Welcome back to a very vibrant and energetic new school year 😊
Week 1 in brief:

* Staff profile for the next 12 months Julie as Principal, Sue Manning in the prep one room and teaching 2/3 maths, Anna Reid in the 4,5,6 room and teaching 2/3 english, Sharon Barrett providing classroom support, Doug Ferguson computers, Nicole Lodge History, science and Bounce back and Mauro Pellegrini Italian, Jo Briscomb will be here for Art and Anthony Lawler for library.
* Felicity Pywell will be teaching swimming starting this Friday.
* Preps will have Wednesday off for all of first term

**February**
- 5th 2/3 swimming
- 9th Pancake day
- 10th Parent teacher interviews
- 12th 2/3 swimming
- 18th German student visit
- 19th 2/3 swimming
- 26th 2/3 swimming
- 28th Grip Leadership

**March**
- 4th prep / 1 swimming
- 11th prep / 1 swimming
- 18th prep / 1 swimming
- 21st Harmony Day
- 24th Last day of term 1

**April**
- 11th First day term 2
- 15th prep / 1 swimming
- 22nd prep / 1 swimming
- 29th prep / 1 swimming

**May**
- 6th 2/3 swimming
- 13th 2/3 swimming
- 20th 4/5/6 swimming
- 27th 4/5/6 swimming

**June**
- 8th 4/5/6 swimming
- 10th 4/5/6 swimming
- 17th 4/5/6 swimming
- 24th 4/5/6 swimming

**WEEK’s REMINDERS**
- Grades 2/3 will be swimming for the next four weeks
- Hats must be worn outside every day
- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle to use in class every day
- We have lots of lost property from last year. Please check if anything belongs to your child

**STAR PERFORMERS**
Not this week because it would be impossible to pick out one person from each room in such a short week.

What happened this week?
- Snake sighting
- Snake drill
- Met Mrs Reid
- Uniform orders given out
- Our parent cafe is open and operating

OPEN WATER NOTES FOR OLDER CHILDREN in bags this week.
Newsletter Term 1 Week 1

Prep/1

What a great start to the year! Our new Preps have settled in so well as have the Year 1s. Over the past two days we have been introducing ourselves and completed posters about ourselves which have been made into a book and picture of ourselves on our first day. We have also discussed that a sentence is made up of words and words are made up of letters. We had some fun with a sentence finally deciding that for a sentence to work it must make sense. I have not sent home readers for the children as I will be updating their assessment in the next week or so. The children have brought home ‘cuddle books’. I explained to the children that this is an opportunity to sit and have a cuddle with Mum or Dad and read together.

In Maths we have been focussing on counting, writing our numbers correctly and on Friday played a game of buzz.

Years 2/3

In Maths we have been focussing on learning a new tuning in counting activity. We also looked at place value and addition using bundles and sticks. The children have been quite excited to get their new work books and are enjoying using them.

Next week the art van will be at school, so can you please make sure that your child has a suitable Art smock which will protect their clothes.

Have a great week-end. Sue

Messaging system will be tested this week

We have a messaging system for last minute reminders and urgent messages.

PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE MESSAGE AS IT WILL COST YOU 90 cents.

If you need to contact us please ring 57551026 or 0437 377 150
Reminders from Kristie who usually works on a Tuesday and Thursday

Dear Parents,

To assist with meeting the costs of camps, book charges, uniforms and incidentals, I would like to encourage you to make small weekly payments of $15 to $20, by setting up your bank to make automatic Bpay payments each week throughout the year. Any credits at the end of the year will be transferred to the next year.

This method is already being used successfully by a number of families which has made life much easier for them.

Payments using Bpay will show up on your bank statement as DEECD. Your family’s Bpay number is at the bottom of your invoice.

Please enquire with me if you require assistance.

There are still uniform items yet to arrive. I do have some polo shorts available to purchase from me now at a cost of $15.00. Another uniform order will be sent home shortly. Unfortunately I could not source the dress or the bags at a cheaper rate than first quoted. Therefore for those of you who would still like to order a school dress it will be available on the next order form.

FIFTEEN MILE CREEK CAMP

We are currently making plans for a camp for year 4/5/6 at 15 Mile Creek Camp with Harrietville School in the mid-year. Details will be available when arrangements are confirmed.

Quote form the last trip

“It was awesome fun and we all wish we could have stayed for the whole 5 days. We have made a board in the classroom just about camp with lots of reports, stories and pictures please come in and have a look. A huge BIG thank you to all the leaders and teachers at 15 Mile Creek Camp. We all had a great time.”

MUSIC TEACHER AVAILABLE

Composer and classical performer, Emili Rackemann, is now offering private and group lessons in piano, flute and creative writing here at the Wandiligong School and in her private studio after school hours.

Having studied a Bachelor of Music in classical performance at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, her teaching skills offer an array of opportunity for students, ranging from Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) criteria to creative writing and music theory.

All ages and levels are welcome.

For tuition fees and further information, feel free to visit her website:

www.brightpianoandmusiceducation.com

Or contact Emili on: 0402 509 873 or via email: emili@emilirackemann.com
A fresh start to the first day back at school. We hope you had great holidays and you’re ready to blast off back into school.

The first day of school was a bright happy day that gave the students time to settle in to the year of 2016. All of the students seemed happy in their new places and that they’re ready for a year full of discovery, and learning about new Things. A pinch of excitement sprinkled over the day as we had what Molly Stevens believed was a snake. Soon after the snake had seen Mrs. Smith coming with the shovel it thought “I’d better get out of here” and disappeared into the paddock next door. It was a good experience for the little people for there was a practice drill, in case for next time they know what to do and don’t stress out. We now have a parent café for you to relax and grab a coffee or tea for only 50 cents while you are waiting around, so next time you’re up at the school take the time and grab a coffee or two and relax.

We also have a new uniform which is ocean blue. We haven’t ordered the dresses for the girls yet but the uniform really stands out and looks spectacular.

There is a new teacher unless you haven’t noticed, her name is Anna Reid and she is new and fresh. She is very creative and has imagination that stretches for miles on end, with brilliant ideas and learning tasks for the students. She is kind and understanding and will give the school a boost.

Mrs. Smith is now our principle after taking leave for a while. She is a strong and positive woman that would never give up in anything, she will always try hard. She is funny and has a sense of humour which is a great thing.

Mrs. Manning is polite and a merry person and is always going down the positive road. She is always doing the right thing and taking good care of other people. She always happy to help out and is always right there for you when you need her.

We hope the little kids are enjoying school and that they look forward to the years to come, and that they are saying positive things to you, parents that they are having great fun and learning lots. We hope that they always learn the best out of everything because as they say you never stop learning!

By: India & Ella
Bright Mums for Mums
pre-loved charity sale

13 Sat FEB 2016
9am - 2pm
Bright Senior Citizens Centre

Kids Clothes (newborn to 6yr)
Toys, Books
Ladies Clothes
Baby Accessories

100's of items all priced to clear

Credit facilities available

All Proceeds to be Donated to
Newborn Emergency Transport Service (NETS)
NETS provides critical care transport for newborn babies needing care not available where they are born. They help around one in 36 babies born in North East Victoria.