Dear Parents Friends and Carers,

The students are busy training the Year 3 to 6 Athletics Sports which will be held in our beautiful grounds on Wednesday March 12th. Please come along and join us for the day or part of the day - bring a picnic if you would like and we are considering having a simple BBQ. I will keep you updated. The Junior School Sports will be held during term 4.

**IPADS /NETBOOKS** - A huge thank you to the families of students in years 3 to 6 for their support with both the Netbook and iPad program. The response has been tremendous and with some reorganisation of current school desk tops and laptops, students in years 3 to 6 will have access to a personal device or school computer. Teachers are already noting the efficiency and engagement levels of students as waiting is reduced and students have their own work and resources organised and readily accessible.

**COMPASS** - Great to see more and more people accessing Compass to view the school events: The Link, register absences and very soon a great deal more information. Please ask for assistance at the office or for a new copy of your passwords and log on details. The aim is to have all important information and correspondence placed on Compass to ensure you have access to all relevant information 24/7.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE** – The rules are changing – the government is introducing new guidelines on student attendance and it is mandated parents have their children at school on a regular basis. Our Strategic Plan aims to have children away for no more than ten days per year. We will do everything we can to support families, so please contact your child’s teacher or myself if you need help.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS** - Thank you to those people who have already nominated for a position on the School Council. Nominations close tomorrow, Friday February 21st at 4pm. Information regarding the School Council elections can be downloaded from the School Website School Council page or Compass or collected from the office. Thank you to the councillors who are either retiring or seeking re-election - Matt Adams, Greg Hayes, Sarah Mansbridge, Bronwyn Patel, Liz Hopkins and Sally Kilpatrick for their contributions over the past years.

**COFFEE CAKE AND CHAT** – 2014 will see Robyn Ledin our Assistant Principal and I invite parents to ‘Coffee, Cake and Chat’ twice a term. The first CCC will be on March 12th at 2.30pm. Other dates are as follows: April 2nd, May 7th and June 6th. They will be informal get togethers in the Stadium Foyer, where we can have a chat, share ideas and enjoy a special focus – meeting our Wellbeing Team will be the first focus.

Lindy
Year 1/2 Safety Walk

On Tuesday afternoon 1H and 1/2S went for a walk around the streets near the school. We were looking for all the things we could see that keep us safe. Our Inquiry Learning question this term is “What Helps Us Stay Safe.” We saw lots of road signs that tell the car drivers what to do so we are safe. We saw the crossing where it is safe for us to cross the road. We saw fences and gates that keep people and things in or out. We saw footpaths that give us a safe place to walk and bike lanes that give riders safe places to ride. We saw the bus stop where it is safe to wait and get on the bus. Our walk was really interesting and tiring, it helped us start thinking about staying safe.

Celebration Day

Dad and Lesa and Tyeesha came to celebration day. They had a little picnic with us. Jailon Mum and dad came to celebration day. We looked in Nate’s classroom. Mum and dad walked around my classroom and I was showing them around. Layla
On celebration day we went down to the small oval and I had a salami burger and a drink. I played on the playground and I did the ball throwing activity. Deny

Don’t forget tomorrow is Soft drink day.

Cans are $1.50 each.

Congratulations, Nicky Power, Tarnia Sheppard, Jake Power, Nate Kearns and Colby Marshall on being...
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Congratulations, Nicky Power, Tarnia Sheppard, Jake Power, Nate Kearns and Colby Marshall on being chosen as Aussies Of The Month.

On Wednesday the 12th of February Jimmy chose 2 classes to go to Acme Field Days and they were 3/4M and 3/4N because some of us are in the Garden Club.

We got there by bus and we saw the Cheese factory on the way. It was very big and right near the Acme Field Days.

We went there because we were learning about country lifestyles. There was a lot of things to do with farming.

All the kids got a lot of free stuff like pens, balloons and calendars. We also got to taste some farming products like cheese and Devondale flavoured milk.

Our legs had got really sore from walking around and our shoes got really dusty but we had a great day. Thanks to Jimmy and all the teachers for organising our trip. By Leah and Brianna.
Happy birthday

Aysha Fisher Grose  Joseph Heremaia  Mia O’Keefe
Jack Claridge  Kayla Shears  Angela Fowler

Warrnambool Independent Traders Market
180 Timor Street (old De Grandi’s Sports Shop)
Drop in for some bargains
Please support the business that support our school.

Student Banking
This week we banked a total of $182.90. We had 30 deposits in total.
Room 21 was the winner this week with 6 deposits.
Keep your suggestions coming on how we can spend our commission money.
Remember your ideas need to be enjoyed by everyone. We are after ideas that can be used by the whole school community.
Well done everyone for another great week!
As it is a new year we currently have a delay with our orders.

HOLIDAY RENOVATIONS

During the Christmas holidays and at the start of term one our school has been receiving some extra special TLC. We have replaced fluoro lights, painted ceilings and walls, retiled and replaced flooring in the Art Room. The portables on the south side of the school have been painted and are looking all fresh! Spouting has also been replaced around the school.