School Attendance

There have recently been changes to the DEC Student Attendance policy which reflect a more united approach between states regarding attendance at school. It is a legal requirement for children to be at school each day unless they are unwell, have an unavoidable medical appointment, are required to attend a recognised religious holiday or have an exceptional or urgent family circumstance.

In recent years the policy allowed some flexibility by providing room for an exemption when students are travelling with family. This no longer applies. Absences relating to family travel will be marked as an unexplained absence and will count towards student absences unless special circumstances apply.

I’m please to say that our student attendance is usually very good and usually meets or exceeds the state average each year. I have attached a flyer about the importance of regular student attendance to the back of this newsletter for you to read more on the subject.

Cake Stalls

Following from the P&C’s great success at the recent country music cake stall, we are gearing up for another stall this weekend, this time at school during Saturday’s election. Please see the following page.

NAPLAN

Today our Year 3 and 5 students received a letter about NAPLAN (National Assessment Program, Literacy And Numeracy). All Year 3 and 5 students in Australia will be sitting these assessments between 12th - 14th May.

Students will spend some time preparing for the assessments at school. If you would like to discuss your child’s involvement, please see me.

Congratulations

Many of our primary students have been busy in the sporting arena in recent weeks.

Last week Jayden participated in the zone soccer trials after successfully trying out for the district team. Recently Erin, Reese, Sarah, Fleur and Raphie attended the district netball trials and this week Iszi will participate in the district hockey trials. Good luck Iszi!

This Thursday Fleur, Sienna, Sarah and Reese will be playing in the Netball Schools Cup. Their team also consists of students from Nowra Hill, Culburra and Falls Creek schools.

Good luck girls and thank you to Mrs Healey for volunteering to umpire.

Have a great week,
Rod White
Principal

Positive Behaviour for Success

This week’s value is

Making good choices be resilient

Congratulations to last week’s winners:
Haley & Gracie-Kate
Country Fair Meeting

Our next Country Fair meeting will be held tomorrow night in the 5/6 room, starting at 7pm.

Please come along and put forward your ideas!

Hat Parade & Easter Raffle

We have had a wonderful response to our Easter raffle with many students bringing in goodies for the raffle as well as selling tickets. A BIG Thank you!

Our hat parade and raffle will commence at 11:30am next Thursday 2nd April (the last day of school). Family and friends are welcome to join us for the parade and raffle followed by a low-key picnic on the lawn. Please BYO lunch!

Mrs Mac’s Easter Luncheon

Lunch for students is Tuesday 31st March. Order close this Friday 27th March.

Student Council Mufti Day

This Wednesday 25th March we will be having a Mufti Day (no uniform) to Celebrate Harmony Day. Please bring a gold coin donation to help Vanuatu. Orange is the colour for Harmony Day, so if you have something orange please wear it. Also remember to wear closed in shoes and bring a hat (school hat and shoes are fine).

K/1 Library

Library borrowing and lessons for this week and next will be on WEDNESDAY with Miss Konzen.

K/1

K/1 have been doing a “Paddock to Plate” unit this term and on Friday we will be making packaging to transport an apple. If the children could bring in either—half a softdrink bottle, half a milk bottle, butter container or a small open box. (These were some of the suggestions from the children) it would be appreciated. Thank you

Mrs Baker

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners:

- K/1 Matthew, Susanna & Lachlan
- 1/2 Milly, Mia & Tyler
- 3/4 Maddy, Raphie & Samuel
- 4/5/6 Zac, Iszi & Noah

School Banking

Next week our school banking will be collected on Thursday due to Friday being a holiday.

Election Cake Stall and Baking

Name: _______________________________

I am able to help man the stall between ______________________________________

AND/OR

I am able to bake for the stall—yes/ no

P&C Patter

What a successful and wonderful effort from everyone with our Cake Stall at the Country Music Festival, thank you to those who baked and helped out on the day.

Electoral Ballet Cake Stall

It’s nearly time to get baking for the Cake Stall on Saturday 28th March. Please remember to get your slips in so we can organise times with those who are willing to help. The Stall commences at 8am donations can be dropped of Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Thanks.