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Photos
Order forms have been handed out today. All forms need to come back on Thursday 2nd March and handed straight to the photographer.
If you would like a sibling group photo please call into the office to collect a separate order form.

Principal’s Report
School Council Elections
What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:
- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.
Call for Nominations

We will commence the election process next week by calling for nominations from Friday 17th of February. The closing date for nominations is Friday 24th of February. Nomination forms will be available from the school office. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Learning to Read – the Benefits of Reading for Pleasure

Learning reading skills is vital, however recent research into reading shows that developing positive attitudes towards reading can also play a key role in children's development. Research shows that reading for pleasure has a positive impact on children’s attainment in reading assessments. Children who read for pleasure have an enhanced level of understanding (comprehension) of what they read, an increased knowledge of grammar and show improvement in their own writing.

The advantages of reading for pleasure go beyond academic achievement. Other benefits for our students include, an increased breadth of vocabulary, pleasure in reading in later life, a better general knowledge and a deeper understanding of ideas, experiences, places and times our children may never otherwise experience in real life.

Young people who enjoy reading are nearly five times as likely to read above the expected level for their age compared with young people who do not enjoy reading. Natural Literacy Trust, 2012.

Foster a love of reading at home! Read with your children. Read to your children. Listen to your children read. Talk about reading and books with enthusiasm. Visit the library together. Tune into your child’s own interests and curiosity and hook them into reading.

I recently had the pleasure of listening to the great children’s author Mem Fox speak at an educational conference. In her words, "Make reading magical, make children want to read. Find quality literature to share with your children that’s engaging, exciting, a great story with fabulous illustrations and rich language. Make reading joyful!"

**Marcus Batt - Principal**

Classroom News

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<td>Aleara Flint - for being very clever with her maths and working hard at everything she does! Well done Aleara!</td>
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<td>PEH</td>
<td>Xavier MacDonald – for always working beautifully in the classroom. Well done!</td>
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<td>PCB</td>
<td>Ostin Krastins - for settling in so well and being such a great listener in class.</td>
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<td>PJM</td>
<td>Jordyn Fox - for being a kind and caring classmate and for her fantastic letter writing, well done Jordyn!</td>
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<td>1DP</td>
<td>Caleb Kelly - for always trying his best.</td>
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<td>1AO</td>
<td>Phoenix Kennedy - for being an enthusiastic learner.</td>
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<td>12G</td>
<td>Ben Bills - for his great mathematical thinking and being able to find patterns in numbers to assist him with his problem solving.</td>
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<td>2EW</td>
<td>Nash Faithfull - for a sensational start to Grade 2.</td>
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<td>2MF</td>
<td>Isabella Wearne - for her excellent writing during narratives. They have been very captivating. Well done!</td>
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<td>2MC</td>
<td>Hannah Smith - for settling quickly to her work and always giving her best effort. Well done!</td>
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<td>3ME</td>
<td>Mitchell Johnson – your work ethic is outstanding.</td>
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<td>3CM</td>
<td>Hayden Smith - for listening carefully and completing all tasks to the very best of his ability. Keep up the great work Hayden!</td>
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<td>3RN</td>
<td>Nick Sweetman - for having an amazing start to the year. You have been a superstar worker Nick!</td>
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<td>4FM</td>
<td>Aiden Pappin - for settling in so well at Lucknow. You have already made friends and we are very happy to have you in our grade.</td>
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<td>4LB</td>
<td>Sarah Batt – is an excellent student who is taking responsibility for her learning.</td>
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<td>4BB</td>
<td>Ashley Westwood - for being a kind, caring and conscientious student who is always willing to help and tries her best in all of her learning. Well done.</td>
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<td>45D</td>
<td>Mia Stubbs - for settling in so beautifully into Lucknow this year and sharing her dazzling smile each day with us.</td>
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<td>5TB</td>
<td>Darcy Blunt and Bryce Lawford - for making such positive, productive starts to their first senior year of primary school.</td>
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<td>5CA</td>
<td>Mitchell Whimpress - for his respectful behaviour and willingness to have a go at everything.</td>
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<td>56N</td>
<td>Tom Davis - you are a champion!! Your positive and calm way of setting examples for others to follow is outstanding.</td>
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<td>6FW</td>
<td>James King - for showing amazing resilience, working tough and getting great results with his work. Keep it up James.</td>
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<td>6KE</td>
<td>Milly Mahon – demonstrating outstanding organisational skills and careful presentation of her work.</td>
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Lost
1 Purple Fitbit on the 16 February at school. If any students have accidently picked it up could you please return it to Rahni O’Connor in 3RN.

School Cross Country and Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser
This year we have decided to combine the School Cross Country with the Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser. This event will be held on Friday the 17th of March. Therefore, instead of children doing the school cross country on one day and then the fun run/walk fundraiser on another day, the two events will be combined.

Cross Country Information
Children who are in the 5/6/7 and 8 year old age groups will run their course between 9.00am and 10.30am and children who are in the 9/10/11 and 12 year old age groups will run their course between 11.30am and 1.30pm.

Please note – Children’s age groups are determined by the age they are turning this year.

Children who are in the 5/6/7 and 8 year old age groups will complete a course that will incorporate the large oval near the school car park and the football oval. Their finish line will be at the end of the line of trees that separate the large oval from the football oval. The order of racing for the first session will be as follows – 8y.o boys, 8y.o girls, 7y.o boys, 7y.o girls, 5/6y.o boys, 5/6y.o girls.

Children who are in the 9 and 10 year old age groups will complete a course that is approximately 2km’s in length. Their course will start on the track near the football oval and follow it around to complete the large oval. They will then go on a loop around ‘Hacks Track’ that will go past the rotunda and across the 2 small foot bridges before returning back up the track. The 9 and 10 year olds will then follow the track near the football oval again until they get to the line of trees that separate the football oval from the large oval. The finish line will be at the end of the line of trees.

Children who are in the 11 and 12 year old age groups will complete a course that is approximately 3km’s in length. Their course will start on the track near the football oval and follow it around to complete the large oval. They will then go on a loop around ‘Hacks Track’ that will go past the rotunda and across the 2 small foot bridges before returning back up the track. The 11 and 12 year olds will then follow the track near the football oval again and complete the large oval again. They will follow the track near the football oval for a third time until they get to the line of trees that separate the football oval from the large oval. The finish line will be at the end of the line of trees. The order of racing for the second session will be as follows – 12y.o boys, 12y.o girls, 11y.o boys, 11y.o girls, 10y.o boys, 10y.o girls, 9y.o boys, 9y.o girls.

The children in all grades will have the opportunity to walk and run through their courses during Phys Ed sessions. It would also be extremely beneficial if children could do some extra running at home as training for the Cross Country/Fun Run.

The first 6 children who cross the finish line in the 10, 11 and 12 year old age groups and the children who place 1st and 2nd in the 9 year old age group will have the opportunity to represent the School at the Divisional Cross Country being held at Nagle College on Monday the 5th of June.

Parents are more than welcome to come and encourage and support children on the day.

Children will receive ribbons for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their age groups and children will also receive house points for participating in the Cross Country.

Children will receive 30 points for placing 1st, 20 points for placing 2nd and 10 points for placing 3rd. All other children will receive a well done ribbon and 5 points for participating in the Cross Country.

From today, we commence the School Fun Run which is a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular providing landscaped play areas for children to enjoy.

The fundraiser is all about participation! Students raise funds and are rewarded with fantastic incentive prizes, and it finishes with the School Fun Run. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to participate.

How Does My Child Fundraise?
Students have now received a Sponsorship Form which will assist in raising funds for the school. Please read through the Sponsorship Form and get familiar with the five steps to supercharge your fundraising.

Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts.
There are over 70 prizes on offer, so best to select your favourite and make this your fundraising goal.

Student Profile Page
Create a profile page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and you’re in the draw to win an Apple WATCH. It’s that simple! There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.

You can also register for online fundraising. It’s the easiest way to boost your funds raised and to achieve your fundraising goal sooner. The average raised per student using online fundraising is a staggering $115. Achieve that and more and there’s an awesome prize right there!

Major Promotion
Simply raise $30 or more in donations and one lucky family will WIN a $5,000 Cruiseabout Gift Voucher which can be used towards any cruise, from any port, to any destination. To register, create a profile page online and click ‘Choose your Cruise Draw’.

How to Order Prizes
As a reward for your efforts, each child will receive an incentive prize based on the total amount of sponsorship raised. Please complete Step 5 on the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name and class. Student incentive prizes will be delivered shortly after the fundraiser has finalised.

As long as you do your best that’s all that matters! Thank you in advance for your participation, and Happy Fundraising!

Debbie Dooley and Student Leadership Team

District Swimming Sports
Congratulations to all children who competed in the District Swimming Sports on Wednesday the 15th of February at the Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool.

All children performed extremely well and we are very proud of their efforts. It was great to see so many parents in attendance at the sports to support and encourage our swimming team. A special thank you to Alli Hopkins and Maree Turnbull who ensured that all children marshalled for events on time.

Children who placed 1st or 2nd in an event will now have the opportunity to compete at the Division Swimming Sports which will be held on Wednesday the 22nd of February at the Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool. The following children will represent our School and District at the next level of competition -:

12y.o girls – Bianca Croucher – Freestyle, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Freestyle)
Kyra Burton - Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Breaststroke)
Phoebe Long – Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Backstroke)
Natalie Mullens – Freestyle Relay

12y.o boys – Will Brown – Freestyle, Backstroke, Open Medley (Breaststroke)

11y.o girls – Celeste Ellis – Freestyle, backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Butterfly)

11y.o boys – Will Brown – Freestyle, Backstroke, Open Medley (Breaststroke)

9/10 y.o girls – Layla Chapman – Freestyle, backstroke, Freestyle Relay (11 y.o girls)
Kate Rossack – Freestyle, Freestyle Relay

9/10 y.o boys – Jonah Walker – Freestyle, backstroke, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Breaststroke)

Corbin Blake – Freestyle, Breastroke, Butterfly, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Butterfly)

Hudson Tarling – Freestyle Relay

Ryan Cullinan – Freestyle Relay

Corbin Blake qualified to swim in the 9/10y.o boy’s backstroke and Jonah Walker qualified to swim in the 9/10y.o boy’s butterfly event however, children are only allowed to compete in 3 individual events and 2 relays at the division level of competition. An outstanding effort, Corbin and Jonah!

We also had a couple of children who placed third in their events which was also a fantastic effort.

We wish all our swimmers the best of luck at the Division Swimming Sports and look forward to hearing results after the event.

Student Leadership Training Day
Today the Student Leadership Team and Junior School Council Representatives were involved in a Leadership Training Day. The Junior School Council Representatives joined the first part of
the session where children watched a DVD that was presented by the GRIP Leadership Team. The DVD focused on teaching children the 10 tips to public speaking which were -:
1. Know my objective
2. Write out my talk
3. Practise my presentation
4. Introduce myself
5. Have confidence
6. Have clear points
7. Make eye contact
8. Add dynamic to your voice
9. Style should reflect myself
10. Finish with a strong statement

During the second session the Student Leaders participated in some activities to assist with improving their confidence and technique when public speaking. One activity was called ‘Big Fat Liar’. The children had to say three facts about themselves. Two facts had to be true and one had to be a lie. This game was heaps of fun and children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.

The second activity was called ‘The Introduction Game’. Children worked with their School Captain or House Captain partner. The children had to stand on the stage with their partner and use the microphone to introduce them. This activity gave children a great opportunity to think about all the fantastic attributes and qualities that their partner has and was certainly a confidence booster for everyone.

Congratulations to our Student Leadership Team and Junior School Council Representatives for their enthusiasm and involvement today. We are certainly looking forward to working with you throughout the year.

Warren Fyfe and Debbie Dooley
(Student Leadership Co-ordinators)
Alli Hopkins
(Junior School Council Co-ordinator)

Tomatoes
Tomatoes will be available at this Friday assembly from the Lucknow Primary School Garden Club. $1.00

Community News

Mixed All Abilities Netball
Bairnsdale Netball Association is running a 6 week Mixed All Abilities netball program in term 1.
Cooper’s Success Story

Come along and meet world leading experts in SIDS and SUDC (Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood).

Presenting the results of Coopers Research and the difference he has made in the world.

$15 per head
2 course dinner
(This has been subsidised by the Cooper Trewin Foundation)
Drinks at bar prices
Raffle on the night
6th March 2017
6pm - 9pm
Bairstowe Sporting & Convention Centre

Limited Tickets available so get in fast!

RSVP:
Kylie Trewin 0447 873 946
Friday 3rd March 2017

Australian Beach Games

Sports is better played on the beach
Lakes Entrance
14-19 March 2017

Australian Beach Games is a new and exciting multisport games FESTIVAL that is based on a variety of sports played on and around the beach.

Schools Cup
Wednesday 15th March
Beach Volleyball
Thursday 16th March
Dodgeball
Friday 17-19 March 2017
Fun Run/Life Saving & Triathlon

www.australianbeachgames.com.au

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