

## Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

November 2017	
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Intensive Swimming – Lavington
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting 2.00pm
December	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder 2018 Orientation
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Night
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Student Reports
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder 2018 Orientation Kinder Parent Information Session – 2.00pm followed by P&C Welcome Afternoon Tea
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Farewell Lunch <b>Last Day Term - Students</b>



#### Welcome

We welcomed Mr Takle to our school community last week. He has settled in well and is enjoying working with our students.

#### Year 5/6 Ballarat

Josh, Chloe and Jaz joined 27 other Stage 3 students from our Walbundrie Small Schools excursion to Ballarat. We travelled via Bendigo and had a delightful ride on Bendigo's iconic vintage talking tram. We listened to some entertaining stories about Bendigo and how it was founded on one of the world's richest goldfields.

We finally arrived at Ballarat and went to the War Memorial, walked through the Botanical Gardens and looked at the many Prime Ministers of Australia, both past and present. After checking into our accommodation and having dinner, we finished the evening off with Ten Bowling. There were certainly some very skilful bowlers from our school!

Sovereign Hill was the main attraction for the second day of our excursion. It was a big day full of interesting and informative activities. It was an amazing experience to be able to step back in time and get a good understanding of what people and life was back in the 1850's when the Gold Rush occurred. It certainly had a big impact on Australia as a nation.

We did an educational program and learnt how people behaved back in the 1850's. The gold pouring demonstration was just as exciting as watching how boiled candy was made. The mine tours were awesome and we really got to experience what it would have been liked to dig down into the earth in search for gold.

Not many of us were fortunate enough to find gold when we all tried some panning by the creek. A handful of us only found a few speckle of gold...unfortunately not enough for our parents to retire on! One of the best highlights was the Blood on the Southern Cross Sound and Light Show. A spectacular show depicting the historical event - Eureka Stockade. This was followed by the viewing of the real Southern Cross Flag at the Museum of Democracy at Eureka.

Every student's behaviour was exceptional and it was an absolute pleasure to be on the excursion!

## Intensive Swimming Program

The first week of our intensive swimming program has got off to a great start. There were many excited and enthusiastic faces when the 'big' bus pulled up on Monday. The students have enjoyed getting back in the water to refine and further develop essential water safety and swimming skills. All students are to be commended for the way in which they have represented the school both at the pool and on the bus. Keep up the fabulous effort boys and girls!

A quick reminder to ensure your child has a drink bottle to take to the pool. Students are using many muscles in the pool and need to keep hydrated.

## Kinder Orientation

We hosted another successful transition day last Wednesday. Our new Kinders enjoyed some literacy activities related to 'The Rainbow Fish', with a focus on how to be a good friend. They made their own rainbow fish and exchanged kind words with one another. They were again involved in a range of literacy, numeracy, art and gross motor activities throughout the day.

Miss Ryan will be visiting the preschool room over the next few weeks to continue supporting our new Kinders with their transition to 'big' school.

We look forward to seeing Max, Coby, Jasmine and Bonnie on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December for our next orientation day.



## Remembrance Day

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November we held a Remembrance Day service at school to pause and remember those Australian men and women who made sacrifices in war and peacekeeping operations. A special thanks to Edward and Tammy for their efforts in the organisation and running the service.

Prior to the commemoration students made wreaths with Mrs Wiltshire. They also engaged with some learning about the importance and significance of the day. Students had opportunities to reflect on why they felt it was important to remember the sacrifices. Here are a few of their thoughts:

*"They lost their lives protecting our country"*

*"They keep our country safe"*

*"They have filled our country with peace to keep us safe"*



## Student Representative Council (SRC)

Chloe has organised a raffle to raise funds for the Year 6 presentation. Raffle tickets are available at a cost of \$1.00 each. Prizes will be drawn at Presentation Night – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Raffle prizes are an iced Christmas cake and small hamper. Thank you Chloe, Jude and Linda for organising this.

## Absence Notes

Parents or caregivers are required by law to provide an explanation to the principal to say why their child was absent from school within 7 days of the absence.

A note of explanation should contain:

1. Date that the note was written;
2. Child's name;
3. Days/dates the child was absent from school;
4. The reason the child was absent (please give a brief explanation ie headache – not just sick);
5. The signature of the child's parent or caregiver.

If more than one child from the same family has been absent a separate note for each child should be written.

A note should be brought to school on the first day the student returns to school after an absence. Your school is required to investigate all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent and no explanation has been received) within two days.

Did your child give the note to their teacher? This can sometimes be a problem with younger children. Missing School Leaves gaps in your education


### Library Books

Mrs Morey will be doing a stock take on all Library books in the last weeks of term therefore students will not be able to borrow for the remainder of the term. Please remind your child/ren to return all books next week. Thank you.

### Learning Awards

**Edward** - For his creative contributions to class and small group discussions.

**Charlie** - For working well in small groups by offering and listening to valuable contributions.




**Cancer Council NSW**

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SunSmart Snippet



**Did you know?**

Temperature doesn't determine when you need sun protection. It is UV radiation, which is not affected by temperature that damages skin cells and causes cancer. To reduce your family's risk of skin cancer, **use sun protection whenever UV levels are 3 or above.**

**How do I know when the UV is 3 or above?**

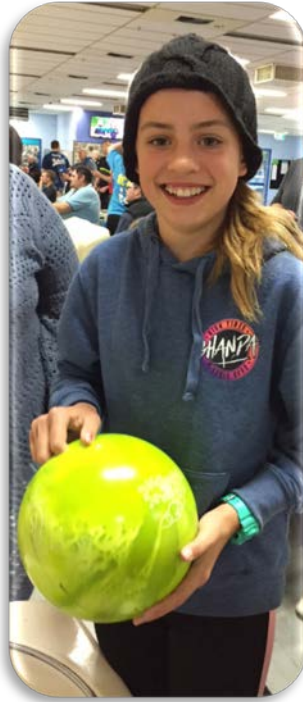
Download the free SunSmart App and set it up for your location!

Most parts of NSW experience high levels of UV radiation, especially from October to March. Check the UV every day using the app, or set up the auto-alert, to find out when you need to use sun protection.

Got any questions? Contact the friendly SunSmart Team on (02) 9334 1761.

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