Gala Day Float – Best float in parade
Alpine Life
A huge thank you to Rosie and Glenn for all their work and a sincere thank you to Gavan Mcrae who helped them out with preparation the day before the parade and then he drove the float for us again this year.

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

May
9th -12th NAPLAN testing
10th After school sports 3.45-5 pm
13th 2/3 swimming
20th 4/5/6 swimming
20th Walk To School
27th Grip Leadership
June
3rd 4/5/6 swimming
8th Sports day Myrtleford we will miss this one.
6th -10th Fifteen Mile Creek
13th Queen’s weekend
14th Report writing Day
15th Sports day Myrtleford.
17th 4/5/6 swimming
24th 4/5/6 swimming
24th Last day term 2
July
11th First day term 3
13th Back up Sports day Myrtleford

August
September
16th last day term 3
October
November
December

What happened this week?
 Library van Anthony Lawler was here.
 2/3 went swimming
 After school softball started and got the thumbs up from the children who participated.
 Interschool sports in Myrtleford was a huge success
 We won best float in the parade

This week’s Reminders
 Sunhats have been sent home to be washed. Please return them to school so that we can store them ready for the start of the declared Sun Smart period later in the year.
 Beanies have arrived Kristie will unpack the order and get order forms out to you
 Please let me know if you are interested in a long sleeve polo top so that Kristie can decide if we have enough interest to do an order this week.

Star Performers
These children are doing a great job and working incredibly hard to achieve:
Jackson, Archer and Sam

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Julie Smith
Principal
Hats to be washed at home and returned to school ASAP before they disappear into cupboard like they do at my house 😊

Long sleeved tops
We realize that a 12 week turn around form the order date is definitely not ideal. Most families would rather wait until next year. However I will let everyone know if we have enough orders to purchase the tops this year.

Fifteen Mile Creek Costing
The cost of the 4 / 5/ 6 Fifteen Mile Creek will be $155. This is lower than we initially quoted, therefore the numbers are tight and unfortunately the $50 deposit is non-refundable. If your child does not attend the camp your refund will be $105 only. We discussed this with the camp admin officer and decided that the discounted price would be the preferred option for most families.

Readers
Most parents of the younger children will have noticed that the reader boxes have been relocated. This is because we want to have all the readers level 8-30 in the same space. We have a significant number of books in the library that are junior fiction books that have not been levelled and therefore not being used. We have new book boxes ordered and our mission is to expand the number of readers available in our reading scheme. This is a massive job; however when we are finished we will have the guided reading texts for classroom work in the classrooms, and student readers from all three classrooms easily accessible and visible. The older children will have their genre boxes converted to Lexile levels so that we can continue to match ability with appropriate levels. It is apparent from what we have already done that we will need a new shelf above the bench to hold all the book boxes that will be in the computer room. We have also booked some book sellers to visit the school. We will be able to easily see which levels are depleted and need replenishing while they are here at school. Thanks again to our parents for culling the readers. We are very serious about promoting reading and ensuring that everyone is achieving steady progress through the levels.

All parents can help achieve our reading goal by listening to their child read every night and also by sharing books with them too. Please ask your children when you collect them each night: do you have your reader? do you have your jumper?

WORKING BEE Sunday May 15th
Jobs to be done. Please let Simon Lodge know if you can attend 0431 853 538,

- We desperately need a working bee for the following issues
- We have a decaying tree stump that needs to be removed near the oval and we need to take action ASAP
- Debris around the tennis court needs clearing
- There is a pipe above the ground that needs removing near the cubby
- The cubby needs boards replacing
- The outdoor seats in the courtyard need urgent attention
- Car parking bays marked in the carpark
- Planned retainer walls completed
- COLA rebound wall painted and coloured art work added to the sleepers (Sara has some ideas about this and I have spoken to Jo Briscomb about the recycled mural that Sara has suggested
- Pictures hung in back door foyer area and ideas re furniture.
- Garden edging rocks all replaced and wood chip pile spread on garden
- The large bits of scrap metal behind the tennis court wall needs to be removed
- The back fence needs to be reinstated.
- Piles of tree debris in the chestnut paddock needs to be burnt
- This is just my list. I know Simon has more jobs on his and I am sure that most of you have also noticed things that need attention too.
T HIS WEEK’s SCIENCE QUESTIONS

What does a bee do with its scorpa?

Which of the following plants is not a member of the allium genus.

(A) onions  (B) garlic  (C) leeks  (D) carrots

Mrs Manning

Prep / 1

In Reading this week we have focussed on our big book “I want my Mum”. Many of the Year 1s had the opportunity to read the book to the whole class as the week progressed. Fluency and in particular expression was explored by the children when it was their turn. The Prep children have been excited when they recognise more and more words from their word list in texts. In Writing we have created cards, written text responses to literature and focussed on the beginning of stories. The children were very proud of the special secret card they made with special messages to their mums. In Maths we continue to become more confident recognising and reading larger numbers and being able to sort numbers from smallest to largest. The Preps have begun working with numbers from 11 to 20 with a focus on reading them correctly. This can be a bit of a stumbling block as children will say eighty for eighteen, etc. We began work with money and the images stamped on one side. A great week’s work.

Year 2/3

The main focus for the week has been NAPLAN preparation. Discussing the types of questions, how to read them and what they mean. We have also been working with pre-algebraic addition and subtraction questions and the children are definitely gaining a better understanding of how to respond to these type of number sentences. The children have also explored the ‘jump strategy’ when subtracting. It is very pleasing to see the children developing responsibility to their work as we didn’t quite finish all our work in one session so as a class it was decided that we would continue the next day. When I walked in, books were already out and the children were starting on completing what we hadn’t done. Well done, 2/3s

Thank you to Rosie, Felicity, Cass and the staff who assisted with the cross country practise on Friday morning. Having experienced a natural environment to train for cross country prepares the children better for the upcoming event next Friday at Porepunkah. Well done also to all the children who ran this morning.

Mrs Reid

Year 2/3

This week the 2/3 class prepared for the NAPLAN testing for next week. They also continued their persuasive writing focus with Mrs Smith. In reading groups students were shown video of the 4/5/6 class reading their own flipped fairy tales. I have been blown away by the efforts of students written stories and hope they will share these at pride night.

Continuing in reading this week our focus was on ‘Use Prior Knowledge to Connect With Text’. Using prior knowledge can help students connect their own experiences with the text to better understand and make sense of what they are reading.

Year 4 / 5 /6

This week the 4/5/6 class has also had a focus on NAPLAN preparation. I congratulate the efforts of last week’s recordings of their flipped fairy tales, all students were able to use expression and read fluently for an audience.
This week we started a revision topic of time that will run for the next two weeks. This will have a focus on 24-hour time and timetables. I encourage parents to discuss timetables with your child to show the real life importance of this e.g. Bus timetables and rosters.

The 4/5/6 participated in inter school sports on Wednesday; it was great to see the enthusiasm and participation of all students. We were very lucky with the weather and all Bright/ Harrietville /Wandiligong teams showed true sportsmanship and supported each other in all football and netball games.

**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.

**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 Fridays for the littlies.
- 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.
- Peter Mack for his years of service as a councillor and as School Council President. Your work over the years has been appreciated
- Simon Lodge for the cleanup Thursday morning disposing of the scrap metal from around the tennis court and for putting the soap dispensers up.
- Mrs Manning for mapping out the crosscountry course in the diggings
- Mrs Reid for supervising the 4/5/6 children at the interschool sports
- Thank you 😊

**Reminder**
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.
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 joshuahoare@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.

WANDI’S CROSS COUNTRY COURSE:

The children will run every morning weather permitting during sports time, for the years 3-6 only.

The running course winds around the diggings beside the river. The children walk along School Road and down the unsealed lane way opposite the Old Post Office. They cross the road and walk down the side of the house via the unsealed laneway to the birdhide. The children start running in the direction of the pub and then loop back into a figure eight. When finished back at the spot where they started everyone returns back to school the same way they travelled to get to the diggings.

The teachers are spread along the course to make sure everyone knows which way to go.

See map below.