Principal’s Report

Yesterday our Grade 4/5/6 students attended a special ceremony at The Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. On this occasion, the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan was commemorated. Thank you to Liz Johnstone, Erin Bell and Kylie Carr for taking part in the day. Students behaved extremely well during this ceremony and we were very pleased that Ned and Max’s grandfather was able to join us for the day as a Vietnam Veteran himself.

On Wednesday, the Agricultural class attended a whole day excursion at Marcus Oldham, where they were able to explore various pathways in the agricultural field. Yesterday, the Defence Force presented to Year 7-10 about possible careers within the army.

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Finally, I would like to pass on our condolences to our Music teacher and her family, Melanie Pocknall, as her mum passed away suddenly on Tuesday. Meryl Pocknall (nee Miller) was one of the very first School Prefects in 1963 and she was key in organising the 50 year Reunion in 2013, which she handled with great aplomb.

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Students Of The Week

Mckenzy Dixon for a huge improvement in his behaviour.

Huizi Li for a great design of her Angry Bird.

Campbell Greig for using different strategies to solve subtraction equations.

ITS NOT OK TO BE AWAY,
You can text the college on 55976625 regarding your child’s absence.

Cows Create Careers Program
The Year 9/10 students are learning all about the dairy industry through the Innovative Dairy Australia Program.

The program involves students visiting dairy manufacturers and then going on to work in teams to develop their own dairy recipes for the program.

The other participating schools are Warrnambool College, Terang College & Timboon P-12 College.

This program provides students with a platform for introduction into the industry.

Our students got very creative, developing and cooking their own desserts within the program guidelines.

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week.

Last week’s question was: I am a 2 digit number that can be divided by 2 with no remainder. My first digit is three times bigger than my second digit. My 2 digits add up to 8. What number am I?

Ans: 62

This week’s question is: Mr Dally’s rugby match will take 90 minutes from start to finish, including the half time break. His match must finish by 1.10 pm. What is the latest time his match can start?

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

This year, Book Week will be held from August 22nd – August 26th. SRC will be holding a costume parade, where all students and staff are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

The parade will be held on Monday 22nd August at 9am in the main foyer.

A prize will be awarded to the best costume for each class.

The teacher with the best costume will also receive an award.

Parents/guardians, family members and friends are all welcome to join to watch the parade.

5/6 Puberty Clues

Grade 5/6 students are learning about puberty as part of the ‘Puberty Clues’ program.

In this program we cover:

- The physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty
- Variations in the timing of puberty
- Respecting the feelings of others
- Hygiene products used during puberty
- The process of menstruation and sperm production
- Qualities of good friends
- Sources of information about puberty

In these sessions, students have had a few little giggles but have shown great interest. We encourage parents to answer questions with age appropriate honesty at home.

This program will continue to run for the next week and conclude with an information night at Lismore Area Health on Thursday 25th August at 7pm combining with Lismore Primary School.

Working Bee – North side of the School Grounds

Date: Sunday 28th August, 10:00am – 12:00pm

We need your help to complete a number of tasks at school, please come along and help improve our School, we need to plant trees/shrubs, finish painting the cubbies and install some garden edges. Please bring your own planting tools eg shovels/mattocks etc.

All staff, students, parents, family members and friends welcome, the more help we get the easier it will be.

2017 Presentation Ball

Expressions of interest are invited from any student in Year 10, 11 & 12 in 2017 (Year 12, only those who did not participate in the last Presentation Ball), who are interested in participating in a 2017 Presentation Ball.

Could you please advise the school office or Angela Bignell on 0428624200 by 26th August.

A planning meeting of interested parents and students will be held at a later date to discuss arrangements.