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Wednesday April 21st 2021

Dates to Remember:

Saturday April 24th- Friends of the 15th Brigade Anzac Service at the Shrine

Monday April 26th- Orders and money due in by the end of the day for Wednesday's special JSC lunch

Tuesday April 27th- Grade 5-6 CFA Bushfire Education Program- fire truck excursion to Masons Falls

Wednesday April 28th- JSC Hot Lunch Day-

Friday April 30th- Day 1- Interschool Sport- at St Andrews for grades 3-6

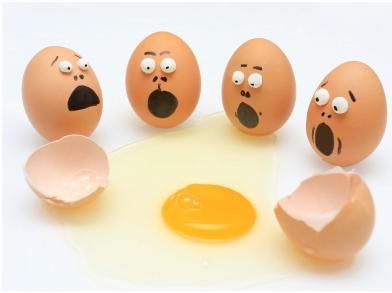
Welcome back for term 2. We have plenty of great times ahead to look forward to. Our CFA program for grades 5 and 6 kicked off yesterday, with students enjoying an introductory workshop with Lisal. Their junior memberships are now pretty much sorted and we're looking ready to head off on our first field trip on Tuesday. We'll be loading onto a fleet of CFA trucks thanks to local brigades and CFA volunteers drivers, and heading off in convoy to Masons Falls in the Kinglake National Park. We'll be meeting up with Ranger Tony for some bush education and updates, working with our visiting expert Jamie McKenzie to explore the use of measuring tools and equipment, mapping with Sue Apted and lots more. This big day out is a terrific introduction to the program. Having had to skip a year of working with the crew last year, it's great to be back in action.

This Saturday, Diane and I will head into the Shrine of Remembrance in the city, with our grade six leaders Giselle and Noah. Each year, our grade 6 team is invited to attend the Friends of the 15th Brigade service prior to Anzac Day. We meet at the 58th Battalion Tree, at the Shrine, and take part in this special French-Australian service. Thank you to Giselle and Noah, who have volunteered to give up part of their weekend to take part. On our way, we will place a wreath at the War Memorial in Hurstbridge, on behalf of S.P.S. and we'll take our second wreath with us on our train trip to the city, to place at the base of the 58th Battalion Tree as part of the service. Our involvement in this service goes back several years now, recognising our connection with the Victoria School in Villers Bretonneux, France. After the little school on the French battlefields was destroyed during WWI, soldiers from Victoria collected pennies from students in schools back here to raise funds to rebuild the school. This kindness was celebrated in Villers Bretonneux. a bond was formed with Victoria, the school was renamed Ecole Victoria and the pledge was made, 'Do not forget Australia'. When our little school was destroyed in February 2009, this community more than 16 000km away, set about fundraising to assist us. They hadn't forgotten their friends and raised over AU\$20 000, which helped us to reestablish our grounds and outdoor spaces. Our chess courtyard and our cricket nets were funded by the community of Villers Bretonneux. In our grounds you will see areas which are a special acknowledgment of our connection with France. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us on Saturday and we'll have some great photos to share in next week's newsletter.

Jane



On a sad note, a wonderful friend of our school, and supporter of our Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership, Gayle Corr, passed away during the school holidays. Gayle and her husband Pat have taken part in our many 'volunteer days' (slave days) as part of the program over the years. They have joined us for adventures on our Anglesea Camp and have attended many of our events and activities. In addition to her work with our local CFA, Gayle has been involved in numerous local groups over the years and she was certainly a great friend to many. We send our heartfelt condolences to Pat and the Corr family.



and egg sports and hat parade...





Just a reminder that lunch items for the pie warmer can be sent along each day, allowing for a hot lunch on these cooler days. Please make sure items are packaged in foil or brown paper, ready for warming. Items can also be sent along in heatproof lidded containers (ie-stainless steel). Lunch items are served from the pie warmer with tongs. We are not using our microwave oven to heat student lunches at this time, as greater food handling is required.



In classrooms this term, we're focusing on our school values and what they mean. We've been looking at 'kindness' and the importance of being a good friend. Thanks to a lovely donation of 'Better Buddies' bears, we'll be recognising students for their actions in helping to create a friendly and caring school environment.



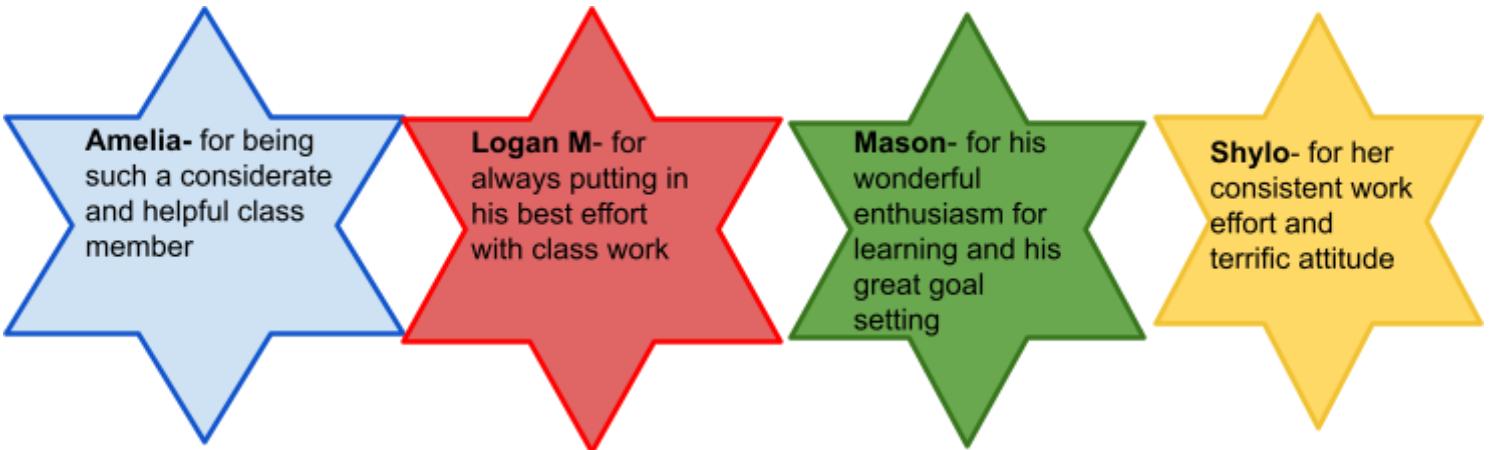
Our bear presentation recognises the following: friendliness, care, respect, responsibility, valuing difference and including others. Our Better Buddies Kindness bear is awarded to Christian, who has been showing great support for younger students in our classroom. Well done Christian.

PARENTS' CLUB

Thank you to all for supporting our Easter Hamper Raffle. We raised a total of \$682, which was terrific. Coming up we'll have our Mother's Day Stall event, so keep an eye out for more information to follow.

**The Strathewen Star Students
this week are... Amelia, Logan M, Mason and
Shylo**

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!



Junior School Council



**HOT LUNCH DAY- next Wednesday. Order forms and money need to be back on Monday.
\$5.50- hot lunch (pie, pastie or sausage roll), donut and juice.**



Bendigo Bank

**Thanks to the team at our local
Bendigo Bank branch in Hurstbridge
for supporting our annual Egg Drop
Event and family picnic this year**

- Thank you to our local branch of the Bendigo Bank, for supporting the Egg Drop Easter event here at school. The team at the Hurstbridge branch arranged to provide the many prizes and hunt treats. Thanks to Bernie, who came out to join us and presented the prizes to our colouring in competition winners. Congratulations to our Jacob, Chase, Harriet, Ellie and Elly.
- Our school gardener, Renate, spent time over the holidays, sealing the rotunda and stage area to freshen them up and they look great.
- European wasps are here at school again this term. Our baited traps were set up and we've been managing to trap plenty. The senior grade will be building a large scale trap this week, in an attempt to get some more of them out of the way.
- Once again today we've had the security systems electricians out to service our set up. It seems that power outages don't sit well with the set up.



Thank you to Geoff Raftery, who joined us today in the senior room as our 'guest speaker'. Geoff spoke about his career in the army, the significance of Anzac Day, our connection with Villers Bretonneux and lots more.

Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership



With lots of excitement, we've kicked off our CFA partnership project for grades 5 and 6. For our introductory session yesterday, students worked with Lisal to explore what they already know about the program, what they're looking forward to and what they understand about the Fire Danger Rating system. Lisal introduced the many measurement tools we'll be using and our upcoming Fire Truck excursion was discussed. There is certainly plenty to look forward to this year and we have a very enthusiastic group of students. Thank you to all families for getting the paperwork for junior registration completed- thanks to Lisal's great organisation, we're now ready to go. Keep an eye out for the weekly updates from our student team.

TERM 2—2021 PROGRAM REGISTRATION!

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN—not just basketball players!
**4 Age Groups (5-7, 7-9, 10-12) and Teen Night on
Mondays!)**

6 Week Program

Starts SOON!

Sunday/Monday
May 2,3rd!

Register NOW!

****Only \$10.00
to register!**

- Program is on
Sundays and
Mondays

KRCBA, INC.

**Registration NEVER
closes! To register or
for more information:**

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The KRCBA is pleased to announce our up-coming basketball program for Term 21, 2021.

This program has been a resounding success and is designed to provide a safe and fun positive learning experience. EVERY child has a chance to shine, with professional leaders, music, mascot, cheerleading and more!