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Euroa Primary School

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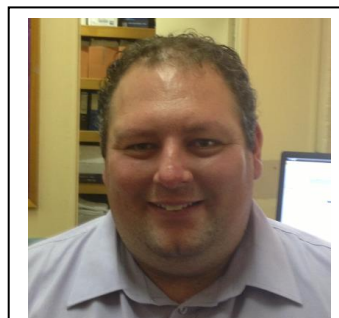
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WELCOME BACK



Our Foundation students are learning all about School Life with Miss White in their classroom. They have all settled into school in a lovely manner and are enjoying learning new skills and making friends. The Foundation children have the first few Wednesdays off to ease their transition to full time school.

EFFORT UNITY RESPECT ORDER ACHIEVEMENT

ROSS'S REPORT

It has been a great week at Euroa Primary School, seeing lots of smiling faces and positive children as they return to school. As students settle into their new classes, the calm and productive nature of each room has been clearly evident and wonderful to observe.

I would like to welcome our new staff to the school for this year. Miss Kylie Craik is teaching in 1/2 this year and Miss Monique Ringin is in 3/4. It is great to have them on our team. Jayde Burden and Heather Crosbie are not new to our school, but have new roles teaching Health/Phys Ed and Digital Technologies (ICT) respectively.



Kylie Craik



Monique Ringin

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Opera in the Alps performance over the school holidays. Ariana Argus, Kai Henson, Marnie Salter, Jeremiah Johnston, Lucas Argus, Zali Greasley, Chloe Salter and Ethan Henson were committed, dedicated and passionate about their performance and are to be congratulated for the way they represented our school, their families and the community. Thank you to Liz Barnett for coordinating this event and giving our students a wonderful opportunity.

Our new School Captains have settled into their leadership roles in a positive manner, leading by example across the school. Well done to Harrison, Erin, Jayden and Heidi on their appointment. The next student leadership opportunity for grade 5 and 6 students will be the voting for House Captains which will happen on Friday afternoon. The announcement will be made at Monday morning's assembly at 8:50 in the Junior Gallery.



It is always nice to come back to school after a hot summer and see the grounds and gardens looking so nice. Thank you to Felicity Watson for all of her time and effort that was put in over the holidays to keep our grounds looking great.

Thanks to our wonderful parents and community members who have continued our fundraising efforts over the holidays and yesterday at the Cattle Sales. This is an excellent form of fundraising for our school and we appreciate the support we receive. A letter will be sent home soon with information about this year's sales and how you can support the school.

BOOKS & REQUISITES – Books and requisite fees for this year are \$130.00 per student. Payment by cash or cheque can be made at the Office.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) – Families eligible for this payment should call into the Office and complete an application form – these forms need to be completed each year, so even if you have received this payment before you will need to reapply again this year. To be eligible you need to have a valid means-tested concession card or be a temporary foster parent. CSEF covers the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE – If you are eligible for this allowance please call into the Office to fill out a form. To qualify for this payment you must live 4.8km or more from the school you attend (the distance is measured as the shortest practicable route and does not include driveways) or the nearest bus stop.

NEWSLETTERS –Newsletters are available from the school website or Skoolbag App. If you would prefer to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter or have a copy emailed to you please let us know at the office and a copy can be sent home each Thursday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – This year's School photos will be on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th**. Individually named order envelopes for each child were sent home yesterday, instructions are printed on these envelopes and are self-explanatory. Every student must return their envelopes to school even if not buying photos. Family envelopes are available from the Office.

LUNCH ORDERS – New menu/price lists for lunch orders from Burke's Bakery were distributed on Tuesday to the oldest child in the family. Please note prices and include the correct money for orders. **THERE ARE NO LUNCH ORDERS ON WEDNESDAYS** – students need to bring lunch from home. 2017 lunch orders will start on Monday.

REMINDER THAT HATS ARE COMPULSORY so please ensure your child has a hat at school (no caps). School hats are available from the Office for \$12.50.

SCHOOL BANKING - School banking day is Tuesday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Monday 6th – Swimming program begins

Thursday 16th – Senior swimming carnival

Friday 17th – School photos

Monday 20th – Junior swimming carnival

Wednesday 22nd – District Swimming Sports

Thursday 23rd – grades 3-6 Information Night

Euroa and District Netball Association

AGM on Wednesday 22nd Feb 2017

at 7pm at ESC Meeting Room.

Contact Kylie Moffatt on 0408141711

for further details

Piano/Keyboard Lesson Vacancies

Erica the piano teacher has a couple of vacancies for students wishing to begin lessons this term. They are conducted on Fridays every fortnight during school time. Advice on purchasing a keyboard for home can be provided and also delivery can be organised too. Lessons cost \$27.50 per half hour, payable each week, or in advance.

For enquiries or bookings please contact Erica on 0427 368 530

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Angela, Kylie and Kim

The junior school welcomes Ms. Kylie Craik who is teaching the year 1 / 2 class.

A few reminders to get the term started:-

- *All students require an art shirt or old T-shirt that has been clearly labelled with their name.
- *Students should have their own ear buds or headphones to use for computers.
- *Students also need a library bag. Foundation students may wish to use their new red bag.
- *Each family to donate a family size box of tissues that can be shared by their child's class.
- *Swimming commences on Monday 6th February. All students need to return both sections of their permission form. Students will need to bring along their bathers, towel, school hat, goggles (if needed) and thongs-shoes to wear to the pool. We will supply sunscreen, however, if your child is sensitive to sunscreen they will need to bring along their own.
- *Swimming on Friday the 10th Feb will have an alternate timetable with 2 / 3 R and 1 / 2 C swimming at 11:15 until 12:00 followed by F / 1 W and 6T from 12:00 – 12:45.

The junior school also requires parental assistance with getting ready for swimming and when we return from the swimming pool. 2 / 3 R and 1 / 2 C require assistance at 12:40 p.m. and 2:10 p.m.

F / 1 W require assistance at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you can assist please let your child's classroom teacher know as soon as possible.

Foundation parents only

Foundation student do not attend school on Wednesday 8th Feb, Wednesday 15th Feb, Wednesday 22nd Feb, Wednesday 1st March and Wednesday 8th March. Each student has been set an interview time on one of these Wednesdays that you are required to bring your child to school for a 1 hour interview with Miss White. If you have forgotten your time or did not receive your time in the mail please speak to Miss White.

VISUAL ART

Pauline Fraser



Jethro a new foundation student from F/1W created a very colourful picture using dye and ink in his art lesson this week.

Our main theme in the art room for term 1 is ***Ships, Boats and Whales.***

Students have been discussing ideas and their experiences about the topic and we are building a word list. We also looked at types of vessels created throughout history.

Over the course of the next few weeks, students will have the opportunity to draw, paint, model, print and construct. They will be able to experiment, invent, explore ideas and materials about the topic. We will include stories about

boats, ships and whales; there are some very exciting one's about Pirates, Moby Dick (giant white whale that sank a whaling ship), Owl and the Pussy Cat, Who Sank the Boat, Stories about the Titanic and lots more we will discover.

***Please ensure you child has protective cover for their school uniform. You do not need to buy an art shirt, a large adult size T-shirt or man's shirt will do. Art materials do stain clothing.**

SENIOR SCHOOL

Kim, Monique, Amy, Maddi, Deb and Deanne

WELCOME: We extend the warmest welcome to our new and returning families to the Senior School and look forward to a fantastic 2017!

It has been an exciting week welcoming the Year 3/4 students to the Senior Gallery. The transition from the Junior to Senior Building has gone very smoothly indeed. A huge well done to all students on their confidence.

HOUSE CAPTAIN VOTING: Yesterday we conducted a meeting for Senior students inviting Year 5/6s to nominate for the role of being a House Captain for 2017 and explaining the process. Tomorrow will see students attend their first House meeting for the year when they will hear speeches from the candidates and then vote for their preferred captains. We are excited to see so many students nominating for each house. This opportunity is one way in which students can participate in a leadership role within the school. We wish all students the very best of luck!

A FEW DATES FOR YOUR CALENDERS:

Monday February 6th: - Swimming Program commences

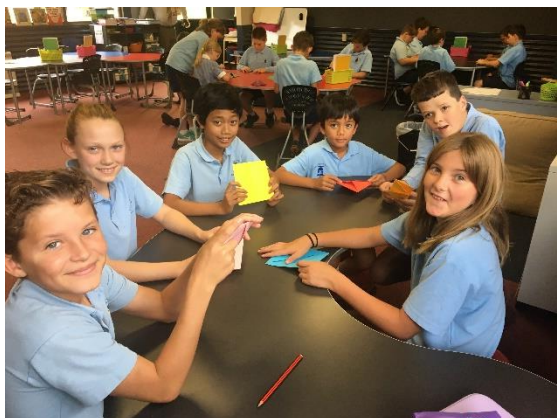
Thursday February 16th: - Senior School Swimming Sports: Dress up in House Colours

Friday February 17th: - School Photos

TISSUES: Could all families please donate a box of tissues to their child's classroom? Thanks!

SWIMMING PERMISSION FORMS: Has your child returned their signed permission forms? If not please do so tomorrow.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL SHIRTS: Miss Tuppen is now finalising orders for the 2017 Year 6 School Shirts. A couple of orders are still outstanding so please make sure your child's form has been returned.



Students from 5/6D&K working together showing unity...

Welcome back everyone! What an exciting term we have ahead of us in Health and PE, with swimming commencing next week alongside both the junior and senior swimming carnivals!

Today 6T, 5/6D, F/1W and 1/2C have had some fun playing some cooperative games using parachutes. This is a fun and inclusive way to begin the year, while reinforcing the fundamentals of sportsmanship as well as our school values.

Some of our senior students have begun their unit on Rogaining and are putting the adventure skills to the test! Students are using cooperation skills, flexible thinking, decision making, problem solving and creativity.

Robbie, Linc and myself are looking forward to working with everyone for this year's swimming program. Just as a reminder, I have included a copy of the swimming timetable below, which commences on Monday. With the slight changes made to the timetable on Friday the 10th, **it is requested that 5/6D and 5/6K students wear their bathers under their uniforms on this day** as they begin lessons at 9.15am.

I am hoping to see as many parents and helpers as possible at the pool for both the swimming program and the sports days 😊

See you at the pool!

	Monday 6 th February	Tuesday 7 th February	Wednesday 8 th February	Thursday 9 th February
11-11.45	5/6D + 5/6K	5/6D + 5/6K	5/6D + 5/6K	5/6D + 5/6K
12-12.45	3/4R + 3/4S	3/4R + 3/4S	3/4R + 3/4S	3/4R + 3/4S
1-1.45	2/3R + 1/2C	2/3R + 1/2C	2/3R + 1/2C + 1W	2/3R + 1/2C
2-2.45	6T + F/1W	6T + F/1W	6T	6T + F/1W

	Friday 10 th February
9:15-10am	5/6D + 5/6K
10:15-11am	3/4R + 3/4S
11:15-12pm	2/3R + 1/2C
12-12:45pm	6T + F/1W

	Monday 13 th February	Tuesday 14 th February
11-11.45	5/6D + 5/6K	5/6D + 5/6K
12-12.45	3/4R + 3/4S	3/4R + 3/4S
1-1.45	2/3R + 1/2C	2/3R + 1/2C
2-2.45	6T + F/1W	6T + F/1W

JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS!!

- WHAT?** 3 Junior Golf Clinics
- WHEN?** Sunday mornings 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. – 19th February, 26th February, 5th March
- WHERE?** Euroa Golf Club
- WHO?** Girls and boys from Grade 5 – Year 9.
- COST?** \$10 one-off registration fee
- WHY?** Get coaching tips from low handicap golfers and be in the running to receive a player development package including a free 2017 membership at Euroa Golf Club.
- CONTACT?** Matthew Mills – 0409339567 or Gail Allen – 0417329807 or visit the Euroa Golf Club Facebook page to register your interest.



Get into golf....you won't regret it!

OPERA IN THE ALPS

Eight children from Euroa Primary School were part of the newly formed Euroa Junior Community Choir, which consisted of 15 children, 6 to 12 years old from Euroa and surrounding towns. The children performed beautifully at 'Opera in the Alps' Beechworth, 21st January, in front of a crowd of 3000 people, backed by a 100 piece orchestra, and supported by up and coming Opera Scholars. They had an amazing experience, learning new vocal, and performance skills, and learning to navigate their way through a complex score of music. The children's, and their parent's, commitment to this project was astounding, attending 6 weeks of intensive and at times, exhausting rehearsals, practicing almost daily their singing, and later the choreography for the main performance. They attended a workshop in Beechworth, where they joined the remaining 45 children from Albury/Wodonga and Beechworth, forming the children's Chorus of 60. Our group had some of the youngest children, and they held their own in terms of their singing and conduct, alongside the others who had had a number of months to practice. Their performance on the night was superb and they conducted themselves beautifully, holding on to nerves and excitement. What an amazing adventure they went on!



Congratulations to both parents and students on the smooth settling into the school year. Students are happy and calm because parents are happy and calm. We are certainly seeing a wonderful representation of 'Effort, Confidence and Getting Along' both in classrooms and playgrounds.

Some key tips to consider in assisting your child with the settling in process:

- Set bed times
- Sunscreen on before leaving home
- Assist your child to pack healthy snacks and some fruit to give them fuel for the day
- Remind your child about personal hygiene ie washing hands carefully, making sure hair is done, face is clean before leaving the house
- Set up a homework time so that your child knows that this is the set time to read, etc
- Talk to them about their day. Ask them three great things about their day and if anything is worrying them

Communication:

Please keep your child's teacher in the loop if something is going on that is worrying you or your child. If you need to speak to a teacher please be mindful that before school we are setting up classrooms and may not be able to speak to you then. Send a note in your child's diary or call the school and an appointment will be made. All teachers have meetings after school on Mondays and Wednesdays and then different staff have meetings on other days so we do not mean to be rude if we have commitments and cannot talk in these times.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are still organizing Breaky Club for term one so at this stage- there is NO Breakfast Club. We are in the process of finding volunteers to assist so if you would be available on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning between 8:15-9:05 we would be most grateful. Please let us know through the office and leave a message for Jenny Jager.

Any food donations for Breakfast Club would be gratefully received. These items can be margarine, bottles of juice, spreads such as jam, vegemite, honey or bread.

These can be left at the office. We rely on donations to assist in the running of Breaky Club. On average we have around 40 students go through in a morning which is fantastic.

Thank you!