It’s What’s On The Inside That Counts
Only one more week and we will be heading to “The Big Smoke” to visit the Melbourne Aquarium and attend Matilda the Musical. Below are some reminders:

• We’re meeting at Bendigo Railway Station at 7.35am (train leaves at 7.45am)
• Students/parents will need morning snack, lunch and drinks
• Tea will be purchased at DFO (Spencer St), students without a parent attending need $10 to buy tea.
• Full winter school uniform to be worn, with suitable walking shoes. Students will probably need a coat or jacket.
• Leaving Melbourne at 5.30 pm and returning to Bendigo at 7.40 pm.
• Please be on time as the train cannot wait for any latecomers.
• Those students not being accompanied by a parent will meet at the Barrat’s at 5.50am to be picked up by Mrs Flight. Mrs Flight to take students back to their home when we return in the evening.

**Maths/Sports Day at Leitchville**

Last Wednesday our students enjoyed a day hosted by Leitchville Primary School. Staff and students from Koondrook, Gunbower and Leitchville Schools participated in activities related to sport and mathematics. Students were placed in grade groupings and attended two Maths sessions and a sports session through the day. Maths activities were generally “hands-on” and specifically designed to suit each grade level. The Year 5/6 students participated in orienteering, Year Four looked at co-ordinates and permutations, whilst the junior students participated in a broad range of measurement activities. After a yummy sausage sizzle and surprise cake lunch, our Year 4-6 students enjoyed playing games of netball and football with their peers, whilst students in Years Prep-Three participated in a number of minor games.

**Uniform**

Staff ask that families make every effort to ensure that their children are in correct school uniform and are wearing appropriate footwear. Wearing correct uniform instils and promotes a sense of school pride, prevents individuals from being fashion models and assists students to learn to follow the rules. Whilst we understand that there are times when items are in the process of being washed or misplaced; it is not acceptable that students repeatedly attend school and, more importantly, school events, in incorrect or inappropriate uniform. We have a lost property bin overflowing with gear; either unnamed or incorrectly named. We are happy for parents to come and go through the bin. If parents are finding it difficult to purchase uniforms due to cost, please contact Lisa and we can organise some to be sent via State School’s Relief. If parents are having trouble finding uniforms locally, the school is more than happy to send home uniform order forms from Primary School Wear. NB. These items are more expensive than from local shops, but of a higher quality. Please contact Lisa should you require more information on ordering uniforms. As with all of our policies, the school’s uniform policy is available for parents to view at any time.
Breakfast Program

Last week we took delivery of goods for our Breakfast Program, which will commence in Term 3. We have been provided with Vita Brits, oats, canned fruit, milk and baked beans. A reminder that this program will operate each day that students are at Welton with Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday being days where cereal and fruit are on offer and Fridays will see the additional option of toast and/or baked beans. This program is at no cost to families and students are welcome to participate each day or on days when they are in need of some breakfast. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Lisa.

Boning Up On Body Facts

Welton kiddies know that any solid construction needs a sturdy framework and are now fully aware that a strong skeleton is the basis for a strong body. They had fun constructing skeletons from pasta in a recent science session.

Aren’t We The Lucky Ones?

Recently our school received two donations. The first being from the Caltex Torrumbarry Roadhouse who held a Pizza Promotion on our behalf. We thank them for this and will put the $50 towards reducing the price of students’s cost for our end of year Whole School Camp. Last week we were visited by Mrs Leanne Pentreath, who is our local representative on the Campaspe Shire Council. She came to visit our school and has given us a donation of $500 from her locally owned business, Pentreath’s of Lockington. She asked that this money be used to provide a service or purchase materials that we would otherwise have to go without. We have decided to use this money to contribute towards the cost of running a robotics and coding program to further improve our student’s knowledge and skills in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We are very grateful to both local businesses and the generosity of their proprietors for supporting our school.

Warm Toes

Last week each of our students received a pair of inside socks to be worn when they need to take off their shoes, and possibly socks, due to wet or muddy feet. During the Winter months students are asked to leave their wet or dirty shoes outside, which leads to cold toes inside. Students are enjoying the warmth of these new socks, which will be taken home and laundered regularly by Ms D or Mrs F.

Working Bee

Please let Lisa know how many adults/kids will be in attendance at our working bee on Saturday June 18th 2016 at 10am so that appropriate lunch arrangements can be made.
Payment of Money

We ask that families ensure that when sending money along to school, especially cash, that it be in a named envelope with an explanation of what the payment is for. Also if making a payment using online banking please use the description box to indicate what you are paying for. Doing this, saves Joy a lot of time chasing up families to find out what they are paying for or Lisa/Sharon trying to remember who put the cash on Joy’s desk. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Footy Clinic

Last Thursday the Year 4,5,6 students were fortunate to have been able to participate in a football clinic held at Gunbower Primary School. This clinic was conducted by representatives from the AFL supported Sporting Schools Program. Students were taken through a range of drills and activities to increase their skills and understanding of the game. A huge thank you to Mr Blake for organising this visit on a day when the Welton kids could participate.

Pie Drive

On next week’s newsletter we will be sending home order forms for our up-coming pie drive. These baked goods come from the Lockington Bakery and in the past have proved very popular for family meals and pie warmer options. The forms will be due back after the school holidays (Friday July 8th) and delivery will occur on July 22nd. We hope that families can gather lots of orders from friends and extended family members, as all money raised will go towards reducing the cost of our end of year Whole School Camp.

School Council

Councillors, please note that there is no June meeting. Our next meeting will be held in July. Our meeting is due to occur on Monday July 18, however due to dance commencing in Leitchville on Monday’s for Terms 3 and 4, we are hoping to move the meetings to Tuesday nights if that is suitable to families. Please text Lisa to let her know if the third Tuesday of the month suits members.