Principal’s chat

We had a fun day on Friday at our Swimming Carnival. We had a splash of colour from every house team and some very interesting team chants. It was great to see students participating and trying their best in every event. It was also lovely to see the team spirit and encouragement. Some of the older students were great role models for the younger students and helped and supported them throughout the day.

At the end of the carnival it was team FRANKLIN who took out the cup, scoring the most house points for the day. It was a very close competition.

FRANKLIN 195
NUGGETTY 188
TARRENGOWER 175
ALEXANDER 160

Medals were also awarded as follows:

**EXCELLENCE MEDALS** – highest individual point scorer for each grade.

- Grade P/1: Grace & Alice Clinton & Theo
- Grade 1/2: Madison H Henry & Hugh
- Grade 3/4: Madeline Harry & Zavier G
- Grade 4/5: Georgia Callum
- Grade 6: Beatrice Oliver & Isaac

**SPORTSMANSHIP MEDALS** – For being a good role model, trying their best, encouraging others and showing a range of good sportsmanship skills.

- Grade P/1: Alex
- Grade 1/2: Levi F-C
- Grade 3/4: Izaak M
- Grade 4/5: Abby
- Grade 6: Tia

Well done to all the students who participated and a big thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day.

Another thank you to the sports committee for their organisation behind the scenes and also to TBD ENGINEERING for donating/sponsoring the medals this year. Your kind donation was very much appreciated.
This term the students are very excited to be learning Japanese. We are very fortunate to have a teacher who has just come back from spending a year teaching in Japan. Here is a snap shot of some of their learning so far:

EXCELLENT work from the 3/4, 4/5 and grade 6 classes. They made hiragana (Japanese letters) in class and did a great job!

Last week the art room space was given a freshen up with some very colourful furniture. Kathryn, our Art teacher has been very busy in the art room, getting it set up and ready for learning. We have some new tables and some very colourful art stools. It is a very creative space for our budding artists. Art classes are on a Wednesday, so pop in and have a look at the renovated space.

This year we have introduced a new school award. It is called the 'Eagle Eye' Award. The award has been named by the students and is about promoting positive behaviour in the school yard.

Here is a snapshot of the award from our school captain, Isaac:

This award is to help kids to make good choices in the school yard. If a child makes a good choice in the yard, and they are spotted by the yard duty teacher, he or she will get a raffle ticket, put their name on it and put it in the box in the office. At assembly two names are drawn out. If your name is drawn out then you get to choose a prize from the prize basket.

Last week’s winners were Jacob and Izaak M- well done boys!

The date for Parent Teacher interviews has been changed. Interviews will now be held over two days- Wednesday 8th March and Tuesday 14th March. All families should have already received notification of their times. Please see Debra in the office if you have not yet received yours.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- Jodie will be attending a Principal forum on Thursday and will be out of the school all day next Monday.

What’s happening in the classroom?

Friday Fundraiser: Friday Fundraiser will commence on Friday 10th March. More information will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Art supplies needed: Thank you to families who have already donated items for the art room. Kathryn is still looking for donations of the following items:

- Meat trays
- Plastic bottle tops
- Small cardboard boxes (cereal size and smaller)
- Plastic containers e.g. yoghurt containers

Please leave any donations at the office.
School community

Fresh Fruit Friday:

Volunteers for this week: Shelley Carmichael and Nicole Funston

Volunteers for next week: Belinda Gatti and Josh Broughton

The roster for term 2 will be sent home later this week.

Class contacts for 2017: We still require class contacts for Prep/1A and 1/2J. The role of the class contact is to support the classroom teacher in a variety of ways e.g. finding parents to go on excursions, assisting with costumes for the school concert, helping out in the classroom etc. Please let the office know if you are willing to act as a class contact for Prep/1A or 1/2J in 2017.

Student accident insurance: Families are reminded that they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport. Parents/guardians can purchase student accident insurance policies from commercial insurers. Families are also reminded that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property, e.g. phones, brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Office Information

Camps, Sport and Excursions fund: A reminder to any eligible families who have not submitted their 2017 CSEF application to do so immediately so that they don’t miss out on the first payment round in early March.

Permission notes and payments to be returned:

- Footsteps Dance permission slip and payment is now OVERDUE. Please return form and payment to the office immediately.
- Castlemaine State Festival permission slip and payment is due on Friday 17th March.

Fundraising news

Antique Fair car parking fundraiser: The school yard was full of cars on the weekend as people flocked to the Antiques and Collectables Fair at the football oval. $124.90 was raised in parking donations...not a bad return for very little effort! Thank you to Marton and Liz for organising the barrels on the gate.

Extra curricular catch up

Swimming Carnival:
Thank you

- To the Oliver family for their donation of goods for the Eagle Eye award.

Community

CASTLEMAINE BADMINTON CLUB

SOCIAL PLAY
Thursday Feb 23rd, March 2 & 19, 7.30pm.
Tuesdays from 10am, Wednesdays from 1.15pm.

Thursday March 16; Doubles Comp.
Thursday March 23; Singles Comp.

4 WEEK LADDER COMP
starting Thurs., March 30

Families are welcome to come along for a hit as court hire is available.

War Memorial Stadium, McGrath Street, Castlemaine

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW

DATE CHANGE

27th February 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Due to a last minute professional development opportunity that three staff will be attending, I have had to change one of the parent teacher interview days.

If your parent teacher interview was scheduled on Wednesday 15th March, it has now been changed to Tuesday 14th March.

The same time still applies, it is just a different day.

If that day/time does not work for you, then please contact the office asap and we will organise a time that works for you.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Kind regards

Jodie Mengler
Principal