**October 14th, 2016**

**Preparations for next year**
At this time of year I am preparing budgets for next year. As the Department pays us according to the number of students we have enrolled it is important that the numbers I have are as accurate as possible before deciding grade numbers and whether or not to employ teachers. If you have any idea that your children may not be returning to the school next year (other than our Year 6 students) please let me know as soon as possible. This can be kept in the strictest confidence but it is important that our student numbers are as accurate as possible. Thanks for your cooperation in this important aspect of future planning.

**Resilience Survey**
Once again our Year 3-6 students will join with all other students in Years 3-12 in State Government schools in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires to complete a Resilience survey. This commenced last year under the guidance of Psychologist Andrew Fuller who has been seconded by the Education Department to measure the resilience of our students. Students will complete an anonymous online survey to build a picture of what is positive and also of concern to the students in the 2 Shires. The results last year showed a quite positive picture of the emotional health and well-being of our students and the ongoing data will build a better picture over time. If you have any queries or questions about the survey please contact me at school.

**Walk/Ride/Scoot to school**
Well done to everyone who has attempted to walk/ride/scoot to school each day so far this term. Though the weather has not been very kind on a number of days please consider not using your car and enjoying the extra time with your child/ren to walk to school on our better weather days. If you must bring the car consider parking a couple of blocks away so that you can get a short walk in before school. An amazing side benefit of Walk/Ride/Scoot to school month is the reduced traffic out the front of the school, making it much easier for Judy to see to help our students safely across the road.

**Tissues**
With allergies and colds our students are using an enormous amount of tissues at the moment. If you could add a ‘home brand’ box to your shopping and send it along to school it would be greatly appreciated.
LAP is the **Learning Assistance Program.**

LAP is a program in which volunteers, in partnership with school staff, work with individual students on a one-to-one basis, for one session each week (sometimes two sessions). This significant individual attention creates situations for students to experience success and supports their achievement at school.

LAP volunteers must have a current Working With Children Certificate (forms are available from Australia Post)

LAP is based on 5 principles.

LAP:-
- Is usually one-to-one
- Is about building positive and healthy relationships
- Builds confidence and self-esteem
- Takes a creative approach to learning
- Promotes parent and community participation in the school

**Who can be a volunteer?**

Men and Women can be LAP volunteers

People in our school community who:
- have a genuine interest in and concern for children and learning
- have a desire to work directly with students
- are keen to get involved in the school
- have time to get to know their student and to meet with them once a week
- have energy to motivate and encourage their student
- have talents and/or ideas and/or interests to share
- are able to build a positive and healthy relationship with their student
- enjoy meeting new people

**What’s in it for volunteers?**

The opportunity to:
- actively participate in a worthwhile program
- help and support a child with their learning
- meet new people
- share an interest, hobby, talent and/or skill with a young person

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For anyone interested in sharing their involvement in LAP or wanting to know how to become involved in LAP, there will be an informal catch-up, coffee and chat next week with some current LAP volunteers.

**When:** Tuesday October 18 @ 10.30 a.m.

**Where:** Paul the Pieman: Inverloch main street

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Nigel Kilpatrick
The Kids Matter Student Action Team had their first meeting for term 4 on Wednesday. During the meeting we listed all of the work that our Kids Matter Student Action team has accomplished this term. Some of the highlights of the activities we have done this year include: collecting gold coin donations at the Easter Fair, writing a letter to our local member of Parliament and helping organise the Kids Matter Multi-Age days. We have purchased new basketball rings, and toys for the sandpit. Most recently, we collected nearly $400 for Muscular Dystrophy Australia, through the superhero dress up day. We have made a display on our Noticeboard about all of our work this year, please have a look at it next time you are near the library.

This term we have a few projects to complete, and right now we are focusing on our World Vision Sponsor Child, Magdalena. Magdalena recently wrote to our school and told us a little bit about herself and her family. In lots of ways, Magdalena is just an ordinary girl, and goes to school like we all do. However, Magdalena comes from a poor area, and World Vision help her community in many ways. They help to make sure that Magdalena has enough food to eat, and safe drinking water. They help her keep healthy, and make sure that she is able to go to school and have a happy childhood.

Every year we raise money to support our Sponsor Child. This year, we have decided to raise money and ask our students to go without something. By going without something, we hope everyone will start to understand what life is like for a child in a poor community. We are very lucky as we all have something yummy for lunch every day. Next Friday, we are asking students to go without their regular lunch. If they decide to join in, they will be given two plain rice cakes instead of their usual sandwich. We are sending a letter home to all families today with more information.

Thank you to Andrew Falzon father of Ania who helped Miss Reark with gluing the grade 6 Spanish tiles to the drinking tap walls on the weekend.
Our Artist of the week is Jack Leverington in Grade 5 with his pencil portrait drawing. Jack has used a range of mark making to successfully capture his subject's character and profile.

Don’t forget to call in at ‘The Hub’ in October to see our artwork that’s on display...you might even want to put in a bid for them. (see next page for a sneak preview)
2. Une cada palabra con su dibujo.

- la fresa
- el mango
- las uvas
- el plátano
- la naranja
- las cerezas
- la manzana
- la sandía
- la pera
- la ciruela
- la piña
- los higos
HATS, HATS, HATS  
In line with the new SunSmart policy hats are compulsory as of 1st September. Please make sure that your child/ren have a correct school uniform approved hat. They are available for purchase from the office.

Lost Property  
There is again a huge pile of lost property in the foyer. Please go through it to reclaim your jumpers and other items. Also if you could check your children’s clothing and make sure the items belong to you. We have had a few reports of missing labelled clothing.

SUSHI ROSTER MONDAY 17th Oct
AM  Bree & Paige  
PM  Mili
Please note that the U14 cricket training night has been changed to Wednesdays at 4.30pm.
All welcome.
Any enquiries to Shaun 0459 637 373