Swim Stars

IF IT'S DAMNED HOT
WE'RE OUT OF HERE

COOL LUNCHES
REFRIGERATE IT

IT’S A WRAP
NEXT TUESDAY

PLAYGROUP
MARCH 4
Winners

Congratulations to our students for winning the Murray Plains Cluster Swimming Sports.

Each student should feel proud of their fantastic efforts. For those who went outside their comfort zones and swam in events that they were not confident in, such as butterfly or distances that stretched their swimming capabilities, thank you because your efforts made the difference between finishing in first place and coming in second, third or fourth.

Thanks to Chrissy for transporting the heavy and awkward shade shelter - not an easy task and to the ‘mums’ who transported and cheered on our students.

A huge thank you to the Koondrook PS staff for all of their hard work organising the day.

Extreme Fire Rated Days

A letter outlining changes to Emergency Management for Extreme Fire Rated Days is attached for families. This letter is a direct copy as written by the Department of Education. On days that are rated extreme and deemed too risky for our students to attend school, parents will be contacted on the day prior. School will not operate on such days, as organising transport to another venue at such short notice would be very difficult. Also parents in isolated venues can then make the decision to leave the area with their children in case of fire. Code Red Days will continue to be days where our school is closed. Such days are rare and we will make every effort to give families as much notice as we can if school is to be cancelled.

School Council

Nominations to be a representative on the 2016 School Council in the Parent Category close at 4pm today. Thank you to those parents who have already filled in nomination forms and returned them. A reminder that our AGM is scheduled for March 21st and this will be followed by the inaugural meeting of the 2016 council.

Urban Camp

Permission slips are attached to today’s newsletter. Please fill in and return with the medical forms attached to last week’s newsletter. Ms Duffy will attend camp with the students with Mrs Flight and Mrs Ramage-Campbell, holding the fort back at school. The camp will run from Monday March 7th until Wednesday March 9th.
Lawns
A huge thank you the Levings Family for the fantastic job with the school lawns. They look great.

Playgroup At Welton
It has been decided, due to school, kinder and family timetabling constraints, to hold our playgroup sessions on Fridays. These will run fortnightly, at the school. Our first session will be on Friday March 4\textsuperscript{th} commencing at 10am. A flyer is attached; please pass on to anyone you know in the area who has ‘little tackers’ and might like to come along and mix with other mums in our area.

The School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program continues in 2016. This program outlines clear expectations and behaviours that each of our students should be aware of and display. Students will earn stars when they display behaviours listed under the four main categories of RESPECT. The four categories are Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for Learning and Respect for the Environment. The students will not only work towards achieving individual awards but also to reach the targets for a whole school reward. These rewards are decided upon by the students and may include special treats such as a pizza party, a games afternoon, dress up days or even excursions. We will keep you posted as the students get closer and closer to the next big reward.

Parent/Teacher Chats
Thank you to all families for coming up to school to have a discussion with Ms D and Mrs Flight about your child/ren’s learning. Individual Learning Plans for Term 1 are attached to this newsletter. There is no need to sign or return these; they are your copies to keep and refer to. Students are currently busy creating a display for their learning goals.

It’s A Wrap
Next Tuesday, students will be making their lunch at school. We will be making wraps with a choice of lots of yummy and healthy fillings. This fits in with our follow up from the Life Education Van visit last week and will also serve as a writing stimulus for procedural text. Last week our junior students had to write the steps down to make a fruit smoothie and then follow their recipe to make their own smoothie. The big kids—well they were writing about something else, but still got to make and enjoy a smoothie after all of their hard work.
Cool Lunches

Students are more than welcome to use the fridge in the staffroom for keeping their lunches and play lunch cool. Students can bring along foods that would otherwise spoil and pop them in the fridge. They are also able to do this on Thursdays at Gunbower.

COMING SOON

- Playgroup…………………………………………………………………………………………..Friday 4 March 10.00am
- Year 5/6 Urban Camp in Melbourne………………………….……Monday March 7 - Wednesday March 9
- Labour Day Public Holiday……………………………………………………………………………..…..Monday Mar 14th
- School Council AGM……………………………………………………………………………….….Monday 21 March
- End of Term- Easter Themed Day @ Gunbower…………………………………………………..Thursday Mar 24th