Preparing for ANZAC Day

The Welton Art class turned their artistic talent to the theme of ANZAC Day for this week’s Art session. Under the expert guidance of MACC teacher Sally Bentley, the children produced representations of that traditional WW1 symbol, the red poppy.

Next Monday, Torrumbarry will celebrate the Annual Dawn Service at the Torrumbarry Hall. The service commences at 6.00 am sharp. As in past years, Welton students are invited to participate.
All Decked Out

A huge thank you to, Peter, Brendan, Phil and Oskar who completed the staining of the deck on Sunday morning and again in the afternoon. It looks fantastic. Thank you to Narelle for assisting with the “hard yacka” on Friday preparing the deck. (I bet that’s the last time you call in briefly)! A very special thanks to Joy who did a lot of the organisation, helped clean the deck and came along on Sunday to ensure we had enough helpers. We are extremely grateful to Ricky from Cabots who supplied the stain, primer and applicators.

Don’t Forget

Tomorrow, Thursday, is a pupil free day. Students from both Welton and Gunbower are not required to attend school. Staff from both schools will be joining staff from the other Campaspe Small Schools Network to attend peer observations at Rochester.

Gardening

We have planted our first crop for the year in our veggie patch. Students have organised themselves into gardening groups and will be in charge of a section. Students have made signs to display in their garden. It’s time for the playgroup kids to get their hands dirty this week and plant out their own patch of turf.

A special mention to Darren who mowed the lawns, even though he wasn’t on gardening roster and fixed our garden tap on the weekend.

Pens

How is everyone going with their pen orders? Thank you to those families who have ordered pens and managed to con extended family, neighbours and work colleagues into buying a pen or two.
Training has well and truly commenced for the upcoming cross country event to be held at Murrabit on Wednesday May 4th. All students have been running daily to increase their fitness and stamina. Please find attached to this week’s newsletter order forms for lunch. Payment should be made when returning forms to our school and we will pay Murrabit with one payment. Could order forms please be completed and returned by next Tuesday April 26th, for catering purposes. As stated last week, students do not have to order lunch, they may bring along their own. Parents may purchase food from the canteen on the day.

Matilda The Musical

This great adventure will take place on Wednesday June 15. The cost for students to attend this event will be $40. This amount is subsidised with locally raised and excursion funds. The payment will cover the ticket to the show and entry to the Melbourne Aquarium. Train travel for students from Bendigo will be free. We have adult tickets available and these will cost $60. This includes a ticket to Matilda, entry to the Aquarium and train travel from Bendigo. If you would like to attend please let Lisa know. We will be travelling by private car to and from Bendigo. The times are still to be confirmed as I am waiting to hear back from Vline about our tickets. Permission slips will be sent home shortly, once Vline have confirmed details. Payment is due prior to the excursion. Those families who qualified for the camps and excursions fund subsidy will be contacted by Joy.

School Review

This year our school is undertaking a School Review. Reviews take place every four years and provide our school community the opportunity to look at our achievements and set goals and targets for the next four years. In the coming weeks, you will be asked to participate in activities to provide feedback, thoughts and visions for our school, I urge all families to take this opportunity to be part of this process.

Playgroup

A reminder that Playgroup is on this Friday from 10am. All welcome. Dates for Term Two are as follows: 22/4/16, 6/5/16, 20/5/16, 3/6/16 & 17/6/16.
WOULD YOU TAKE THE LEAD?

This is Hairy McClary. No one wanted him so he was surrendered to an animal pound. Echuca Animal Rescue Service took him in and now he is enjoying a wonderful life with a loving family in his new “forever home.” Hairy is one of our many success stories; a story that began in the home of an EARS foster carer. EARS needs you to help little dogs like Hairy - and big dogs, and neglected dogs, and old dogs, and young dogs and cats and kittens. We need more foster carers. We will welcome you into the EARS family and train you to be the best foster carer you can be. It is one of the most rewarding jobs you could take on.

A comprehensive training program, led by animal trainer and behaviourist, Kathleen Kemp, begins May 11. Won’t you join us and help make a difference to companion animal welfare in your community?

For program details and more information call Rhonda on 0427 877 335 or email taylor.rb@bigpond.com

This program is funded by the Government of Victoria through the Animal Welfare Fund.