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Reminders

**Uniforms** – Could you please check your child’s uniforms to make sure all items are clearly named. This will enable us to return them to you.

**Permission Notes** – If you haven’t done so already please return the purple permission notes back to your child’s class teacher. Please circle appropriate permission.

**Skoolbag App** – Please return the reply slip at the bottom of last weeks newsletter. If it is not returned it will be assumed you no longer want paper copies of the newsletter.

**CSEF Applications** – Please see attached form.

Principal’s Report

**Attendance and Punctuality**
Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years. Daily school attendance is important for all children to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Similarly, when students are late to school they become unsettled and miss vital information for the day. Students who arrive to school on time, consolidate vital connections with their friends and are ready for learning.

Children who regularly attend school have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is therefore very important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation maximises life opportunities for children by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values, which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

If your need support to ensure that your child attends school every day, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or make a time to talk with Mr Fyfe or myself.

**Parents and Reading**
Research by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research has confirmed what many have known for a long time – the importance of reading to children from an early age.

Reading to children six to seven days a week puts them almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to. Four to five year olds who are read to three to five times a week have the same reading ability as children six months older who are read to only twice or less a week.

It also found that reading to children has a positive effect on numeracy skills. A study of 4000 students, from aged four or five through to age 10 or 11, found that the benefits were the same regardless of income, educational level and cultural background. So if you are not reading to and with your child as much as you could, remember it is one of the most important things you can do for their future.

**Inspire: Local Leaders Program**
Yesterday I had the pleasure to work with Pauline Canfield – Swifts Creek PS, Tony Roberts – Paynesville PS and Simon Prior – Lakes Entrance PS to complete the facilitators training for the Inspire: Local Leaders Program.
Building teachers leadership skills is pivotal to increasing the number of quality leaders for school leadership roles.

The Inspire program provides high potential leaders with the foundational capabilities required for school leadership. Inspire will develop the knowledge and skills needed to start making a difference in a school. The program will ensure that participants are well-trained, well-networked and well-prepared to succeed as a leader.

Marcus Batt - Principal

Classroom News

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<td>Tully Robinson - for an absolutely fantastic start to school, you have settled in beautifully and are doing a marvellous job! Well done Tully!</td>
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<td>PEH</td>
<td>Tia Peys – for confidently adjusting to the classroom routines and for including others in your play. Well done!</td>
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<td>Tori Williams - for being great listener and always very willing to get on with her tasks. Well done Tori</td>
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<td>PJM</td>
<td>Dylan Greenwood - for a confident start to his Prep year and making excellent choices.</td>
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<td>1DP</td>
<td>Tom Carter - for being a helpful classmate</td>
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<td>Abby Johansen - for being a helpful classmate.</td>
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<td>Frankie Prior - for her great start to the year, always attentive and she is exhibiting some great typing skills in ICT.</td>
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<td>Kodi Robinson – for being a considerate, caring and helpful class member.</td>
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<td>Charlie Mahon - for a fabulous start to Grade Two. You have worked very hard and have been a considerate member of the class. Well done!</td>
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<td>2MC</td>
<td>Brayden Savory - for making an excellent start to the school year. Well Done!</td>
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<td>3ME</td>
<td>Tori Laity – you have made a wonderful start to Grade 3!</td>
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<td>3CM</td>
<td>Addiena Bittner - for being a kind, considerate class member who always looks out for others.</td>
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<td>3RN</td>
<td>Rhani O’Connor - for starting the year with great focus. Well done Rhani, you are setting a great example in our class!</td>
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<td>4FM</td>
<td>Caylee- Welcome to Lucknow Primary School! We are very lucky to have you in our grade and we look forward to getting to know you.</td>
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<td>4LB</td>
<td>Aksel Hilbrands - has made an excellent start to the year. He is listening carefully and completing all tasks to the very best of his ability. A fantastic start to the year.</td>
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Trials for District Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all children who competed in the district swimming trials on Tuesday the 7th of February at the Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool. It was great to see so many children getting involved and having a go. A special thank you to all our fantastic teachers and parents who assisted with marshalling and recording. Thank you to everyone who provided support and encouragement for the children during their events.

As a result of placing 1st and 2nd in their individual event, the following children will now represent the school at the District Swimming Sports to be held at the Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool on Wednesday the 15th of February from 12.00pm – 2.00pm. Children who placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in freestyle will represent our school in the freestyle relay event.

12y.o girls – Bianca Croucher – Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Freestyle)

Kyra Burton - Freestyle, Breaststroke, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Breaststroke)

Phoebe Long – Backstroke, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Backstroke)

Natalie Mullens – Freestyle Relay

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

Leo Marino - Freestyle

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

Tayla Hughes – Freestyle. Backstroke, Freestyle Relay

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Olivia Rees – Breastroke, Freestyle Relay  
11 y.o boys – Brock Spanton – Freestyle, Backstroke, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Freestyle)  
Jack Saulle – Freestyle, Freestyle Relay  
Jovi Kellow – Backstroke, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Backstroke)  
Ethan Pitt – Freestyle Relay  
9/10 y.o girls – Layla Chapman – Freestyle, backstroke, Breastroke, Freestyle Relay (ll y.o girls)  
Kate Rossack – Freestyle, Freestyle Relay  
Ashley Westwood – Backstroke, Breastroke, Freestyle Relay  
Katherine Dulake – Freestyle Relay  
Heidi Carter – Freestyle Relay  
9/10 y.o boys – Jonah Walker – Freestyle, backstroke, Breastroke, Butterfly, Freestyle Relay  
Corbin Blake – Freestyle, backstroke, Breastroke, Butterfly, Freestyle Relay, Open Medley (Butterfly)  
Hudson Tarling – Freestyle Relay  
Ryan Cullinan – Freestyle Relay  
We wish all our swimmers the best of luck on Wednesday at the District Swimming Carnival and we look forward to hearing the results at Friday afternoon assembly.  
Debbie Dooley - Phys Ed Co-ordinator  

**Fitness Fanatics Update**  
Number of participants –Tuesday – 30  
Wednesday – 28  
Distance ran and/or walked- Tuesday – 28.5km  
Wednesday – 23km  
New members of the 10km club – Charlotte Jefferis  
New members of the 20km club – Caeleb Simmons  
New members of the 30km club – Ana-Belle Lawford  
Debbie Dooley - Fitness Fanatic  

**Attention: All year P,1,2 families.**  
Please be advised that students in years P,1 and 2 will be attending a performance at the Forge Theatre (at the BARC) on Wednesday 22nd March.  
Students will be attending the 1 pm Theatrical Performance of “Wind In The Willows.”  
Please keep your eye out for permission slips (and bus information) which will be sent home very soon.  

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience live theatre and is an essential part of the Lucknow Primary School Arts and Literacy program.  
We thank The Forge Theatre and Arts Hub for making this opportunity available to our community.  

Australian Shakespeare Company Presents….  
Kenneth Grahame’s immortal story of life on the riverbank is a rollicking yet gentle adventure with best friends Ratty, Mole, Badger, Otter and, of course, the pompous, arrogant, vain, hilarious Toad – a favourite with children everywhere.  

**Community News**  
**Nagle College Scholarships**  
Nagle College is continuing the tradition of offering High Achiever Scholarships for entry at all year levels. Scholarships are available for current and enrolling students and are offered in three categories – Academic Excellence; The Arts; and Sport.  
Scholarship applications for 2018 are currently being accepted; the closing date for these applications is Friday 3 March. All scholarship candidates will undertake the ACER Scholarship Test to be held at Nagle College on Saturday 18 March.  
Full details of the Scholarship Program, including eligibility criteria and applications, can be obtained from the Nagle College website and form part of the College Prospectus for new enrolment enquiries.  
Please contact Nagle College for further information or assistance.  

**Kidzclub**  
For Kids in Prep to Grade 6: 4.30-6.00pm Friday 17th February (and alternating Fridays thereafter)  
Bairnsdale Baptist Church, 134 Princess Hwy Lucknow  
Contact: Yvonne Francis 0410 281 668  

**PlayConnect Playgroup**  
Is a weekly facilitated playgroup for children aged 0-6 with Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD - like characteristics.  
This group is to meet the needs of families, their child and siblings.  
Wednesdays, 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Uniting Church Bairnsdale
PlayConnect Playgroups are a component of the Australian Government's *Helping Children with Autism* package.

### What is My Time

MyTime groups provide local support for parents and carers of a young child under 16 years with a disability or chronic medical condition.

MyTime groups are for parents and carers who want to have time out to connect with others and share their experiences. Groups provide unique support from other parents who have been there or are there right now. MyTime gives parents the chance to share ideas with others and find out about available community support in our area.

The program has research-based parenting information available at all group meetings. We have a variety of guest speakers who visit our group eg service providers with information on the National Disability Insurance Scheme).

#### How MyTime works

Each group is supported by workers – a facilitator for the parents and play helpers for the children. The facilitator works with the parent group, helping them get to know each other. The play helpers lead the children and siblings in play activities that are suited to the children’s ages and interests. This enables parents to spend time focusing on catching up with others for support to gain information about their child’s disability and service access. Our groups meet once a week for two hours.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for the group parents/carers must have a child under 16 who is eligible for the Carer Allowance. MyTime groups are free for parents and carers.

#### How to join MyTime

We have two groups which meet on Fridays at the Uniting Church, 710 Lanes Road Bairnsdale. A 10am – 12pm group and a 12.30-2.30pm group.

If interested please contact Rose McKenna (MyTime Facilitator) 0427576219.

MyTime is your time!

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### Get involved in the School Banking program.

Lucknow Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball, Colour Change Markers, 3D Chalk Set, Tablet Case, Smiley Emoji Keyring, Volt Handball, Pencil + Tech Case and Epic Earphones

#### Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. **Online**


2. **In branch**

   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day (Thursdays) using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname ________________________________
First name _______________________________
Address ___________________________________
Town/suburb _______________________________ State _______ Postcode ___________
Contact number ____________________________

Centrallink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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[ ] Foster parent* OR [ ] Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrallink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrallink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ________________________________ Date __ / __ / __

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CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold Card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.