I enjoy Maths a lot which is partly because of our teacher Mr Leslie and just because I find it interesting. We have had three tests so far; one on whole numbers, one on geometry and one on square roots and indices.

What is different from Welton?
There are a lot more kids at high school and by “a lot” I mean nearly 1,000 kids! The first week was hard because I didn’t know any of the buildings or class numbers. It always says what classes we have on our school website but sometimes I can’t always check.

What do you miss about Welton?
I miss knowing everybody and getting to know all about them. I don’t even know the last names of some of the kids in my classes. I thought it was nice to get to know everyone and learn a lot about them but you really don’t get that chance at high school.

What is your favourite memory of Welton?
I don’t have one! By that I mean I can’t choose; there are so many. There were some that stood out like Energy Breakthrough and camp but I couldn’t choose one memory.

Best thing about High School?
My favourite thing so far was the Year 7 Camp. We went to Harrietville and got to do a lot of fun, outdoor activities. I had bike riding first which was great to stretch my legs after being on a bus for four hours. But camp was just an awesome experience in general. I made a lot of friends there and met a lot of great people.

Dates To Remember

Sunday 24 May ………………………………………………………………………………..…Working Bee 10 am
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Monday 25 May ………………………………………………………………………………….. Bushwhazee Bash @ Leitchville
Tuesday 26 May …………………………………………………………………………………… Lightning Premierships @ Kerang
Wednesday 3 June ………………………………………………………………………………….Lion King in Melbourne
Monday 8 June ……………………………………………………………………………………. Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Wednesday 17 June ………………………………………………………………………………Report Writing Day
Friday 26 June ………………………………………………………………………………………… End Term 2