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**Concert DVDs**
These are now available for purchase for $5.00 in a standard DVD or Blu-Ray format. Hurry stocks are limited and are available from the office until sold out. Thank you to Grant Williams for producing these for us.

**Uniform Reminders**
- Hats must be worn this term
- Nail polish is not to be worn at school
- Long hair needs to be tied back and dangly earrings are not permitted.

**PnF Meeting**
Just a reminder that the PnF will meet tomorrow morning from 9:00am in the staffroom. All welcome.

**Permission Notes**
The DEECD has very strict guidelines around permission notes and payment for excursions. Verbal permission in NOT acceptable and some handwritten notes do not meet legal requirements. Signmee is our preferred method of seeking permission and is approved by DEECD. We understand that the internet is not always reliable and we ask that if you are having any technical difficulties that you request a hard copy of the Signmee note to ensure the school is meeting all of the requirements and ultimately keeping students safe. Payment is required before any excursion and non-payment may result in students missing out on excursions. Payment plans are available for those who require assistance. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

**Grade 1/2 Visitors**
Next Wednesday the Grade 1/2s will play host to some very special visitors as their penspals from Morwell Park Primary School are coming to visit for the day. As well as an Art class and PE, Miss Jordan also has a trip around Fish Creek planned. Students are asked NOT to have a lunch order on this day.

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

**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 currently have just under 400 signatures. [https://www.change.org/p/peter-ryan-deputy-premier-leader-of-the-nationals-and-member-for-south-gippsland-victoria-keep-our-students-safe](https://www.change.org/p/peter-ryan-deputy-premier-leader-of-the-nationals-and-member-for-south-gippsland-victoria-keep-our-students-safe)

**Movember**
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://movbro.co/barryfarrell137](http://movbro.co/barryfarrell137)

**Student Leadership 2015**
‘Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.’ (John F. Kennedy)
The Grade 5s are eagerly looking forward to taking their place as leaders of the school in 2015. The Peer Mediation training that was undertaken yesterday is the start of a vigorous process of preparing our students for their roles as leaders - formal and informal - for 2015. The students have been very privileged in undertaking the Peer Mediation training by Mr Greg Twite, who runs these sessions throughout the area in order to skill students in effective conflict resolution. What is important is that students utilise these skills in their role as Grade 6s next year. Our younger students will be looking to the Grade 6s for guidance and role modelling - the training helps equip them for this. This week also sees the beginning of an intensive leadership training process, written and guided by Mrs Gilbert, which will see the current Grade 5s self-reflect on their own characteristics of leadership, on the current leadership roles and work out how and why they might best suit formal roles for 2015. The one hour a week five week course is designed to develop the students’ skills in public speaking, assertiveness, team leading and conflict resolution. It will assist in the preparation of the student application for a leadership role/s of their choice and in the preparation for an interview. It’s a wonderful, exciting opportunity for our Grade 5s, to undertake training for their roles as leaders for next year.

**Friday School Assembly**
Due to the short week this week, we have no VIBs so there will be no VIB part in the assembly tomorrow. Parents are still very welcome to come along and enjoy the rest of the assembly.

**Junior School Council Frozen Yoghurt Day**
Friday is Frozen Yoghurt Day! Don’t forget your dollar at recess and head on up to the Student Lounge to buy a Frozen Yoghurt, ONLY $1!!!!!!