Welcome back to Term 4 – always a busy one. I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely break. It’s certainly good to be back. I’d like to thank Mrs Brenda Lincoln for filling in during my absence whilst my Mum was ill and also while I was in China on the Principal’s study tour. It was certainly an interesting experience which I look forward to sharing snippets of during the term.

2014:
Having accurate school numbers makes a big difference with our school planning. 1 or 2 students can make a difference with grade structures and teaching staff numbers. If you are yet to enrol your child for Prep in 2014, or know of anyone that is still to do so, could you please call into the school and complete enrolment forms. Likewise, if you know you are moving next year, this is also helpful to know.

Upcoming Excursion:
Some forward notice that the Grade 3/4 classes have a proposed excursion to Melbourne to visit the Museum and IMAX on the 19th of November. The cost of this excursion will be $25. This excursion is yet to be approved by School Council but it may help to have early notice for planning purposes.
School Incursion:
On Monday the 21st October we have a visiting show called Adamriginal which will teach about various aspects of Koorie Culture. The cost of this incursion is $4.50 per student. This cost will be paid for by the school. We hope your children find the show interesting and enjoyable. If you have pre-school aged children, you are more than welcome to bring them along for the show, which runs for around an hour.

SAVE THE DATE:

Grade 6 graduation is on Tuesday the 17th December.

Grade 5/6 Camp:
Not long to go until Ballarat Camp. Thank you to all of our families who have been steadily making payments for the camp. Just a reminder to make sure your child has the listed items for camp, especially spare shoes and a waterproof jacket. Also sleeping bags will need to be nice and warm as it can get very cold at the scout camp where we are staying. Could you also make sure we have the correct contact details for you during camp, should we need to call you.

Gum Boots:
Next Wednesday the Grade 5/6 students have been invited to help plant trees in the Edward Hunter Reserve. As part of the leadership program with our senior students we have been focussing on supporting the local community and linking in with local organisations. It has been suggested that children wear gumboots for safety. If anyone has gumboots they are willing to lend us for the day, could you please leave them at the school office with your name on them. Thank you. We were intending on walking to the planting site, however it is not as close as originally indicated so we will be taking a bus. There will be no charge to the students for the bus, however we will need signed permission forms for the bus travel. These will be sent home shortly.

School Hats: With the weather warming up and being close to Term 4, now is a good time to check that your child has a sun smart school hat. Hats can be purchased from the school office for $10. Next term hats must be worn at all times when outside.
Grade 1/2s have been using their imaginations to create their own creatures. These creatures are two different animals mashed together. They look fantastic hanging from our tree.

My animal is called a Dogfly. It has a dog body and wings. Making it was fun.
By Tyrone

My creature is called Eelgull. It is part seagull part eel. I put a feather on my creature to make it like a bird. I liked designing my creature.
By Ryley

A Rooger
By Maddie F

An Electric Leopard By Dominik

A Unibutter
By Kayla

A Giraffe Kor
By Amelia
In Grade 1/2J and 1/2S we have some fantastic poets! We hope you like our poems as much as we do!
I like to eat Meat
I like IPods
Love cake
I like Yoyos

Sarah likes dancing
Really happy girl
Pretty girl
Happy all the time

Kim: Adorable
Love my Mum
Different
Excited
Nice
Clever
Eats lots of food

Robins
Ollers
Birds
Eggs
Rainbows
Toxic smoke
We wrote acrostic poems and cinquains.

12J & 12S

PICK UP AND DROP OFF - SCHOOL TIMES
James St is **One Way** between 8:00am – 9:30am
& 2:30pm – 4:00pm

To parents of all year 6 students attending Lowanna College in 2014, please **do not** purchase a laptop.
from another supplier as students/families will be part of our Laptop Program. More details will be available shortly. If any questions, please contact Matt Robinson (ICT Manager @ Lowanna on 51279200.)
From September, 5 things to remember
Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

From September, Victoria's UV levels are on the rise, so it's time to dust off the sun protection gear and Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide whenever you are outside. Check the SunSmart UV Alert for daily sun protection times—you can find it on the free SunSmart app, online (sunsmart.com.au), in the weather section of newspapers, or as a free website widget. If you can't check the UV Alert each day, make sure you use sun protection every day from September to the end of April in Victoria. Don't just wait for hot, sunny days.

Remember these 5 SunSmart steps during the sun protection times, even if it's cool or cloudy
1. **Slip on covering clothing.** If you can see skin, UV can reach it. Is your child's skin covered with cool clothing today?
2. **Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrumsunscreen.** Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply every two hours. One application is not enough. Has your child had sunscreen applied and reapplied today?
3. **Slap on a sun protective hat.** The best hat shades the head, face, eyes, ears, and neck. Does your child's hat protect all of these areas?
4. **Seek shade.** Shady spaces help block some of the sun's UV but not all so you still need to wear hats, clothing and sunscreen even in the shade. Does your child have shady places to play?
5. **Slide on sunglasses labelled AS 1067.** If practical, help protect your child's eyes with sunglasses. Are your child's eyes safe in the sun?

A note about vitamin D
The sun's UV is the best natural source of vitamin D. From September to April in Victoria, most people need just a few minutes of sun exposure to the face, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) mid-morning or mid-afternoon on most days of the week to help with vitamin D. Even with sunscreen you can still get some vitamin D. Sun safe outdoor play throughout the day should not put your child at risk of low vitamin D.

Children with naturally very dark brown or black skin need even more sun exposure to help with vitamin D. These children usually don't need to apply sunscreen but they should still use the other SunSmart steps during sun protection times.

For further information contact:
SunSmart:
Ph: 9635 5148
Email: sunsmart@cancervic.org.au
Web: sunsmart.com.au
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,

…………………………………..

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the ‘Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

Act now! Time is running out fast!

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

If your child was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

Halloween Party
Saturday 26th October 4pm to 9pm
For more information: 03 5127 3082

Haunted House
LIVE Music
Best Dressed Competition
Food & Drinks

Old Gippstown - Lloyd St Moe

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