Dear Parents

There was a wonderful turnout for the P&C’s Annual General Meeting on Monday, 23.02.2015. Thank you to all those families who were represented. Congratulations to those members who accepted committee roles.

President            Brad Auld
Vice President        Clint Della Bosca
Treasurer             Nicky Wille
Secretary             Linda Rose

Please continue to support the P&C’s fundraising efforts with the Beaton Clearing Sale on Friday 06.03.15 and Footy Tipping. I will be entering the latter and hopefully my son, who does my tips, will have more success this year.

Long Long Long LONG Weekend

The long weekend in June will be extra-long for students in the EWEN network. All schools in this network will be involved in two (2) days of Professional Learning with Kagan Australia. We will be looking at Instructional Strategies.

Your long weekend will go from Saturday 30.05.15 – Wednesday 06.06.15.

I hope that this does not inconvenience anyone.

Long Service Leave

I will be on Long Service Leave from Monday 23.03.15 until Friday 08.05.15. During my absence, Sherree Nicholson will be acting principal. I know the school will be in good hands. I am taking a cruise that follows the journey of the Australian soldiers on their way to Gallipoli. Below are just a few of the excursions that I will be taking.

Write4Fun

This competition is now open for students from Kindy to Year 12. More information is at the end of the newsletter or available on the web page. Many of our students are very keen to participate. However, all work needs to be done independently of their teachers.

http://www.write4fun.net/competitions/54
YSSSA Swimming Carnival

On Friday 20th March we will be holding our YSSSA Interschool Swimming Carnival at the Southern Cross Pool. The carnival is scheduled to get under way at 9.30am and parents have been asked to once again take their own students to the pool and pick them up again at the end of the day.

This year as we missed one day of swimming lessons all students will be able to get into the pool for the Carnival without paying. We will use the money that parents have given the school to pay for entry for the swimming lesson we missed.

A reminder to the parents of our Kindy students, there will be no Kindy on Friday 20th March as all staff and students will be at the swimming carnival and for safety reasons our Kindy students are deemed too young to compete.

We need someone to pick up the shade for the students from the Moorine Rock Tennis Club please ringing Josie on 90491176 if you are able to collect and return the shade.

Kindy Day in Lieu of Swimming Carnival Day

Due to the Swimming Carnival being held on a Friday and Kindy students do not attend the Carnival. Can parents please send their Kindy children to school on Thursday 19th March.

Boots

We need old boots, similar to picture, for a craft activity. Their condition is not important. If you have any, please send to school.

All students will have the opportunity to compete in a wide range of events, some fun events and some competitive events. We are expecting it to be a fun and exciting day and we hope to see as many families there as possible cheering on our students and supporting the school.

Voluntary Contributions

Your voluntary contributions assist the school in providing materials to improve your child’s learning experiences. It would be fantastic if all contributions could be received during Term 1. Families may choose to send in cash, a cheque or pay by direct deposit to our ANZ BSB 016798 ACCOUNT NUMBER 253884676.

Please make sure that you identify your deposit with your child’s name to ensure that we credit it correctly.

BIRTHDAYS

Students
Claire Birtles 28.02.15 4 Years Old
Patrick Rose 01.03.15 10 Years Old
Charli Pobke 10.03.15 10 Years Old
Andrew Steel 11.03.15 11 years Old

Shop Lunches

Karen Webb will be away the last Thursday of Term, Thursday 2nd April and has advised that there will be no shop lunches available on this day.
### Dates to Remember

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### Awards

- Brodie Eiffler for the great contribution to our discussion on seasons and what happens during each season.
- Regan Auld for the great contribution to our discussion on seasons and what happens during each season.
- Judd Della Bosca for always being a kind considerate and responsible class member.
- Jodi Wille for always settling down to work fast.

### Uniforms

We have some second hand uniforms at the school that parents have kindly given to the school.

- 1 x size 8 yellow polo shirt with emblem
- 4 x size 10 Jumper with logo
- 1 x size 10 jumper without logo

Please contact Josie at the school either by phone or email if you would like any of these uniforms.

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**Regards**

Lyndy Richmond
Principal
FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Due to the Football Tipping competition being so successful and our major fundraiser for the past few years, the P&C have decided to run the competition again this season. Round one gets underway on Thursday 2nd April and so we ask all families to get involved and also to encourage extended family, friends and community members to join up. The more competitors the more fun it will be and of course the more money we will raise.

Registration forms will be emailed to all of our school families and competitors from last year. We’re on track to maintain our first prize of $1000, 2nd prize $500 and 3rd prize $200. The value of the weekly prize will be $50.
If you require any more information please contact Lib Irving, 90498001 or townfoot13@bigpond.com

Write 4 Fun

About the Competition
Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2015 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their poems OR short stories, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

There is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by Sunday 29th March 2015.

The Book
Poems and short stories entered into the competition will be considered for inclusion into our 2015 Write4fun anthology! Those selected will have the opportunity to purchase the edition at a discounted rate. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

“We are very excited to be sponsoring this competition,” stated Julia Woods, Managing Editor for Write4Fun. "Reading and writing seem to be taking a back seat these days to computer games and evolving technology! Our hope is that competitions such as these inspire the students to be creative with words once more and have fun doing it!”

Prizes

Poetry Prizes
1st $1,000 CASH and YOUR CHOICE of a:
* 10.1" Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 16GB with 64GB SD memory card
* Apple iPad Air 32GB
* Xbox One
* Play station 4

2nd $250 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack
3rd $150 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack
15 x Finalists Write4fun Gift Pack

Short Story Prizes
1st $1,000 CASH and YOUR CHOICE of a:
* 10.1" Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 16GB with 64GB SD memory card
* Apple iPad Air 32GB
* Xbox One
* Play station 4
One talented writer in each division (poetry & short story) will receive $1,000 as First Prize (with $500 going to the winning school and $500 to the student) PLUS the choice of either a 10.1" Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 16GB with 64GB SD memory card OR an Apple iPad Air 32GB OR a Xbox One OR a Play station 4.

We will also be awarding one Second Prize in each division of $250 and one Third Prize of $150 and 15 Finalists will receive a Write4fun Gift Pack.

Rules

1. The judges’ decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
2. All entrants must be currently enrolled and attending as students at the school under which they enter or be Home School Primary or High students.
3. Entries must not exceed 16 lines in length or 64 characters in width for poems and must not exceed 500 words for short stories.
4. Entries must be typed or neatly hand written.
5. Typed entries are to be presented on one side of a single A4 sheet of paper.
6. One entry per student only.
7. Co-written entries will be disqualified.
8. Entries are to be postmarked no later than March 29, 2015.
9. Copying an existing poem/story is called plagiarising and it is against the law. If plagiarism occurs, the entrant will be disqualified and their parents and teachers notified. Write4fun will not be held responsible for any plagiarised work entered into the competition.
10. The author’s name, age, address, grade level and school must appear on the page with each entry.
11. Write4fun reserves the right to disqualify unsuitable entries.
12. All care will be taken but no responsibility will be accepted for any misplaced work.
13. No updated, revised versions of entries will be considered after initial entry.
14. All prize winners will be notified by mail and a winners list will be available to view on our website.
15. Entries will not be returned.
16. If insufficient entries have been received in the opinion of the organisers, Write4fun reserves the right to cancel the competition.
17. There will be separate judging and prizes for poems and short stories as follows:-
   Poetry:-
   First prize is AUD$1000.00 to be divided AUD$500.00 to the school and AUD$500.00 to the winning student plus the choice of either a Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 16GB with 64GB SD memory card OR an Apple iPad Air 32GB OR a Xbox One OR a Play station 4. We will also be awarding one Second Prize in each division of AUD$250 and one Third Prize of AUD$150.
   Short Story:-
   First prize is AUD$1000.00 to be divided AUD$500.00 to the school and AUD$500.00 to the winning student plus the choice of either a 10.1" Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 16GB with 64GB SD memory card OR an Apple iPad Air 32GB OR a Xbox One OR a Play station 4. We will also be awarding one Second Prize in each division of AUD$250 and one Third Prize of AUD$150.
Merredin District Lawn Tennis Club
2015 Open Day

Test your serve against the speed gun and win prizes!

Mens & Ladies Doubles
A, B and C Grades

When: Sunday 8th March (start time to be confirmed)

Where: new synthetic courts at the Merredin Recreation Centre

Cost: $25 per player

Lunch & afternoon tea provided and dinner available.

Nominations to Club Captains Ian Lane (0428411957) or Tenielle Hooper (0437886855) by Wednesday 4th March 2015

Enquiries to mdltc@hotmail.com.au