Dear Families and Community Members,

We have had a busy couple of weeks leading into the middle part of term. Our Mother’s Day Breakfast was a wonderful success with good food, good company and good fun being had by all. Well done to all students for being wonderful hosts and giving a great performance of ‘Monday’s Child’ for our community. Thank you also to staff, particularly Ange, for their work in preparing the event. Photos can be found inside the newsletter. We look forward to inviting our fantastic fathers for breakfast in Term Three.

There has been a bit happening in our school grounds. The veggie garden is being prepared for planting and we have had some kind donations of sheep poo from the Armstrong Family and the Graham Family. Thank you also to Kate Bibby for her donation of topsoil for our fairy garden. We have scheduled a working bee for Friday the 21st of June to complete some other small projects.

Our most recent monster walk, on Friday the 10th was a memorable one. Students spent the day at Mt Elephant, Derinallum climbing and exploring the dormant volcano and learning a bit about its history. Despite the windy, cool weather, students did a great job throughout the day. We were also very well looked after by our hosts, Jacque Bibby, Peter and Marie, with some wonderful lunch and hospitality. Photos and a report from the day can be found in the newsletter.

Our school had a sizeable contingent of 11 students compete at the Black Ranges Cross Country in St Arnaud recently. Congratulations to Greta, Sophia, Freddie, Sam, Jack, George, Hamish, Jasmine, Julianne, Kate and Jesse for giving it your best shot and being great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations also to Sophia (2nd), Kate (6th) and George (6th) for being selected to go the regionals in Warrnambool on June the 3rd. Thank you very much to Pauline and our group of parents; Peta, Ann, Allison, Craig and Simone, for transporting and supporting our students on the day. Photos and a report can be found in the newsletter.

Our big fundraiser for the year is approaching. On Saturday the 29th of June our school will be running the canteen at the Tatyoon Vs Ararat Game. Please use the roster located outside the F-2 room to indicate a time that best suits you to volunteer, or contact a member of staff. Thank-you to those that have already put their names down.

Warm Regards,
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Thomas, Millie A, Emma, Ned, William, Lucy, Will, Rowly, Greta, Millie, Sophia, George, Minty and Freddie and their families on your recent reading milestones. Keep up the good work!

School Council President Update

Can you believe we are nearly half way through the year?

School council had their most recent meeting last Wednesday night. Darren updated us on how the kids were handling the NAPLAN testing, as well as reporting on upcoming staff PDs and some issues that need doing around the grounds. Because there are a few jobs to be done, it was decided to run a working bee on Friday 21st June, from 2:30 onwards. Pizza and drinks afterwards will be the incentive on offer!

We also had a look at the school’s enrolment policy, to ensure it aligned with the school’s direction and values. This can be found on the school website if you are interested in having a look.

It is great to see that our new generator has arrived, and about to be installed. Thanks very much to the Maroona Wind Farm for their grant which covered the cost of this.

Finally, we have the opportunity to raise some funds for the school by running the Tatyoon Football and Netball club canteen, on Saturday 29th June. All funds from our fundraising efforts go towards subsidising the camps and excursions the school runs throughout the year, so if you see the roster floating around be sure to add your name to a timeslot for helping out on the day.

Any queries or questions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with myself, or any of the staff.

Cheers,

Dom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ned Wilson (6) 18th of May
Charley King (6) 19th of May
Emma Barr (6) 19th May
Families please note the new 3-way conference date - Wednesday 19th of June.

Also, please note that a working bee date has been added, for Friday 21st of June.
On Friday the 10th of May we went on a monster walk to Mt Elephant. We walked to the very top and nearly got blown off on the way down!

When we got back we had a sausage sizzle and juice boxes.

Overall we had a great time.

- Emily
Black Ranges Cross Country
On Wednesday the 8th of May, some of our senior class students represented the school competing in the Black Ranges cross country at St Arnaud.
The nine and ten year olds ran two kilometres, while the eleven and twelve year olds had to run three kilometres.
The surface we ran on was gravel roads and loose dirt.
Sophia, Kate and George finished in the top six places which means they make it to regionals in June.

In the end we had a great time running and tried our best and I hope I can get to go next year to cross country

-Sam
**How to play Farming Simulator - Harry**
Goal: To play Farming Simulator
What I will need: Computer, Game
Steps:
1. Turn on the computer
2. Open game
3. Play game
4. Enjoy

**How to play Farms - Max**
Goal: To play Farms
What I will need: Gator, Sheep, Fences, Shearing shed
Steps:
1. Get the fences
2. Put the fences in
3. Get the Gator
4. Put the sheep in the yard
5. Shear sheep
6. Enjoy

**How to play Lego - Eddie**
Goal: To play Lego
What I will need: Lego, Lego board, Instructions, Packets of Lego
Steps:
1. Open the box
2. Get the instructions
3. Get the Lego board
4. Start building
5. Start playing
6. Enjoy

**How to play Chalktown - Emily**
Goal: How to play Chalktown
What I will need: Chalk, Concrete, Scooter
Steps:
1. Get the chalk
2. Draw on the concrete
3. Get your scooter
4. Enjoy

**How to play Shop - Grace**
Goal: To play shops
What I will need: Boxes, Sign, Money, food
Steps:
1. Set up the stand
2. Get the food
3. Place the food
4. Get the money
5. Play and enjoy

**How to play Handball - Archie**
Goal: To play Handball
What I need: Handball, Opponent
Steps:
1. Serve the ball by hitting it with your hand.
2. Get ready. When your opponent hits it...
3. Hit it again and keep going
4. Have fun!

**How to play Cropping - Will B**
Materials: Air seeder, Tractor, Truck, Seed
Procedure:
1. Put air seeder on tractor
2. Fill air seeder
3. Plant crop
4. Watch it grow

**How to play Zingo - Kiora**
Goal: To play Zingo
Materials: Zingo, People
Procedure:
1. Get the Zingo
2. Get the lid off
3. Take the game out
4. Play the game
5. Enjoy

**How to play Netball - Olivia**
Goal: To play Netball
What I will need: Netball, Bibs, Teams, Court
Procedure:
1. Get two teams with seven in it.
2. Put the bibs on
3. Shout to get the ball

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Happy birthday to three of our Foundation students who turned 6 on the weekend: Ned on Saturday and Emma and Charlie on Sunday. On Friday.
Foundation, 1 & 2 - Blurb No. 7

The weeks are flying by and we are gearing up towards reports with the F-2 students all working hard on the Essential Assessment program either on the computers or ipads. Please only allow your child to do the Sunset maths modules at home as the other parts of this program need to be completed at school.

Student Of The Fortnight

On Monday the whole school worked with me on one of our school values: kindness and we looked at the many ways we can exhibit this value both at school and at home. I've decided to give my award this fortnight to a student who often shows kindness towards others and readily helps those needing assistance. Alice McAdie enjoys helping in many ways both in the classroom and out in the playground. Congratulations Alice- keep up this lovely value!

Reading Milestones

This fortnight you will find the Reading Milestones in the main part of the newsletter with the students from the upper room. Congratulations and well done to our reading stars.

Art

Be sure to have a look in the art/music room at the great echidnas we have made with colourful match sticks for the spines. Also keep an eye out for the great guitar pictures the students are completing.

V.C.O.P. Big Write

We completed our next Big Write for Term 2 last week and this was a procedural text titled 'How to play ...' The students enjoyed writing and drawing how they played a variety of things from farms to sports to board games. Next week we will have our Cold Write which will be a procedural text so no Big Talk homework next week.

How to play Mums and Dads- Minty

Goal: To play Mums and Dads
What I need: Dress ups, 3 people
Procedure: 1. Get the dress
2. Dress Mum, Dad and the dog.
3. Play the game.
4. Enjoy

How to play Monopoly- Emma

Goal: To play monopoly
Materials: Monopoly game, Dice
Procedure: 1. Put out board
2. Roll dice
3. Move counters
4. Have fun

How to play soccer- Charley

Goal: To play soccer
Materials: Ball, Goals, Soccer clothes
Procedure: 1. Get the ball
2. Kick a goal
3. Enjoy

How to play Dress-ups- Lucy

Materials: Dress-ups, Accessories,
Procedure: 1. Put on Dress-ups
2. Put on accessories
3. Play and have fun

How to play Sheep- Will

Goal: To play sheep
What I will need: Shearing shed, Yards, Hand piece, Sheep
Steps: 1. Make sharing shed
2. Hammer the posts
3. Wire the posts
4. Get the sheep
5. Hunt the sheep into the catching pens
6. Shear the sheep

How to play Zingo- Rowly

Goal: To play Zingo
Materials: Zingo game, Two people,
Procedure: 1. Get the game
2. Play the game
3. Have fun

How to play Snakes and Ladders- Ned

Goal: To play snakes and ladders
Materials: Snake and Ladders game, Counters, Dice
Procedure: 1. Get the game
2. Get the counters
3. Roll the dice
4. Go up ladders, go down snakes
5. Enjoy