

COMING EVENTS

Monday August 9th—Pupil Free Day.

Wednesday September 1st—House Sports (Changed date)

Thursday September 9th—District Athletic Sports

MORE GOOD NEWS

No. 1. The North West CFA has also provided a very generous donation of \$2,300 as part of the Victorian Government efforts to maintain the CFA volunteer capacity. Our school received funds because we have families who are members of our local CFA. I would like to recognise these families and to thank them for their work at local fires and road accident. We should all be very grateful for their continued contribution to our district and in this case our school. The funds will be used to support the school continue provision of Arts Performances, which are becoming very expensive.

No. 2. The Murray Valley Citrus Board has again supported our school enterprise learning program "Follow The Orange" with a generous donation of \$1,000. It is again part of the MVCB joint involvement with our school. We thank them for this continued commitment.

SCHOOLS FIRST AWARDS

Mr Wright has been rewriting the NAB awards submission this week. This award recognised the links we have with the MVCB and if successful could result in our school receiving \$50,000. (We tried last year and missed out so don't get your hopes up too high). This year I have asked Julie Baker, Regional Director to provide a reference. Julie has kindly responded and a copy of her reference is attached. It is yet another pat on the back to our small school innovative practices.

JOURNEY OF THE ORANGE

Final preparations are now under way as we plan our third Journey of the Orange. All of our previous contributors, Coles, Addamo Packers, Melbourne Market, SOS Citrus, Port of Melbourne, Patrick Terminals, Sandalwood Ridge, Mildura Fruit Company and Curlwaa Fresh are all willing contributors. It is so wonderful to ring to arrange this trip and to be remembered and welcomed back. It must say something about our school and it's clientele.

MOTOR BIKE CATERING- PARENTS CLUB

Name:..... Is available to assist on (please circle your preference)

Friday 3.30pm (set up) Saturday 6am (Brekkie) - 5pm (tea)

Sunday 6am (Brekkie) - 4pm (pack up)

Please Note: You will not be required to stay for the whole day we just need a rough idea of who is available on which day.

What's Happening Next Week:

Tuesday August 27th—Active After School is Back—Rock n Roll.

Wednesday August 28th—Active After School –Tae Kwon Do

EMA

2nd installment for EMA is now open. If you hold a current Health Care Card please call into the school office to apply for this assistance.



PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Just letting everyone know that the Annual Motorbike Catering weekend is coming up on August 14th & 15th. This will run along the same lines as our Field Day catering. A reply slip is attached to today's newsletter. Please fill it out and return ASAP so our Parents Club can start organising a roster system.

Thankyou to the Parents Club for the new mats we now have at our doors.

- Don't forget that we still run the community benefit at Fishers Stores. You just need to pick up a key tag with a barcode at the office and scan that when you do your shopping at any fishers Stores in Sunraysia and they will give us 1% of your grocery bill.
- Student Banking is done every Friday and we receive \$5 for every \$100 deposited through our school. (Please Note: Student Banking will not be done next week as Angela is away).

ART & MUSIC

We are chasing up items that can be used to make musical instruments. If you have any of the following items at home please send them along.

Shoe boxes, stubby lids, cylinders, hair combs, pavlova plastic egg containers, small plastic containers (to make rice shakers) and anything else you may think could be used to make instruments.

****BOOK FAIR****

Yes!!! It's on again. We have had a wonderful response this week. All children have been in either window shopping or buying. This is a great way for our school to get free books for our library. For re-booking the Book Fair each year we receive \$110 worth of free books (our choice) and we also receive 20% worth of free books for sales over \$700 (which we usually achieve each year). Book Fair will run for another week and will be open to the students, parents and community from 1pm-1.30pm and 3.30pm-4pm daily. We have a huge range of books this year including 2 new sections (pre school books and teenage novels). Each year we also receive a range of books marked down to \$5. So come down and have a look, you will be amazed.

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NAB Schools First Awards

It is my pleasure to write in support of the partnership program developed between Nangiloc/Colignan and District Primary School and the Murray Valley Citrus Board.

The school is one of a 158 schools in the Loddon Mallee region, positioned in the Murray Valley with a student population of 69 and supported by five teachers and a vibrant community.

We as a region are proud to have a school establish a 'Thinking Curriculum/Enterprise Learning program. The program aims to establish life skills to support students in relation to business enterprise. This is extremely rare in a primary school setting.

On a recent visit to the school I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of students, teachers and parents as I viewed first hand the program in operation. Students were clearly engaged in their learning, demonstrating both problem solving and critical thinking skills. In addition students were genuinely excited and proud of their work. We know a meaningful context to learning provides the best opportunity for students to become life long learners and the staff are to be congratulated on their efforts to achieve this.

Students take their learning into the community. Examples include participation in the Mildura Show and the 'Journey of the Orange' initiative. This participation serves to engender success, pride and a 'can do' approach to their learning. Students at the upper end of schooling operate their own 'Fundzinc' business!

Families of children at this school are dependant on citrus growing for their livelihood. The school by initiating, developing and continuing this program, supports the community and potentially next generation citrus growers.

The partnership between the school and the Murray Valley board has continued for at least five years, showing commitment to the partnership and a demonstrated sustainability.

The partnership the school has established is unique for a primary school setting. The school is to be congratulated on their forward thinking, their preparedness to engage their local community and their efforts to provide a real life learning environment for their students.

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