

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday Sept 15th—Grade 4-6 student to see Andy Griffiths at Red Cliffs and visit to Salvation Army in Mildura.

Wednesday Sept 16th—Grade 4-6 pupils—Threatened Species Day—Regent Parrots 9.30am with Fiona Murdoch.

Thursday Sept 17th—Grade 2-4 Safety Day in Mildura.

Friday Sept 18th—End of Term 3. (All staff admitted to hospital due to melt down).

Saturday Oct 10th—Community Garage Sale & Auction & Mr Tucker's farewell—6.30pm.

October 19th—21st—Grade 3/4 camp to Swan Hill.

26th Oct—30th October—Grade 5 camp to Lake Cullulleraine and Grade 6 camp to Melbourne (Laura's birthday while in Melbourne).

BRATS BALL

What a fabulous night. Our best ever, and we estimate that 95% of the children and parents were in attendance. Thankyou so much to the parents who did attend and a bigger thanks to all who involved themselves in the dancing. It was so wonderful to see the smiles and hear the giggles and the children danced with mum or dad. We have video footage if anyone is interested. Many thanks also to the staff who gave of their time and a special thanks to Fiona, Jenny and Carolyn (our teacher aides) who decorated our hall. It was fabulous. Special thanks also to Mrs Sleep who co-ordinates the event and ensures it is always on our school calendar.

TOUR OF THE MURRAY

What an experience.

It has been fabulous to hear, see and feel the emotion, confidence and "sheer buzz" the children, parents and staff had experienced from the involvement in the Tour of the Murray. The children and staff have all been treated like royalty, involved in presentations, and even riding in the official cars behind the actual bike riders. The entire organising committee have been so impressed by our contributions and have totally involved our crews in all aspects of the race. In addition to this each crew have promoted our local citrus industry, the orange drive and our school.

The final two days of the tour are in Merbein and Mildura this Saturday and Sunday. Any children in grades 4-6 who would like to attend and help out on or trailer are most welcome. If you require transport, Mrs Wright will leave the school at 9.00am on Saturday and Mr Wright will leave the school at 9.45am on Sunday. Please notify Mr Wright if you are interested to book a seat.

Comments from Mrs Johnstone and others involved in the Tour of the Murray this week.

Mrs Johnstone: Being part of the Tour of the Murray was a most positive experience. As well as all the amazing things we were able to do the highlight for me was the two elderly gentlemen who came up to me as we were packing up in Echuca to congratulate the school on our initiative and the most professional way our students conduct themselves in public. What a compliment—well done everyone!

Mrs Collett: Fun day had by all. Great to see all the kids growing in confidence.

Mrs Rohde: Absolutely fantastic to see our little school involved in a huge event like that and how the kids were a major part of it all by presenting the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to the stage winners.

Shaun: It was really good because I got to do 2 speeches up on the podium. I was very nervous, but felt great afterwards.

Liam: We got to follow the lead pack of 15 riders in one of the official cars. It was cool to see how the race all works.

Harley: It was really exciting to watch the start of the race when they counted down from 10 to 1. Some riders left before the others (staggered start) to try to stop any accidents.

Nicole: We gave lots of juice and orange samples to other school kids. It was amazing how the riders go so fast and the distance they travel.

Melissa: It was amazing how many people didn't know about blood oranges.

Sharnie: It was incredible to see the riders ride back to the start after they had just finished a road race.

What's Happening Next Week:

Monday September 7th—House Sports—1pm start

Tuesday Sept 8th—Active After School

Wednesday Sept 9th—Grade 3-4 Farm Safety Day in Ouyen.

Thursday September 10th—Interschool athletics sports (Nangiloc Oval). No active after school.

1st Installment EMA cheques still haven't been collected.

CONNECTING THE TOUR OF THE MURRAY TO VICTORIAN ESSENTIAL LEARNING STANDARDS (VELS)

Within our curriculum teachers are directed to teach, Civics and Citizenship Interpersonal Development and Personal Learning. Community engagement is an integral part of Civics and Citizenship, where students are to be given the opportunity to interact with a community and engage with organisations and groups. Activities such as this tour provide the vehicle to formally participate and practice skills and behaviours learnt in this area.

Learning in the Interpersonal Development area supports students to initiate, manage and maintain positive social relationships. Our involvement with the MVCB enables this development of positive social relationships, linking our students to society and developing a strong sense of belonging and learning to live and work with others. Personal learning incorporates developing confidence and the ability to be adaptive and take an active role in shaping their own futures. Our students are all enthusiastic learners because they have a real connection with WHY they learn. (Claire Johnstone).

VANILLA SLICE DAY IN OUYEN

Please make sure all children bring a snack, cut lunch and a drink. Children will not be able to purchase anything so please do not send any money with your child/children.

HOUSE SPORTS—MONDAY SEPT 7TH 1.00PM START

The children will practice all 7 events and will be awarded a 1, 2 or 3 for their efforts (exactly the same as the District Athletic Sports) and also earning points for their house. Remember to dress in house colours to help add colour to our day.

Darling (Green) Murray (Blue) Yarra (Red) Loddon (Yellow)

Help—we will be relying on parents to help run each event. Simply volunteer your support when your child is competing at the event station.

DISTRICT ATHLETICSPORTS—THURSDAY SEPT 10TH—9.15ASSEMBLY FOR A 9.30AM START.

Tis is the big one.

Nangiloc Football Oval. Koorlong & Sunnycliffs will be in attendance and it is generally a great fun day.

Transport—All children will require to arrange private transport to and from the event.

MR TUCKER'S FAREWELL

Saturday October 10th at the Nangiloc Hall starting at 6.30pm. Parents Club Providing evening meal.

Spread the word.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Community Benefit—Don't forget that if you shop at Fishers present your community benefit key tag and they will give our school 1% or your total grocery bill. If you don't have a key tag please call into the school office and fill in a form and you're ready to help our school. Total funds we have raised since we registered with the fundraiser is over \$3,000.

Student Banking—Student banking will occur on Fridays of each week. Every \$100 deposited through our school gives us \$5 from the Commonwealth Bank. Also we receive \$5 for every new bank account opened through our school.

PARENTS CLUB FATHER'S DAY STALL

Any children who borrowed money to purchase a gift for dad could you please remember to bring it to school asap. Thanks