Grade 5 Leadership

The Grade 5’s are continuing with their leadership training. This week we have discussed the qualities that each of us has that matches the qualities of the positions available. Each Grade 5 has started to identify the leadership qualities they have and how they best suit some of the leadership positions available. They have all started to draft a letter of application for the school, stating which leadership position they are best suited to and why they would be fantastic for the position. This is a time of great excitement for the Grade 5’s as they start to realise their potential. Although not every Grade 5 is required to apply for a formal position, they are all completing the application process as a group. This has been a wonderful journey for the students, identifying their own positive qualities and identifying those areas of strength. Most students have completed their set homework for leadership training, this week they are required to find or write a leadership quote that sums up their own attitude towards leadership. They will need to write these out ready for sharing and display in the Grade 5 area. Some examples of those that have been found so far, that show the broad range of attitudes towards leadership, ‘Take a little more of the blame, and a little less of the credit’, ‘Listen, lead...or get out of the way’, and ‘Don’t the fault, find the remedy’, ‘Everyone is a leader, but everyone leads in a different way.’

Christmas Hampers

With Christmas fast approaching it is easy to forget those in our society who are struggling to make ends meet. In an effort to encourage our students to look around at those less fortunate than themselves, we have added our help to the Hamper Appeal that runs out of the Salvation Army in Cranbourne. Each class has a washing basket that they hope to fill with goodies to ensure those less fortunate have a special Christmas Day. Any non perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. Students need to bring their items to their class room teacher and Mrs V will oversee the delivery of our baskets.

Another way of helping out is to donate non perishable items to the local St Vinnie’s Appeal which is being supported by the Bendigo Bank this year. So if you would like to help there, please leave your donation items at the Bendigo Bank in Foster or Toora or bring them into the office. These items must be brought into the office. Any item that goes to the classroom teacher will be included with the Hamper Appeal. Involvement in either initiative is voluntary and can be for either or both appeals.

Tidy Team Awards

This week’s Tidy Team Award went to Grade Prep/1. Congratulations and thank you for keeping our school tidy.

Popcorn

Evie, Misha & Gretta are selling popcorn at lunchtime tomorrow for $1 per bag. Proceeds will go towards purchasing books for African communities that have none and the South Gippsland Hospital.

Community Noticeboard

Fish Creek Community Garden:

Did you know that there is a thriving and fun community garden in Fish Creek? It’s on the rail trail behind the fire station. We meet every second Friday morning for harvesting, planting, weeding, mulching, learning, sharing and gardening. There’s a plenty of produce and joining the group is only $10 per quarter. Come along and see what it’s all about and bring the little ones - they will love it! Bring some gloves and join us from 10 to 12 Friday morning - we have a cuppa (and most times exquisite home baking to share) at the end after some mucking in. A great way to be a part of our community. See Amy Poul for more details.

Important Dates

December

- Monday 1st—Friday 12th: Grade 1–6 Swimming Program at SPLASH
- Excluding Tuesday 2nd & 9th
- Tuesday 9th: Statewide Orientation Day
- School Council
- Wednesday 10th: Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
- Tuesday 16th: Fun Day at Toora Pool
- Wednesday 17th: Christmas Dinner
- Thursday 18th: Mini Fair & Presentations
- Friday 19th: Last day of Term 4

Strengthening Partnerships

This term we have been working closely with our cluster primary schools and South Gippsland Secondary College to strengthen the partnerships between the seven schools. Some of the areas we have been working on include professional development for staff, transition programs, maximising opportunities for students through incursions, sports and camps, sharing of specialists. These initiatives are a result of the positive relationship and commitment of the leaders of the schools and the staff. Our main focus is at the students, so if you have any ideas or suggestions please feed them through via the parent survey or come and see me.

This week the South Gippsland Water Week calendars went home. We had two talented artists posters featured. Kirra Gange’s poster is featured for the month of February and Esra Hayward-Bannister’s artwork can been seen for the month of June. Just another example of some of the fantastic art work coming out of our school. Thanks again to our amazing teachers for integrating art so well into their classroom programs. Our current art projects include small canvas artwork for the Stockyard Gallery Life Aquatic Exhibition held in January. The Grade 5 students are currently designing their t-shirts for Grade 6.
School Crossing Petition

A reminder to everyone to please circulate the link below to your family and friends to help us reach our goal of 1000 supporters. We are nearly half way there with 482 signatures.


We understand that not everyone has access to the internet in our community so we also have developed a paper version of the petition which some parents have agreed to circulate in the community. If you are able to help with this please contact the office.

November

If you haven’t noticed, Mr Farrell is somewhat cleanly shaven this month and is growing a Mo. This is not just because he thinks he will look cool, but to help raise funds for issues including men’s mental health, testicular and prostate cancer. So please dig deep and donate any amount to a very worthy cause at Movember.com or on Mr Farrell’s Mo space page at http://mabro.co/barryfarrell137

Swimming

Just a reminder that the Signmee for swimming needs to be returned tomorrow. Please note due to swimming times there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS for the next two weeks. If you are a member of SPLASH, please notify the office of your member number or type it in the same box as your emergency telephone number.

POPCORN

Rubbish

Last week during assembly the students got together in their multi-age fish groups to discuss the rubbish issue at our school. They came up with some creative ideas which were then discussed by the staff. This week we have been asking that no rubbish goes outside during recess—students are taking food out of the packaging and putting it into the bin as they leave their classrooms. At lunch time all students are now eating on the tables and chairs at the front of the school (inside the junior building when wet) under the supervision of staff. This is another time when the whole school can come together and parents are welcome to join us for lunch from 1.30-1.40pm. We hope that this will help with the rubbish problem and encourage everyone to have nude food lunchboxes everyday.

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Warren

A droplet from Bryn & Anouar

You are the best.
You are funny & intelligent and I hope you will be like this next year.

Katelyn

A droplet from Gracie & Amber

You are a great friend and you have helped me when I was new. Thanks for being the best person ever.
You are an awesome amazing person.
You are one of the best readers in the class. There is too much to say about you.

Nina

A droplet from Amala & Kayley

You are funny, nice and I like being your friend.
You are a kind person and you never give up. Your kindness just brightens my day. Thank you for being so kind.