**Community Noticeboard**

**Buddies and Bubbles!**

Last Monday, the Grade 6s and their buddies learnt how to blow bubbles with bubble mixture and straws. Some people even learnt how to blow bubbles on their hands and also make caterpillars on their arms! Everyone had a great time and thank you to all the parents who attended.

Chloe

On Monday, the 9th all of the Grade 6s went over to the junior building to spend some time with the Buddies. The activity we did was put some bubble mixture in a cup and blow with a straw. It was like a volcano of bubbles! At the end the bubbles were everywhere and there was a huge mess but we had fun.

Hannah

**Peer Mediation—Toby B**

I am the Peer Mediation Co-ordinator. I have made a roster for this term. It is a good chance for Grade 6 students to be a leader of the school and there will be a reward if they come to all the peer mediation days that they are rostered on for, provided they are at school. We have peer mediation all of lunchtime. The Peer Mediators go around the school resolving problems and they are available to the students if they have problems.

**MEENIYAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

Meeniyan Junior Basketball would like to invite any new players 7 – 17 years to come join our competition.

For more information please contact Kim 0427346048/56636252 or Darlene 0417640035/56640035.

**SATURDAY MORNING YOGA**

Fish Creek Memorial Hall - Supper Room

- 8.00 – 9.00 am Calligraphy Yoga
- 9.00 – 10.00 am Yoga Synergy

Calligraphy Yoga combines movement and breathing to encourage vitality and tranquility. Yoga Synergy is slightly more dynamic and adapts modern postural yoga sequences for people with different abilities and dispositions.

Everyone is welcome. Some mats are available or bring your own.

$15 or $10 concession or pay what you can

**Important Dates**

**February**

- Friday 13th Whole School Family BBQ 6.00pm
- Monday 16th PnF Meeting 9.00am. All welcome
- Tuesday 17th School Photos Please return order envelopes ASAP
- Thursday 19th District Swimming Korumburra -selected students
- Friday 20th Relay For Life—Free Dress Day
- Wednesday 25th Parent Information Sessions
- Friday 27th Divisional Swimming-selected students
- Saturday 28th Foster Show

**Positive School Community**

In 2015 we will continue our KidsMatter journey with the ongoing focus on developing and maintaining a positive school community where every face has a place. Throughout the term there are a variety of events and opportunities where parents and carers can participate, meet one another and take an active interest in their child's school life. These include:

- Wholes School Family BBQ
- PnF Meetings
- Parent Information Session - a chance to connect with your child's teacher and discuss how 2015 can be a great year of learning for your child
- School Council Elections - an opportunity to contribute your ideas and represent the parent body
- Swimming sports—Toora trials, District and Divisional at Korumburra
- Warahal Athletics events at South Gippsland Secondary College, families most welcome (and helpers needed)
- KidsMatter Parent Information Session with Terry Guilford—Recognising Anxiety and Building Resilience

As a staff we look forward to further developing positive relationships with our parents and carers and I ask you to support our positive school community endeavours by welcoming new parents, supporting events and taking advantage of the opportunity to connect with other school community members.
Parent Payments
A reminder that these are due by TOMORROW. Accounts have gone out in the mail. Prompt payment is appreciated. You may pay at the office or directly deposit the fees into our Bendigo Bank account. If you would like to organise a payment plan please make an appointment to discuss this ASAP. Thank you.

Bus Reminders
Bus stops have been determined based on safety, usage and DEECD and PTV guidelines. Students should be using the allocated stops. Failure to do so impacts on other users and bus drivers. Please ensure students are waiting at their allocated stop at least 5 minutes prior to the pick up time. If you are unsure of your time or pick up/drop off time, please contact the school. A parent should be waiting for a student when they are dropped off in the afternoon.

Yanakie/ Buffalo Bus
Just to let you know that the Yanakie bus may run a little late some mornings as there are road works in the Yanakie township. This started on 4/2 and will continue until the end of term.

Changes to Regular Bus Travel
The school must be notified of alterations to normal bus travel. This is best done with a note on the day of change or a phone call to the school by 3.00pm. Any permanent change—i.e for sport or camps, also needs to be in writing.

Grade 5/6 News
The Grade 5 and 6 Teaching Team would like to welcome parents to help in the classroom, particularly during our Math’s sessions. Don’t panic about the Math’s involved – each activity will have clear instructions, so you won’t feel worried :) We are also planning a Celebration Day for Chinese New Year on Thursday the 19th February. We would welcome some parent assistance on the day (the programme will start at 11.30, after students have returned from their Specialist classes) to work with small groups. Some of the activities will be craft, art, cooking, writing, tangrams. At this stage, the plan is that students will ‘sign up’ for interest areas ahead of time – preference will be given to those students who have completed all set home learning tasks (Home Learning runs Tuesday to Tuesday).

From Mr Farrell, Mrs V and Sandy
PnF

Friday Assemblies
These will begin on Friday 20th February and everyone is welcome to attend from 2.50pm in the junior building.

School Photos
School Photos will be on Tuesday 17th February. Order forms have gone home. If you would like a family photo please collect and envelope from the office. A reminder that the school does not process any money and if envelopes are not given to Fooni on the day parents will need to contact them directly for payment.

Model Planes
The Foster Show is fast approaching and students who are working on their model planes need to bring them along to school by Friday 20th February (as they need to be judged prior to the show).

Thank You
Thank you to Stacey Bright and Tracey Lehman for running the pub raffle last Friday. These lovely ladies raised $290 for our school! Thank you also to the Toora and District Branch of Bendigo Bank for donating our welcome bags for new parents (see photo on the front page).

School Council Update
Attached to this week’s newsletter is the PPED Policy. Please take the time to read this with your child(ren) as it is important step in our eSmart journey and cyber safety. If you are interested in representing the parent community on School Council please collect a nomination form for the office. We have had to change the date of our Working Bee to Sunday 16th March due to clashes with other community events and celebrations. Please pop this date in your diaries. For further information the minutes of School Council can be found on the website http://www.fishyps.vic.edu.au/?page_id=52.

Toys and Personal Items
Please be aware that any toys, games, items of sentimental or significant monetary value, etc, that come to school are the responsibility of the child, NOT the school. Toy guns, knives and any war or violent weapons are NOT PERMITTED. It might be an idea to check your child’s bag every so often in case these things are making their way to school without your knowledge.

Signmee
Signmee continues to be our preferred permission system. Please be patient with us as we get it set up for 2015 (some paper notices may come home during this period). New parents please return your set up information slips and keep an eye out for an activation email.

Signmee
Save The Date
for our photo fundraiser:
Friday 27th February

http://www.trybooking.com/GWOM and make your booking.
Minimum numbers must be met for this to go ahead.

First Aid and Medications
Temporary medications e.g. antibiotics, anti-histamines etc. can be administered when accompanied by a note signed and dated by a parent. All medicines must be in original packaging with instructions and student’s name attached.

Pain relief medication such as Panadol, Aspirin etc. is not permitted to be administered as First Aid. It can be administered at school if presented as a Doctor’s prescription or as part of a Medicine Management plan.

Students suffering from asthma or other severe medical condition are required to submit a School Asthma/Severe Condition Management Plan.

Student Accident Insurance & Ambulance Cover
Just a reminder that parents are responsible for paying all medical costs, (including ambulance) for any injured student. To minimise the cost, parents can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers and obtain ambulance membership. Unfortunately, the school is unable to offer this and parents need to contact insurance companies to arrange this themselves.

Vision Portraits
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Uniform
It’s great to see everyone in their summer uniform. Just a reminder that:
• long hair needs to be tied up and hair accessories should be in school colours where possible.
• nail polish, temporary tattoos, make up and dangly jewellery are not part of school uniform.
• hats need to be worn this term.

Sewing for Kids
PnF

 actions to ensure the best outcomes for all students.

Children will be taught to provide their own water bottle and lunch box (water bottles will be refilled throughout the day).

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From the KidsMatter Action Team
For more information about KidsMatter Primary see their website and Facebook page.

http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/
https://www.facebook.com/#!/KidsMatterForFamilies

Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative

Students check) please contact the office with your details.

Swimming
Hat and Sun Protection
- Sunhats need to be worn this term.
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