COOKBOOK ORDERS
MUST BE IN BY
MAY 2

BLOWING OUR
TRUMPETS
BRAG BOOKS

PLAYGROUP
GOOD FUN

CROSS COUNTRY
WEDNESDAY 4 MAY

Remembering Those Who Served
How We Commemorated

Last Friday, the Welton Students spent part of the day reflecting on the meaning of Anzac Day and the effects that war can have on the community. We shared a wonderful book entitled “Here They Come - A Day To Remember” which provided perspectives from different individuals as they reflected on Anzac Day. Students created an artwork on which they wrote a word or phrase that resonated with them and they created poppies. This artwork was laid at the local Anzac Ceremony held at the Torrumbarry Hall on Monday; we didn't think flowers would have held up too well between Friday and Monday.

Zac, Oskar, James, Brodey, Kayden and Jayden represented our school at the Torrumbarry Dawn Service on Monday morning where Zac recited a poem, Oskar managed the flag and Brodey placed our contribution at the commemoration stone.

Brag Books

Our students and staff are very excited about introducing achievement diaries - aka - ‘Brag Books’. These books contain records of work that show student achievement or progress in a particular area, or work that students are particularly proud of. These books will be used in our mid-year student-led conferences during which each student will have the opportunity to meet with their teachers and parents to discuss their achievements, progress and future learning.

Welton Under The Microscope

Last week each family should have received a letter and questionnaire that will form part of our school review process. Whilst I realise the questionnaire is quite lengthy, I can not stress enough how important it is that the school is provided with as much feedback as possible from those connected to our school. A major aspect of this review, which occurs every four years, asks the school to take an in depth look at what is has achieved, areas of strengths and weaknesses and use these to not only critically evaluate our performance across many areas but also plan for our future. There is no greater way to show that we care about our school and its future, than by participating in this part of the review process.

Incidentally, if families wanted a second copy of the questionnaire so that each parent can fill one out, we are more than happy to send home another set. Alternatively, parents can collaborate and fill in their responses on the one sheet. Some clever families have used different coloured pen, to differentiate between the responses.
Ready To Race

Students have been training for next week’s cross country event to be held at the Murrabit Recreation Reserve. All students will race in events matched to the age that they turn this year and not Year/Grade Level. You are reminded that the event begins at 10am and that all student lunch orders need to be returned asap. If anyone, is unable to transport their child/ren please contact the school and we can arrange transport for them.

Tasty Science

Our science theme for the next few weeks is based around the Human Body. Older students will be learning about body systems, whilst the Year One and Two students will be investigating the Five Senses. Last week saw the Year One and Two students learning about their taste buds, being required to taste a variety of substances, a very sweet and sour experience.

Learning Plans

Next week, families will receive their child/ren’s second Individual Learning Plan for 2016. This week Sharon and Lisa will be reviewing Term One plans and conferencing with each student to discuss their progress with achieving their goals. From this discussions goals can be revised and/or reset.

Mothers’ Day

Thank you to families who have been quick off the mark and have already sent along donations for next Friday’s Mother’s Day Stall. We have been invited to take part in the Mother’s Day Celebrations at Gunbower Primary School next Thursday. At the time of going to print, I do not have any details regarding times and arrangements. As soon as I get them I will send a text to each family.

Getting Our Name Out There

Staff are busy creating a editorial which will form part of the Riverine Herald Education Week feature in mid-May. This is an opportunity for us to promote our school within the community by giving readers a brief overview of what is great about our school. We are also in the process of updating our flyers that we will distribute to families and businesses in the local area to give potential families an insight into our school’s programs, facilities and philosophy. Should you have any suggestions with regard to the distribution of flyers, or know a family who could be interested in Welton Primary School for their child/ren, please let us know.

Hats Away

From Monday May 1st, students are not required to wear their school hats when playing or participating in classes outdoors. This is in line with our school Sunsmart Policy and the recommendations of the Cancer Council of Victoria. It is important for our students to get a regular dose of Vitamin D from sunlight, especially in the cooler months when the danger posed by exposure to the sun is not as severe. Hats will make an appearance again on September 1st.
Playgroup

Last Friday saw Welton Primary School host the first playgroup session for Term 2. It was fantastic to see the children using our newly acquired play kitchen and huge dolls house. Thank you to the Smartt/Gretgrix family for this kind donation.

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.r@bigpond.com

COMING SOON

Murrabit Cross Country ........... Wednesday 4 May
Mothers’ Day Stall ....................... Friday 6 May
NAPLAN .................................... May 10, 11 & 12
Matilda The Musical ............... Wednesday 15 June

KIDS WOODWORK CLASSES

Come along to our small hands on class where kids learn how to use different tools and construct two projects they get to make and take home.

Classes will be starting
24th May— 19th July
(depending on decision to run through school holidays)

Tuesdays 4-5:30pm
8 weeks for $80.00
Open to ages 8 and above
Must be at Primary School.

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