A big thank you to all the Mitchell families (also those who aren't in Mitchell) who helped out with the barbecue in Castlemaine last Saturday. What a great success it was, raising $1296! It’s amazing what people power can achieve. Come on Barker! The bar has been set high! A very big thank you to Lynda Wilson and Di Selwood for their hard work and superlative organisation of the barbecue.

The Fathers Day raffle is still running. Tickets are $2 each and it will be drawn on Friday 5th September. Thank you to Raelene Elliott who organised all the gifts in this raffle.

And on the subject of Fathers Day…. This year the breakfast will be on Monday 8th September as Grade 3-4 will be at camp on the Friday. Dads… We hope you will join us on that Monday morning.

Don't forget the House Athletics tomorrow morning. They will run from 9am till 11am on our oval. Parents are invited come along. We would love some extra helpers and also a cheer squad.

Please book in for your Student Led conference as soon as possible. The booking code is on page 3 of this newsletter. It is an expectation that every child will do a student led conference for their parents and teacher.

Next week is Book Week, so we have some activities planned to celebrate this. The children are asked to bring along their favourite picture story book to share on Tuesday morning. We will also be following up with reading of the shortlisted books and a special activity during Peer Support next Thursday.

The week after is National Literacy and Numeracy Week, so some very special English and Maths activities are planned. More details in the newsletter next week.

The information and payment schedules are now with families for both the 3-4 and 5-6 camps. If you have payment issues with these, please make sure that you contact me to discuss these matters as we would like all children to be able to attend our camps. We still need horse walkers for the Grade 3-4 camp so if anyone has time to spare, please contact the office.

Planning is underway for 2015. If you are aware of anyone intending to bring their children here next year, please encourage them to make contact with the school. We would like all prospective enrolments completed as soon as possible.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:
- Grade 1/2: **Piers**: For his honest maths reflections.
- Grade 3/4: **Whole Grade**: Great work in Values Ed making Healthy Food presentations.
- **Lincoln**: For greater attention to punctuation in his writing.
- Grade 5/6: **Ella**: For great poetry.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Number of days that students have been away this week:

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Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 3/4**
Early Bird winner is **Grade P/1**

READING NIGHTS
Students that have achieved 100 nights of reading:
- **Izak**

Students that have achieved 125 nights of reading:
- **Isla, Isabelle**

Students that have achieved 150 nights of reading:
- **Eve, Lincoln, Riley**

Great Reading!

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS
Each week bring in lunch orders with correct money on either Monday, Tuesday or by 9am Wednesday.

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Great Schools Vegie Challenge Raffle
Raffle tickets available at the school office
$2 each
1st Prize: Bress Winery—Luncheon for four—Value $320
2nd: Rose Pillar—Tait Decorative Iron—Value $195
Drawn: 5th September
GREAT SCHOOLS HARVEST DINNER
Friday, 5th September 2014
More information to come.
Father’s Day Raffle—Tickets $2 each
1st Prize: Wheelbarrow filled with lots and lots of goodies and vouchers
Tickets to be sent home to families, extra books and tickets available at the office.
Drawn: 5th September

House Athletics
This Friday 15th August 9am to 11am. Parents, friends, toddlers are all welcome.
PARENT HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED.

Student Led Conferences
Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st August from 3.45pm to 5.15pm. 10 minutes each conference
Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th August from 3.45pm to 5.15pm. 10 minutes each conference
Note: Grade 3 students are only on Thursdays
Grade 4 students are only on Tuesdays
To book your child/ren conference go to:
http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter event code: 34R2J
Contact the school office staff if you have any questions.

Grade 3/4 Daylesford Camp
Dates: Wednesday September 3– Friday September 5, 2014
Total Cost: $250
3rd Instalment $50 due 14th August
4th Instalment $50 due 21st August
Final payment $50 due 28th August

Conveyance Allowance
The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance for parents/carers to transport children to and from school in rural and regional Victoria. Allowances are available for public transport, private car and private bus.
In some locations, students are unable to access free school buses. In these instances, students may receive a conveyance allowance to assist with travel costs.
To be eligible a student must:
Attend their closest government or non-government school/campus, appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and is located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary.
Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended (government and non-government students).
Payment amounts
Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance based on:
A distance based allowance when travel is by private car and/or private bus.

New Claims due by 22nd August 2014

Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp
Tuesday 28th October to Friday 31st October
Total Cost $350
Permission note and non-refundable deposit of $50 due by Friday 29th August.
A preliminary note was sent home last Friday with details of the camp and payment plan.

| Horse riding times. Helper are needed, contact |
| the office |
| Wednesday 2-5pm, Thursday 1-4pm and |
| Friday 9am-12pm |
FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Congratulations Mitchell!! Another fantastic HVPS fundraising effort was performed by Mitchell House last Saturday. With a shaky start and what looked like was going to be a skeleton crew of volunteers, Mitchell managed to rally the troops and raise a sensational total of $1296 with their Fathers Day raffle still running – who knows what their actual total will be. It’s just AWESOME!! Again the wood raffle was a great idea netting a tidy portion of the funds. The sale of delicious cakes, slices and other goodies also helped bolster the days taking. Thank you to all the wonderful families who made something for the day and a special thank-you to Tim Williams for donating and delivering the trailer of wood, which was won by Kelly Woodman of Harcourt. It was also fantastic to see many of our school families come down to the BBQ and buy a snag or cake to support Mitchell – we have a marvellous community spirit that runs through our school – you should be proud. A BIG thank-you to all the families who volunteered their time on Saturday, the Arnold, Denahy, Elliott, Game, Glover-Pietzsch, Haebich, Payne, Rice, Vearing, Victor-Gordon, Watkins and Wilson families have scored 6,000 house points for Mitchell. Speaking of house points, I do need to clarify the points system – it is 500 points for each family not 1000 that may have been mistakenly printed in a previous newsletter. 1000 points were awarded to families who volunteered their time for the cycling catering weekend only.

With two of our three fundraising BBQ’s done there is now only Barker House still to have their turn in November. We also have the shopping tour coming up in November so if you want to spend a day shopping and grab yourself some fabulous bargains then please see Lorella and secure a seat on the bus.

Lastly keep your eyes on the newsletter in the coming weeks for further information about our Whole Town Garage Sale. HVPS are running a whole of town garage sale on Saturday 25th October so keep the date free, start cleaning out your cupboards, sheds and if your house is anything like mine, your kids rooms. This is a great way for households to get rid of unwanted goods and make some money and for the school to raise funds as well. More details next week.

WELL DONE MITCHELL.

House Points Tally to date

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