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RESPECT

**Newsletter No.6
March 10th, 2022**

2022 Dates to Remember

- **Thursday, March 10th**
Parent teacher interviews after school.
- **Friday, March 11th**
Parent teacher interviews
Pupil free day
- **Monday March 14th**
Public holiday
- **Thursday March 17th**
Bravehearts visit P-3
- **Wednesday, March 23rd**
Incursion: 'Wake Up and Read'
- **Thursday March 31st**
Athletic sports at Nathalia
- **Wednesday, April 6th**
Grade 6 legacy excursion
School Council AGM
- **Thursday, April 7th**
Easter hat parade
- **Friday April 8th**
Fun house sports
Last day of term 1
2:30pm finish

Mr Mills' Maths problem of the week.

What number would come next in this sequence??

38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 46, _____

Tips for "Home" Maths (grade 5/6)

Conversation starters when reading catalogues

- How would you spend \$40 from a catalogue? How many products can you buy for \$40?
- Select five products from the catalogue, then calculate what the cost would be if there was a 50% sale. Does it make a difference if you add up the items, and then deduct 50%, or if each item is 50% off and then totalled?
- What is the best value sale item in the catalogue? Can you explain your reasoning?
- Compare the cost of a product across different stores using different catalogues. What did you find out?

1: Answers must be emailed to Mr mills
trevor.mills@education.vic.gov.au

2: All correct entries will get a ticket in and go into a draw winner

SRC will be selling Zapper Doopers
each Wednesday time for \$1



Parents and Friends

Don't forget to order your bulbs online orders close the
11th of March

Next Lion's club catering is the 4th of May

Bravehearts visit

Dear Parents

Children are among the most vulnerable members of our community.

Our school is committed to teaching children practical and easy to understand personal safety strategies to help students keep safe.

The aim of 'Bravehearts' education programs is to empower children with skills and knowledge on how to keep safe. Bravehearts activities also emphasise the learning and implementation of communication skills, assertiveness and problem solving.

From the Principal's desk.

What a great day out we had last Thursday at the Central Deborah Goldmine in Bendigo. All the students had a ride on a vintage tram through the heart of Bendigo, and the senior students even went down the mineshaft to explore what mining underground would have been like back in goldrush times. The behaviour of all our students, both on the bus trip and whilst at the Heritage Centre was excellent and they were a pleasure to be with.

WELCOME BBQ

It was a very pleasant evening on Wednesday, where staff, parents/carers and students had the chance to meet socially in the schoolgrounds whilst we enjoyed sausages, salads, cakes and slices. Thanks to all those who came to support this event (with a special thanks to Todd Hibberson for cooking the BBQ).

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I know staff are looking forward to meeting parents/carers this afternoon/evening or tomorrow morning for an interview to discuss each student's performance at this early stage of the year. I know that the staff are hoping you will take this opportunity to let them know of any important information about your child that they should be aware of as well. Just a reminder that on Friday students are only required to attend school if they are accompanying their parent/carer to an interview.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school not only has an enormous impact on student achievement, but it also helps them to build social relationships as well as increase their sense of belonging and well-being. We generally have quite good attendance at our school, being slightly better than the State average, but I know we can do better. A small number of our students are quite irregular in their attendance, with no particular reason given for their absence. This irregular attendance (which also includes being habitually late), means that they often miss out on new work that is being taught and so they are always playing 'catch up' with their learning.

The Department of Education and Training states that even as few as five days absence in a year can have an impact on student achievement. The only reason for a student to be absent is because of illness (or isolation), or for an appointment that can't be scheduled outside school hours. Choosing to allow your child to stay at home for no good reason is certainly sending them the message that you don't think school is important.

Please ensure that, as a parent/carer, you contact the school, either by phone or on the Schoolstream site, if your child is absent, so that we can record the reason on our attendance register. If we are not informed, then your child will be recorded as an 'unexplained absence', with the Department closely monitoring this type of absence in particular.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

The school will have a visit from School Performance Tours on Wednesday, 23rd March. This is a user pays incursion, with a cost of \$5 per student. Permission and payment can be made through our Schoolstream site. **Wake Up and Read** is a funny, well paced comedy incorporating music, drama, mime, puppetry, magic and circus skills all linked with short charming tales about growing up in Australia. Each tale is another piece in the puzzle of how Frank, the son of an illiterate Italian migrant, became an avid reader and came to do what he does today.

Enjoy the Labour Day holiday,

Geoff Weppner.

This weeks award winners



Strathy Stars

Rosie Stokes, Sadie Wren,
Sienna Newell and Ernie Laidlaw



Barrel Winners

Deegan Pargetter and
Charlie Borg



Numeracy Award

Darci Carmody, Lily Humphreys-Spaul,



Literacy Award