**Principal’s Report**

Hi Everyone,

We have made a most positive start to the school year in our first couple days of school with everyone making a smooth transition with settling into their new school and classes. The visit to the defence forces at Lochiel Park on Friday provided lots of excitement experiencing the inside of the defence vehicles, the kitchen and dining areas as well as dancing with the Fijian defence force members. This was a valuable experience and opportunity for us to thank the defence forces for all the great work they are doing with bushfire recovery in our area.

Students Leadership Shirts Presentation

Student leadership makes a big difference and is highly valued in our school with contributing to improved student outcomes and the culture and operation of our school.

At our student led, whole school assembly this Friday at 2:50pm, School Council President, Brian Harrison will be presenting leadership shirts to our Year 6 students. In the coming couple of weeks we will be completing our student leadership appointment processes to announce our student leadership and school captain positions.

Welcome to New Staff Member Kirby Ritchie

We are most fortunate and pleased to welcome Kirby to our school working as a speech pathologist in a shared arrangement with the East Gippsland Specialist School each Friday this term.

Visit by Boomers Australian Women’s Basketball Team

At 1:20pm this Wednesday the Boomers Australian Women’s Basketball team will be visiting our school as part of their East Gippsland Bushfire Recovery visit. They will be doing a meet and greet and skills demonstration.

Nominations for School Council Membership are open with nomination forms available from our school office. Nominations close on Tuesday 18th February. New members are most welcome and can self-nominate.

Our next School Council meeting will be at 5:15pm on Tuesday 11th September

Please see attached to this newsletter important privacy information

Regards,
Stephen

**Every Day Counts**

Please contact the school if your child is going to be away.

Our School Values
Caring, Excellence, Honesty & Learning

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019
President—Brian Harrison
Vice President—Robert Poore
Secretary—Bronwyn Cook
Treasurer—Stefan Kempff
Stephan Mathers
Wendy Matthews
Elaine Hofen
Terry Gladstone
Bree Kenny
Dale Dandridge
Misty Anderson
Lauryn Geddes

**CALENDAR DATES**

Every Thursday
Banking day

Monday 10th February
Littles Learning
9am in the school hall

Tuesday 4th February
Swimming
9:45am-11:15am

Thursday 6th February
Swimming
9:45am-11:15am

Monday 10th February
Swimming
9:45am-11:15am

Tuesday 11th February
Swimming
9:45am-11:15am

School Council 5:15pm

Thursday 13th February
Swimming
9:45am-11:15am

Friday 14th February
New/Saints Swimming Sports

Monday 17th February
Swimming
9:45am-11:15am

Tuesday 18th February
Swimming
9:45am-11:15am

Wednesday 19th February
District Swimming

Tuesday 25th February
N.P.S Swimming Sports

**BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS**

Parents are reminded that changes to bus travel arrangements require 24 hours notice and approval by the Secondary College. Please notify the school if your child is a regular bus traveler and is being picked up so we can mark them off the bus.

**School Value of the Week – Caring**

We encourage parents to discuss and reinforce with their children what the actions for the weekly value might look like.

Looking forward to working together for a productive and fun year of learning,

Regards

Stephen
HEALTHY EATING
Could parents please note that the school has a Healthy Eating Policy and that large packets of lollies and chocolate bars are not suitable snacks for children’s lunch boxes.
Try yoghurts, sultanas and fresh fruit as alternatives.
We encourage students who need to eat before the 9am bell to eat a piece of fruit not sweets or chips.
Also please pack enough fruit for before and after school as we find students are often looking for food whilst waiting for their buses.
Note that the school does not have the resources to cook or reheat children’s lunches so please send appropriate lunch box food.
There are some great internet sites that have loads of ideas for healthy school lunches.

For more information and tasty recipes go to
www.heas.healthytogether.vic.gov.au

CSEF—Camps & Excursions Fund
For healthcare & Pension card holders

The CSEF payment amount of $125 is an annual payment made to the school to be used towards camps, sports or excursion expenses for the benefit of an eligible student.

Criteria Eligibility
To be eligible, a parent or legal guardian of the student attending a registered school must be a holder of an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card and be valid on the first day of Term one (28th January 2020) or on the first day of Term two (13th April 2019).
Temporary foster parents may also be able to apply.

Parents who receive a carers allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of the above.

Please contact the office if you are eligible to apply for the CSEF payment.

SUNSMART
Victoria’s UV levels are on the rise so it’s time to dust off the sun protection gear and Slip, Slop, Slap, whenever you are outside.
Check the SunSmart UV Alert for daily sun protection times. (sunsmart.com.au)

SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY
For 1ST & 4th TERM
If students are not wearing a hat then they are to play under the covered area for the day
Hats are available from the school office for $10

SMALL TALK
Enrolments open now for Term 1 2020
FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL AGE
*Opportunity for your child to socialize with others
Learn about the importance of play
Meet other families
Special Guests including Speech and Occupational Therapists
Groups held in Orbost Tuesdays 10am
And Cann River Mondays 10am
Commencing Feb 10th and 11th 2020
Call Jacque Archer 5154 6636 to book your spot now only limited places

Swimming Season Passes
For parents who have taken out season passes for the swimming pool please contact the school with your Pass Number so you will not be charged for this in your school fees.

SCHOOL BANKING
What to do
You can get involved in the School Banking program (which will be every Thursday) by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

What to take
Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollar mites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Who can help
If you have any questions or are after a little help with the paperwork to enrol your child in the school banking program feel free to speak to any one at the Commonwealth Bank Orbost. This is a fantastic initiative that benefits your child and the school.

Rewards
Your school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting your school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.