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- **Camp for the Grade 1-2 children** is fast approaching and they will be heading off next Thursday. Please make sure that you have returned all the medical forms and payment. If your child needs medication while at camp, please put it in a ziplock bag, clearly labelled with their name and the instructions. (We have spare ziplock bags here if you don’t have one)

- The next **Arts Performance** is on Wednesday 11th. It is Valanga Khosa with his show “Out of Africa”. Valanga came here quite a few years ago and gave an impressive performance so we are looking forward to this one. Please make sure that you have returned your form and money if you have not paid the excursion levy.

- The **parental occupations forms** have not all been returned. This is a critical piece of information as the Education Department uses this to determine our funding levels, so please make sure that you return it very soon.

- The Prep 1-2 children enjoyed the **Maths Day** on Tuesday at Castlemaine North—see inside the newsletter. I congratulate them all on the great way in which they represented the school.

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**I’m running late!……. again**

Lateness is becoming a big issue again. We have many children who are arriving just after the bell. We know the weather is cooler and it is difficult to get up, but it is very important to be on time for school. The children find it unsettling to come into the class when the session has begun and this tends to have a flow on effect all day, therefore having an impact on learning. Getting things (such as lunches, uniform and notes) organised the night before is a good way to avoid the last minute scramble and ensure a smooth start to the day for everyone!

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**Schools Bank Account Details**

BSB: 063 509
Account No: 10042656
Use Family name as the reference payment reference

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**Diary Dates**

School Banking every Tuesday

**JUNE**

6th  Lunch Order: See page 2 for details
9th  Queens Birthday Public Holiday
10th Parent Gathering - 9am
coffee at Skydancers
10th  Grade 6 –CSC Transition Day
11th Arts Performance: Out of Africa
12th Assembly - Grade Prep
12th - 13th Grade 1/2 Bendigo Camp
13th
13th Lunch Order: See page 2 for details
Except for Grades 1 & 2
17th Parent Gathering - 9am
coffee at Skydancers
19th Assembly - School Captains
20th Lunch Order: See page 2 for details
24th Parent Gathering - 9am
coffee at Skydancers
25th School Council Meeting 7.30pm
26th Assembly - Principal
27th Lunch Order: See page 2 for details
27th Last Day of Term 2
2.30pm finish

**JULY**

14th Start of Term 3
22nd School Photos
**Friday Lunch Orders**
Each week bring in lunch orders with correct money on either Mondays, Tuesdays or by 9am Wednesday mornings.

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<td>June 6th Baked Potato (coleslaw &amp; cheese) / Apple Strudel</td>
<td>Amy A &amp; Naomi</td>
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<td>13th Fried Rice &amp; 2 Dim Sims / Brownie</td>
<td>Jacq &amp; Andrea</td>
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<td>20th Chicken Risotto / Honey Joys</td>
<td>Lorella &amp; Jacq</td>
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<td>27th 2 Sausages in Bread / Sticky Date Pudding</td>
<td>Raelene &amp; Elsa</td>
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**Students Of The Week:**
- Grade Prep/1: **Eve:** for great reading and writing this week.
- Grade 1/2: **Megan:** speaking in front of 250+ people at the P-2 maths day. Wow!
- Grade 3/4: **Jai:** for his improvement with his reading aloud.
- Grade 5/6: **Janelle:** for her helpful attitude in class.

**Attendance or is it absence?**

Number of days that students have been away this week:
- Grade P/1: 2.5 days
- Grade 1/2: 5.5 days
- Grade 3/4: 2.5 days
- Grade 5/6: 10.5 days

Cool to be at school winner is **Grade P/1**
Early Bird winner is **Grade 5/6**

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**Arts Performance**

**Circus in a Suitcase: Out of Africa**

- **DATE:** Wednesday 11th June 2014
- **TIME:** 2pm
- **COST:** $9.00 per student, if you have received this form payment is needed.
- **VENUE:** At School
- **GRADES:** P-6
- **TEACHERS:** All staff

Parents and toddlers are welcome to attend

THIS PERMISSION SLIP MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY: **Tuesday 10th June 2014**

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING PERMISSION SLIP AND MONEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

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**Parental Occupation Forms**

Another form was sent home last week to only families that had not returned it. This form is needed to update our records with parents occupations and ensure the school receives the correct funding from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

**Please return this form asap.**

If you have any questions regarding the form please contact the school office.
“Discovering Bendigo” Camp
12-13 June, 2014

Clothing and Materials List
Sleeping bag (or sheets/blankets)
Pillow

Waterproof Coat
School bag or Backpack (No larger) containing the following:
1 change of clothing (and spare socks and undies)
Pyjamas
Pull ups (If necessary)
Slippers
Soft toy
Toothpaste, toothbrush, small towel, comb/brush
Cut Lunch for Day 1 including snacks for morning and afternoon—packed in a lunch box
Plastic refillable drink bottle (water only)

*** Comfortable shoes are essential- no high heels, sandals or thongs.

NO TORCHES, MOBILE PHONES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR OTHER EXPENSIVE ITEMS.

MEDICAL FORMS AND MONEY TO BE RETURNED/PAID BY TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2014.

Prep-Two Maths Day

On Tuesday, staff and students from Castlemaine North P.S, Castlemaine P.S and our school attended a math’s morning at Castlemaine North.

Students participated in five different math’s activities ranging from games like “5 in a row” to “Get out of my house”. This was the preps first time out of the school on an excursion and all of them enjoyed the day and made some new friends as well. A big thank-you to Castlemaine North for hosting the day and the Mount Alexander Math’s network for organizing the event.
Y Kindergarten Cluster Management

YMCA KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAYS AND 2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

This year Ballarat YMCA will be centrally managing the enrolments for the kindergartens in the Mount Alexander Shire. We will be holding Open Days at each kindergarten to give families the opportunity to visit before we commence taking enrolments for 2015. Families who are unable to attend open days are welcome to visit kindergartens at any time however we would encourage families to make the most of these days, where staff will be available to answer questions without disruption to the kindergarten session.

Open Days will be as follows:
- South Castlemaine Kindergarten – Thursday 19th June, 10am - 12noon
- Maldon Preschool – Wednesday 18th June from 1.00pm - 3.00pm
- Newstead Preschool – Wednesday 18th June from 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Harcourt Preschool – Wednesday 18th June from 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- Castlemaine Kindergarten (Berkeley Street) – No Open Day, interested families welcome to visit the kindergarten anytime

Enrolment Application Forms for 2015 will be available at each kindergarten on the Open Days and also on our website www.ballarat.ymca.org.au/kindercluster after the 10th of June. Completed Enrolment Application Forms must be lodged by posting, mailing or emailing Ballarat YMCA as indicated on the form. It is important to note that you must submit an Enrolment Application Form in order to be eligible to be offered a kindergarten or pre-kinder position for 2015.

Applications received by 4th July 2014 will be eligible to be included in first round offers which will be sent out on 4th August for all funded groups (4/5 year olds) and 25th August for all pre-kinder groups. Applications received after 4th July will go on a waiting list to be included in second and subsequent round offers as places become available.

Individual kindergartens will contact families by mid-October to confirm your child’s group allocation and orientation information.

It is important to note that where we have more families requesting a particular kinder or group than we have places available, places will be allocated according to the Ballarat YMCA Enrolment Policy. This Policy is available at the kindergarten or on the website shown above.

If you are unsure about any aspect of the enrolment process or any other aspect of your child’s kindergarten, please do not hesitate to contact Kathryn Hall on 53292816 or by emailing kathryn.hall@ymca.org.au.

Kind Regards
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