Welcome Back!

How wonderful to see these beautiful smiling faces, all refreshed from their Easter Break and ready to tackle Term 2. Term Two is shaping up to be a busy one, full of lots of events and activities; not to mention so, so much learning. A snap shot of Term 2 sees us studying the Human Body, participating in an author study on Roald Dahl, training and competing in cross country, NAPLAN testing, participating in Mother’s Day activities, attending Matilda the Musical in Melbourne and preparing for mid-year assessments and reporting.
Easter Activities

During the last week of term, our students were involved in a range of Easter themed lessons. In Science, our students investigated the effect that different surfaces have on the ability of an object (Easter egg) to roll. Mathematics had the students measuring distances in order to throw and catch eggs; messy but fun. Students also completed Easter Reading, Writing and word activities as well as some extremely sticky Art/Craft making string eggs. The traditional bush Easter Egg Hunt took place on Wednesday afternoon, with the warm weather proving to be the enemy of the chocolate!

Active April

This year we are taking part in the Premiers Active April Challenge– we will be completing morning walks and keeping track of the distance covered. We will also begin our training for the upcoming Cross Country Event – see below.

Hat Parade

On the final day of term, we joined the Gunbower students, staff and parents for some more Easter fun. Students worked in groups to construct their own Easter hats, which they later paraded to an enthusiastic audience. Students then enjoyed a delicious lunch of chicken wraps, milk and slice before taking part in an egg hunt on the oval. It was so wonderful to have many of our parents attend this day and to assist with the lunch, hat making and clean up.

We look forward to all getting together again at the Mother’s Day Event at Gunbower on May 5th (more details in the coming weeks).
All Hands On Deck

At our last School Council meeting, the all female council were very quick to elect their 'males' to complete the works on the back deck. Brendan has been 'volunteered' to do the pressure washing this week: whilst Phil, Darren, Jacek, Peter and Jack are to be given a morning off from home duties to complete the staining. The works are to take place this Sunday commencing at 10am. A huge thank you to Bunnings – Echuca, who are donating the stain and equipment to our school.

Murrabit Cross Country

On Wednesday May 4th all students will be competing in the Cross Country Event held at Murrabit Golf Course and Sporting Complex. The event begins at 10am and usually finishes by 2pm. Parents are asked to make their own travel arrangements, however, if you are unable to organise transport for you child/ren, please let Lisa know. Lunch will be available for students to pre-order. Adults can purchase on the day or families are welcome to take their own food. An order form and more information will be sent home next week.

Keep Your Lid On

To keep in line with the recommendations from the Cancer Council of Victoria and our Sunsmart Policy, students are required to wear their broad-rimmed school hat whilst outdoors right up until May 1.

Students without hats will be required to play in the undercover area. Hats away on first of May!

Pie Warmer

The pie warmer is now in operation and will continue throughout this term and term 3. Students are welcome to bring along lunch items suitable for heating. Please note, the pie warmer does not cook foods. Items should be wrapped in foil or in a foil container with lid.

Curriculum Day

You are reminded that Thursday, April 21, is a joint Curriculum Day with Gunbower Primary School. Therefore, students will not attend school on this day. Staff will be participating in classroom observations at Rochester Primary School.
School Council

Tanya, Chrrissy, Narelle, Sam, Aileen, Stacey and Sharon, you are reminded that the next meeting is to be held at the school at 7pm on Monday April 18th. A package containing an agenda and other documents will be sent home this Friday. Please contact Lisa if you are unable to attend.

Write On

We are currently selling Welton Primary School engraved, black ink pens. These are on sale for $2.50 each and is a great way to promote our school. An order form is attached to this week’s newsletter, so ask your family and friends if they would like to support and promote our wonderful little school.

Thank you to Lucy and Oskar who sold “heaps” of pens over the holidays—way to go!

 Mothers’ Day Stall

On Friday May 6th, we will be holding our annual Mothers’ Day Stall at the school. Each family is asked to donate 2-3 low cost gifts to place on the stall. Items such as soaps, sweets, lotions and mugs are always popular. Students can bring up to $5 to spend on the day. Zac will be running this year’s stall, as he is our Year Six student.

NAPLAN

It is that time again, when all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, who are deemed capable, will sit the NAPLAN tests, set by the Australian Curriculum and Assessment & Reporting Authority. Testing will take place on May 10th (Language Conventions and Writing) 11th (Reading) and 12 (Numeracy). Whilst we only have one student sitting the tests this year, we will all be completing activities and practice tests so as to prepare for next year. More information can be found at www.nap.edu.au
Go to parents/carers info section.