Gala Day Float - This year’s theme

Alpine Life

This is the amazing cattleman’s hut that Glenn has built for our float. We hope you all have your costumes organized and remember if you are a paraglider or a rock climber etc please consider joining us on Saturday.

After school Softball

This is a free After School Activity.

We received our shiny new softball kit this week which we are very excited to start using.

Tuesday May 3rd will be the start of our after school softball sessions.

The sessions will go from 3.45 – 5 pm
Staff responsibility for the supervision of children commences at 8.50 am.

This week I have taken the time to review our supervision policy by comparing our documentation to other schools. Supervision is an operational matter, and therefore one of those policies that the school council is not required to write. The supervision policy has now been rewritten as a very comprehensive and easily understood document. I will send the full document out to parents once it has been rechecked by the DEET Legal Department.

There will be no change to staff arrival times at school and the staff briefing for the day will still occur at 8.30am in the staffroom.

However, I believe that most parents may not be aware that staff do not actually assume responsibility for children until 8.50am.

Essentially it is important for parents to be aware that staff are not rostered to assume responsibility for the supervision of children for the day, until 8.50 am.

Commencing Monday May 2nd under the guidelines of the revised policy; the children will arrive at school, put their bags in their lockers and go immediately to the play areas designated as before school areas. These areas are the COLA (no balls allowed), the tennis court (balls allowed) and the bars visible from the staffroom next to the tennis court gate.

Parents are asked to not send their children before 8.50 am as the school will not assume responsibility for them until the duty roster commences for the day.

Children who arrive with their parents before 8.50am will simply remain their responsibility until this time.

Families who need to send their children earlier than 8.50am, will need to discuss the issue with me, so that we can make an arrangement regarding responsibility for their child’s safety.

I am hopeful that these changes to our before school routines make very little difference to your family routines and that we all adapt and move forward without any further issues of concern arising.

TEACHER REPORTS

Mrs Manning            prep / 1

Prep/Year 1

Although a short week, we packed lots of learning activities in. The focus for the Prep/1s has been to identify their sight words in the texts they are reading. The Preps are very excited when they are able to identify a number of words correctly in texts! In Writing this week we have revised recounts focusing on the activities of the weekend and our visit to the Life Ed. Van and Harold. The children certainly enjoyed their time with Harold the giraffe and learning about safe and healthy choices.

In Maths the children have focused on place value, counting, addition and finally capacity. The children working with numbers, identifying which number is before or after. Thank you to those parents who lent me their tubs for our capacity unit. The children tested their estimates of which containers were larger or smaller.

Year 2/3 Maths

This week we worked with larger numbers. Writing them, reading them and making them. We also worked with angles and made our own ‘angle maker’. We found many items in the classroom which had right angles and discussed why this might be so. We finished the week working with capacity and decided that it was important to use the same measuring device to check the capacity of containers rather than a variety of devices. All the children worked well and were able to talk about what they had learnt during the lessons.

NAPLAN Testing

The National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016 tests for Years 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May 2016. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.
Sunsmart

Commencing Monday the children will not be required to wear their sunhats. It would be great if parents could wash them when they arrive home and then we can store them here at school clean and ready for the start of term 4.

Netball competition

This season netball registration this Thursday 28 April at the stadium from 4pm to 6pm. "Net Set Go" (like Auskick for netballers) focusing on skills, will run for kids in prep to Grade 3 and a bargain at $50 includes a t-shirt and netball. Juniors from Grade 3 up to 17 year olds $80. Netball will start Monday 9 May. Times will depend on numbers. All welcome.

This week a round of applause goes to:

- Sarah Higman for driving the swimming bus for us on Friday.
- Imogen, Lucy, Kelly and Jodi for their work culling the readers 😊
- Glenn and Rosie for a really fabulous float this year
- Gavan Mcrae for volunteering to drive the float in the parade.
- Thank you to Indiah, Grace, Amber and Molly S for laying the wreath at the ANZAC day service on Monday.
- Peter Mack for his years of service as a councillor and as School Council President. Your work over the years has been appreciated
- Thank you also to Sam McGrath who makes us a beautiful wreath every year.
- Simon Lodge for the cleanup Thursday morning disposing of the scrap metal from around the tennis court and for putting the soap dispenser up.
- Thank you 😊

Reminder that Kristie usually works on a Tuesday and Thursday, and will be here on those days this week coming. Money, notes and forms are to be posted in the mail slot in Kristie's office door is she is not at work.
BRIGHT SOCCER CLUB – JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAYS 2016

Soccer is a great team sport for both boys and girls. We train on Saturday mornings at 9am at the P-12 College and every few weeks we have Gala Days and play games with neighbouring soccer clubs. The season will begin on the Saturday 16th April and will run to mid-September.

There will be two Registration Days - Saturday 16th April & Saturday 23rd May at 9am followed by training. The cost is $70 for the season for the first child. Each child after that costs $65. This includes FFA registration insurance and club membership. New players will require a uniform for training and gala days. The Compulsory Uniform pack is around $60 for each player. This includes a shirt with their name on the back, shorts, socks and shin guard.

Previous players can register online on www.myfootballclub.com.au - You'll need to find your child's FFA number or do a search. New players can register and create their FFA number on the same website. Our club name is Bright SC.

Payment is made directly to the club by cash or cheque at the Registration Days or by direct credit to the Bright Soccer Club. BSB 013 545 Acc Number 493978938 using your child's surname and initial as a reference. There are forms to be filled in on the Registration Day as well.

If you have any queries, please call 0409 501 465 or email joshua hoare@bigpond.com

New players can register & create their FFA number on the same website.

Please bring your e-invoice on registration day. Any queries, comment below or PM me.
The Alpine based Wandiligong state school no.275, built in 1877, was designed to accommodate 200 students. Both the climate and the sloping hillside of the site provided a challenge for Bastow. He solved the problem by creating a split-level design with matching gables and encircled the building in verandahs.

Brick arches, and a distinctive square tower also added to the picturesque gothic look.

The first school was opened in 1860 under a canvas roof. When the Education Act was introduced the student population more than doubled.

In Victorian times the spread of disease was an issue, particularly in poorly built and overcrowded schools. Inadequate toilet facilities, washbasins and ventilation led to such an excessive outbreak of measles in 1874 that the Wandiligong State School had to be closed.

The community lobbied for a new school with better ventilation. The new Bastow design incorporated a ventilation system that had only just been developed, making Wandiligong State School the first to trial the system. The Tobin ventilation system circulated fresh air into the building by inserting a little tube into the wall cavity through the exterior wall at floor level.