**Teacher Supervision from 8:30am. No students at school before 8:30am.**

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### Principal's Report:

School life is getting very busy with the end of the year fast approaching. Next week will be a very busy week with the school swimming day on Monday, Out of uniform on Tuesday (bring an item to donate to the Christmas hamper), Grade 6 Graduation Dinner on Tuesday night, Grade 3/4 excursion to Apex park on Wednesday, class parties on Wednesday, reports going home on Wednesday, school BBQ/concert and raffle on Thursday and the last day for the year on Friday – finish school at 1.10pm.

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### Coming Events:

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### Grade 6 Uniform Orders for 2014

Uniform orders were sent home to next year’s grade 6 students. These orders must be returned with payment by Friday 13th December to avoid disappointment to students in 2014 and also to receive orders by 2014 school start.
2014:
Grade allocations for students are in the process of being finalised. Students will have a notice with their school reports next week listing which grade they are in for 2014 and who their teacher will be. A lot of time is spent working out the best mix of students and learning needs for each grade. The teachers do their best to meet the needs of your child.

At times, you may find your child in a class with another student that they may not get along well with. It is not always possible to move all children to avoid this. Part of being in a group is learning to get along and work with a range of people and this is what our students will be supported and encouraged to do. Encouraging your child to have a positive attitude and show a willingness to make new friendships can help your child be resilient and to make a smooth transition into a new class.

Our average class size for next year is 17. These small classes allow us to put in place the teaching strategies that have been proven to be effective for improving student learning outcomes, including timely and regular feedback, and setting and achieving of personal learning goals.

We have also made some changes to class locations for next year to maximise our opportunity to create engaging and positive learning environments. In 2014 there will be a focus of grades 2, 3 and 4 being involved with inquiry based learning which will allow students to have input into the learning they are engaged with. It will also allow for more hands on, active learning.

Staff for 2014:
Principal  Ms Dowsett
Grade Teachers
Grade P  Mrs Brown (Miss Johnson)  Room 1 (near the office)
Grade 1  Mrs Duncan  Room 2
Grade 2  Ms Schulte  Room 5
Grade 3/4  Miss Rechsteiner  Room 3
Grade 3/4  Mrs Lee  Room 4
Grade 5/6  Mr Byrne  Rooms 7 and 8
Grade 5/6  Ms Ruane  Rooms 9 and 10

Specialist Teachers
The Arts  Miss Celima
Phys Ed  Mrs McKenzie
Literacy Coaching / Intervention  Mrs Lincoln
Maths Coaching / Intervention  Mrs McLaren
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We will also be continuing with our BluEarth program, swimming program for Preps-4 and gymnastics program for grades 3 to 6.

Camps are being planned for Grades 3/4 and Grades 5/6. Grade 5/6 camp will be in term 1, whilst the Grade 3/4 camp is planned to be in October.

**Making a Good Start:**

I’d like to say a big thankyou to Mrs Lincoln and Mrs McLaren who prepared some ‘Getting ready for school’ literacy and numeracy packs for our 2014 Prep students. Each family received a kit of information, materials and ideas to help get their pre-schooler ready for primary school learning. Please contact the office if you have a prep student starting in 2014 and didn’t receive your kits.
Christmas Concert and Family BBQ
We are holding our Christmas concert and family BBQ on the Thursday 19th December. Each grade will perform a Christmas song starting at 5:30pm. The choir will sing some carols. The concert will be followed by a BBQ. Sausages and drinks must be pre-ordered and will only be supplied with a ticket. The order forms are due back Friday 13th December. Late orders will not be processed due to catering difficulties.

In order for the BBQ to go ahead we need 6 parent helpers to assist with the cooking. We have a couple of parents to help but do need some more so please see Jenny at the office if you are happy to help out, as the teachers will be busy with students. There may also be a visit from Santa towards the end of the evening. Please return the order form which was sent out last week, for catering purposes. It will be a great opportunity to celebrate a special time of the year together.

Parents & Friends Fundraising Group
The Parents and Friends Group is holding an ‘Out of Uniform Day’ on Tuesday 17th December. Donation of food items for the Christmas Hamper would be greatly appreciated. Could all raffle tickets and money be back by this date as raffle is being drawn on the 19th December at the Christmas BBQ.

Breakfast Club
Ivy would like to take this opportunity to thank all students for attending Breakfast Club during the year and especially all the great helpers she has had over the past four terms. A big thank you to Mrs Sawyer for her donation of bacon and Paul Somerville for the donation of eggs for our Bacon & Egg breakfast which we had yesterday. Also we have had some new parents come on board and help out as well. Without the help of these parents and students Breakfast Club could not go ahead. So once again thank you very much for the support.

LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books need to be returned to the library. Please help by checking at home and return any library books as soon as possible. Thank you
IVY

Students, Staff and the local community would like to acknowledge extend our gratitude to Ivy Somerville who has been a tireless advocate and worker for our school. Ivy’s involvement began with her children decades ago and then resumed in 2000 with the enrolment of her grandchild and then subsequent grandchildren.

Ivy has been a participant and then a leader of the Parent Club. During this time she has been responsible for thousands of dollar’s worth of fundraising over the years. Organising and working at Breakfast Club, Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, the setting up and organisation of disco’s and various other fundraising activities.

Ivy keeps a watchful eye on the school premises over out of school hours and also brings crossing flags that are accidently left out organises the rubbish bin pick up on early Monday mornings.

Ivy also makes sure that staff have their early morning cuppa’s by couriering the milk delivery.

Ivy’s presence will be greatly missed and she has certainly left an impact on the school. We wish her all the very best in her retirement and hopefully she will still pop in for little chats. We will miss her dearly.

Good bye and Good Luck Ivy
The Mayor Cr Sharon Gibson
and Councillors invite you to join us at the

Official Re-Opening
of the
Moe Olympic Pool

Saturday, 14 December 2013
Commencing at 10.00 am
Vale Street, Moe 3825

It is hoped you can join us on this occasion.

RSVP
Tuesday, 10 December 2013
Kirsty Quail
Ph: (03) 5128 6136
Kirsty.Quail@latrobe.vic.gov.au
MOE POOL OPENING

Saturday 14th December
Official Opening at 10am

Pool Open from 9am to 5pm
FREE Entry
FREE BBQ
Learn to swim activities
Jumping castle
PLUS TRFM on site

TRFM  LatrobeCity  GOLD 1242
It's easy!
& enrol online now.
www.vicswim.com.au
go to
for all dates, venues & times.

To tour our exciting tourist centres:
$25 you are now all receiving $4.10 in FREE entries.
Not only are you getting a week's Learn To Swim for
Island Parks - Pennings, Koala Conservation Centre & Churchill.
One FREE child's entry into the Melbourne Aquarium.

With every enrolment you will receive:

For 5 sessions:
$25!
Dear ………………………,

As the parent/guardian of ……………………………. Grade ………

I wish to advise that the absence on …………………………… was due to:

- illness
- appointments Dentist Doctor
- other Please specify ______________

Yours sincerely,

……………………………………

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date