In Outdoor Education this week we went bananas! Literally. Students, in teams, had to compete to make a fire and prepare choco-bananas. This was made all the more difficult by the recent rain and a breeze that always seems to appear when we go to light fires. They then had to ensure they had coals suitable for cooking a foil wrapped choco-banana. Once again the team consisting of “The Girls” were victorious and were rewarded with being the first to devour this tasty treat.
Ready, Set

Last Friday we attended an Athletics Coaching and Fun Day at the Gunbower Sporting Complex. We were joined by students and staff from Gunbower, Leitchville and Koondrook Primary Schools. Zara, a coach from Athletics Australia, was also present to provide students and staff with expert coaching and tips to better their technique and performance at the upcoming Athletics Sports. The students gained great experiences in training, socialisation and sportsmanship. Thanks to Gunbower Primary School for organising this day.

Go!

The Annual Athletics Sports commence at 10am sharp on Friday August 28th at the Cohuna No.2 oval. We are well and truly in training mode. Students are reminded that they should be wearing a suitable pair of runners for training purposes. Transport to and from the sports is to be organised by parents. Should you experience difficulty with this due to work commitments please contact Lisa so we can arrange transport for your child/ren. Students are to wear their yellow sports tops and blue sports shorts or track pants. Year 6 students may wear their blue “legends” shirts. As it is not officially the Sunsmart hats-on period, wearing your school hat is optional and up to parent discretion. Please note, if a hat is worn, it is to be a school hat and not a cap. We still require some parent assistance over the day to run the hurdles event. If you are able to help out and have not filled out the request for help sheet, please return as soon as possible.

Faces On Facebook

We are still waiting on responses from several families regarding the publishing of student photos on our Welton Primary School Facebook site. Please return these forms so we can set about posting to this page. It is critical that we only include photos of students for which we have parental consent. It is certainly reasonable for you to request that your child/ren not be included on this page– but it is imperative that we know. Should your form not be returned by Friday 21, we must assume that you do not give consent. This means that your child/ren will not appear in any photographs posted on the Welton Facebook page.

Cultural Day

Next Friday, August 21, we will be travelling to Echuca College to join with other district schools to participate in an Indonesian Cultural Day. Please make sure you have signed and returned the yellow permission slip. Only those student who have returned their slips will be permitted to attend. A reminder that students will need to bring their own snacks, drinks and lunch. Lunch will be at the Moama Playpark with the Gunbower PS students and staff, weather permitting.

Scienceworks

Only six sleeps to go. Please remember that we are traveling by a Lakes bus and it will be leaving Torrumbarry Roadhouse at 6.30am. We ask that parents have their children at the Roadhouse by 6.20am. Our expected return time is between 5.30 and 5.45pm. Parents will receive a text if there is any significant change to this time. Students are to wear full school uniform and will be required to bring their morning tea, drinks and lunch. Please do not pack soft drink or lollies. There is no cost for this excursion as it has been made possible via the generosity of Mr Robert Thomson. Please make sure you have signed and returned the yellow permission slips that were attached to last week’s newsletter.
MACC News Term 3

This term we have been experimenting with different types of construction. We have used paper and cardboard, recycled materials and are beginning an introduction to wood work. As it is experimental, students have been testing ways of using the materials with varying degrees of success. When working with wood, hammers and nails, it is very important that children remember to be safe. This includes listening attentively, wearing safety glasses and using equipment sensibly. We don't want any injuries or for anyone to miss out on an activity. As Father's Day is coming up, we will use a lesson to make something special. The term is going so fast, but hopefully we will have time for students to respond to a construction brief, specific to their class, and design, plan and create a sculpture based on their Integrated Unit.

Sally Bentley
MACC Teacher

Doodle For Google

Last week the students completed their entries in this year’s Doodle for Google Competition. The entries have now been sent off for judging. The theme for this year’s competition is “If I could travel back in time I would...”. As well as completing a picture, students had to respond to the theme and enter their thoughts online.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

There is only two and a half weeks to go. Congratulations to the students who have consistently read over the past two terms and completed the challenge. Some students have quite a bit of reading ahead of them if they are to meet this challenge. Also a reminder that students should be reading regularly at home. Students do receive “Respect For Learning” stickers when they have read for five nights at home, but the diary must be signed at the end of each reading session. Please only sign when they have actually read and not just to earn them a sticker; this is sending the message that reading is not important but earning a sticker is.

Bloke’s Day Stall

This will take place on Friday Sept 4th. Each family is asked to donate 2-3 low cost items per child. In many instances your child may buy them back again so make sure you donate items that the special bloke in your family would like. Suggestions are fishing hooks, sinkers, floats, socks, chocolates, pocket tools, lollies. You can send items along anytime between now and the stall date.

Wanted

12 -14 old tyres. We are after some old tyres for our Combat Course for Environmental Day. If you can help out, please let Lisa know.
COMING SOON

Friday August 21 ..… Indonesian Cultural Day at Echuca College
Wednesday August 26……………………Scienceworks Excursion
Friday August 28………………………………Annual School Sports
Friday 4 September ……………………………… Fathers’ Day Stall