We already know Welton kids are distinctive but James and his friends have proved it - mathematically. Well done to all of the Year 3-6 students who sat the Australian Mathematics Competition test a couple of months back. The results were very pleasing with all of the students who sat, achieving above the pass standard.
Special congratulations to James who achieved a Distinction and to Daria and Oskar (left) who both received Credits.

Bunnings Barbecue

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we are hosting a barbecue fundraiser at the Echuca Bunnings Store on Sunday November 22nd. All funds raised will go towards travel expenses for our upcoming whole school camp to Phillip Island. We require parents and/or students if they are over 10 years of age, to assist with the cooking and serving on the day. A roster is attached. Please fill in where and when you are able to assist and return to school as soon as possible. Should you be unable to help on the day, there are some ordering and picking up of supplies to be done that would reduce the workload. Lisa would be most grateful of your offers of assistance.

Sleepover

Last Thursday night we held our whole school sleep over at school. Lots of fun was had by all- we even managed to get some sleep! Students enjoyed a range of activities including Slip’n’Slide to cool off, outdoor games, set up for meals and sleeping, cooking and watching a DVD. We had some weary kids (and teacher) by Friday afternoon but we all agree it was well and truly worth it.

Thank you to Mrs Campbell who ‘volunteered’ to stay over and help out on the Thursday evening and Friday Morning. We hope she got some much deserved rest on Friday.

Off And Running

Last Wednesday saw our school host our first playgroup session for the district’s pre school aged children and their carers. They spent a busy morning painting, constructing, modelling and playing together. The Welton Students were very helpful during recess time when we all spent some outside play time together. We had a pleasing roll up of seven kiddies and their parents, but we have room for many more. Attached to this week’s newsletter is a flyer. Please pass on details to anyone in the district who you think might be interested as we would love this group to continue far into the future.
Barham Bound

Yesterday the Year Three and Four Students and Ms D left for an overnight camp at Barham. They were joined by students and staff from Gunbower, Leitchville and Koondrook Primary Schools. Lisa accompanied the students on Tuesday and Sharon Flight ‘took over the reins’ on Wednesday. We look forward to hearing of their adventures upon their return this afternoon.

Sharna’s Writing

Last week the students were asked to create a story on the theme of whales beaching themselves. After some research into this sad phenomenon, students had to tell the story as if they were there. Below is Year Six Student, Sharna’s impressive effort.

Stranded

It was 7am and I was taking my dog, Coota, for an early morning walk along the beach. It was a lovely, fresh morning. I stopped to let Coota go for a swim.

Coota started swimming further than usual along the shore, I screamed for him to come back. He wouldn’t listen. I followed Coota along the shore and as I did I looked over towards where he seemed to be heading.

It was then that I saw a pod of whales. There was a calf, a cow and a bull. The family of whales had beached themselves in the shallow waters. I forgive Coota now for taking off.

I ran like I had never run before and I was there in a flash. Both Coota and I had ran so fast we almost fell over. We both looked around like eagles for someone else to offer assistance, a lifeguard, maybe.

Luckily, a way up the beach, we found such a person. The lifeguard literally threw us into his beach buggy and took off so fast the light weight buggy lifted up at the front. We drove fast along the sand towards the stranded whales. We were there in no time.

By this time, many people had gathered and were offering to help. More and more whales were coming closer to the shore, answering the distressed calls of the three stranded whales.

The lifeguard swung into action and began giving orders to everybody, telling them what they should do. People got into the water, splashing water over the whales. Ropes were tied around the whales’ flukes, people were trying to push the whales back into the deeper water and scare the other whales away from the shallows.

It was now after 9am and we had only been able to successfully move one whale, but it soon swam back and was stranded again. We tied nets and ropes around some of the whales and small boats slowly tried to guide and tow the whales out to deeper waters. The people, including me, pushed the whales. It was such hard work that people began collapsing from exhaustion. We repeated our rescue efforts hour after hour after hour.

It was now 7pm and the whales all seem to be in deeper waters, looking as though they would continue beading out to sea. Yippee!

The lifeguard awarded me a trophy, but the real prize was watching the whales swim away and they seemed to raise their flukes and wave goodbye and thankyou to me.

I am sure they were thinking, we will never do that again, and I hope they are right.
**COMING SOON**

Wednesday 28 October .................................Welton Playgroup 10.00 am
Monday 2 - Wednesday 11 November............................Somers Camp
Saturday 22 November ........................................Bunnings Barbecue
Tuesday 15 - Thursday 17 December ......................Whole School Camp
Tuesday 3 November ...........................................Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

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**Big Cohuna Festival**

*Catch a Carp Day*

Cohuna Apex Park
Sunday 1 November, 10am
For kids aged between 6 and 16.

Fun prizes for:
- Largest Carp
- Largest native fish
- Smallest fish

All registered competitors will receive a free snow bag.
Register at 9.30am or prior to the event by phoning 5468 7124 or email info@nccma.vic.gov.au
Make sure you bring your own rod and come along with a guardian.

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**After School Programs**

Building FUN after the school day is done!

The Arts Centre, Echuca East PS
every Monday 3.45pm - 4.45pm

Register online or email kynobi@bricks4kidz.com