Hello and welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. News from the principal’s desk...

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Our end of term assembly will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 10:45 am. Our Outstanding Achievers for Term 3 will be announced. All are welcome! Morning tea will be provided in the Homecrafts room for all visitors, after the assembly.

MIDDLE YEARS’ CAMP- the second group of Middle Years students headed off to Melbourne this week experiencing bus, train and tram travel on their journey. The stayed at the DOXA camp and visited many attractions; The Shrine of Remembrance, Birrarung Marr, a guided tour of the colourful laneways, Eureka Skydeck, Queen Victoria Market, Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre and the MCG. They enjoyed dinners at Spicy Tongue (Chinese) and Gazi (Greek)

Many thanks to Jesse Whittaker who organised these camps; both groups had an amazing time and it has been a great learning experience for our students. Also a huge thank you to all the staff that attended, giving up time away from their families to ensure a great experience for our students. Well done everyone!

FOOTBALL & NETBALL TOURNAMENT- On Wednesday our Senior Years student competed in an All Abilities tournament held at the Mooroopna Football Oval.

Our footballers competed against the GV Stars, Echuca Special School, Wodonga Jets, Wimmera Whippets and the Wangaratta Specialist School.

Our netball teams competed against the Echuca Rockettes, Golden City, Mildura Specialist School, Wangaratta Specialist School and Wimmera Whippets

It was a fabulous day, with all our students being involved.

Next Wednesday a team of Middle Years students are travelling to Wangaratta to compete in a netball tournament; they have been training every Friday at the Shepparton Stadium with Kelly Keen as part of the Up & Out Program. Good luck for next week.

WORK EXPERIENCE- An important part of our Senior Years’ Program is their transition to life after school by participating in work experience. This week these students commenced at the following businesses:

Tanika Headland - 1UCafe
Tylor Fullarton - Numurkah Bearings and Hydraulics
Gilbert Faist - National Tiles
Shaun McDermott - GUF Gaming
Eliza Brodie- City of Greater Shepparton Community Connections Program.

STAFF LEAVE & REPLACEMENTS
There are a number of staff going on Long Service Leave in the following weeks and their replacements are:

Jan GK next week (Ann Hoskin)
Prue next week
Jan King 1 week (Julie Huddleston & Carolyn West)
Val McNamara 4 weeks (Aleesha Wall & Phylis Wolfe)
Jo Sharp 4 weeks (Linda Willis)
Bec Neff 4 weeks (Tamika Langman)
Liz Holdsworth 3 weeks (Nicole Murphy)
Daniel Lloyd (Kirsten Crowe)

Thankyou to our replacement staff who ensure the smooth running of our school.

LAST DAY OF TERM
The student’s last day of term will be Friday, September 16th, with classes finishing at 2:00 pm on this day, one hour earlier than usual. It’s also our Footy Colours Dress Up day.

Janet Gill Kirkman
Principal
EASY SLOW COOKER PULLED PORK

Make a big batch of this slow cooker pork. It is perfect served hot for a special dinner, but remember to keep the leftovers for delicious sandwiches the next day.

Ingredients
- 2kg pork shoulder, skin scored
- 4 garlic cloves, quartered lengthways
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons chilli powder
- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds
- 1 brown onion, thinly sliced

Method
1. Using a sharp knife, make slits in pork. Insert garlic slivers into pork. Rub all over with spices and seeds. Season.
2. Arrange onion over base of slow-cooker. Place pork over onion. Cook, covered, on low for 8 hours or until pork meat falls off the bone. Transfer pork to a clean board. Discard skin and as much fat as you like. Shred with 2 forks. Add as much cooking liquid as you like to moisten pork.

HASSELBACK SWEET POTATOES

Ingredients
- 4 sweet potatoes (small–medium)
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 tbsp. fresh basil
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- Salt & pepper

Method
- Preheat oven to 220C
- Using a sharp knife cut thin slits into the potato 1/4 inch from the bottom
- Place on a baking sheet
- Melt butter, add olive oil, garlic, basil, cinnamon nutmeg, salt and pepper
- Pour over potatoes, pushing herbs in some slits
- Bake for 40-50 minutes
On Wednesday the Senior Years students competed in the All Abilities football and Netball Carnival.

There were football teams from Wodonga, Wimmera and Wangaratta and the Verney Road students played with the GV stars.
In the netball, there were teams from Echuca, Bendigo, Wangaratta, Wimmera, Mildura, Shepparton Access and Verney Road.

It was a great day for everyone, with all students involved in playing or cheering, handing out oranges, scoring or taking photos of their chosen sports. The day was not about winning but rather about being inclusive of all people and all needs.

Each team awarded a medal to one of their players for being the team player of the day.
Well done to Jackson Reeves who won it for the GV Stars in the football and to Marcus McCubbin for winning for the Verney Road Netball team.

Well done to everyone who had a go and learned new things, were respectful, responsible and safe while out in our community.
DISCUSS THIS...

with D.J. Miles

Social Media & Your School

Be a positive role model by demonstrating respectful and responsible behaviours when communicating with and about your child's school online.

Times have changed

A few years ago parents discussed concerns or issues with friends at the school gate. Today, with the internet, mobile phones and social media, discussions between you and your friends can reach a far wider audience than ever before. Social media can provide an enjoyable way to socialise online and keep you connected with what is going on in your school community.

While these technologies can be great for sharing ideas and keeping in touch, don't forget that comments about your school community can have greater impact than expected and can have very real consequences for the reputations of individuals including teachers, principals, other parents, students and yourself.

As a parent and carer, you are your child's first role model when it comes to online behaviour. Make sure your online conduct demonstrates how they can use social media respectfully and safely.

There are also legal implications around what people are able post and share about others. The idea of privacy in the online world can be confusing but essentially posting or sharing personal information about another person online requires consent.

Top tips for positive and respectful online communication with your school community

Avoid posting negative comments that identify your school or individuals.

Feedback from the school community is important for schools and the department. Each Victorian Government school has a complaints process for raising concerns. If you have a concern, rather than go online, speak directly to your child's teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal.

If after having this conversation you feel that your concerns have not been resolved, you can contact the Community Liaison Officer at your closest Department of Education and Training Regional Office, who will assist you and the school to find a solution. For more information on raising a concern or issue with your child's school see: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/Pages/complainschool.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/Pages/complainschool.aspx).

Remember: serious instances of inappropriate online behavior may constitute a criminal offence and become a police matter. School staff may obtain personal legal advice if they feel that online content seriously impacts their reputation.
B6 had a fantastic time at Melbourne City Camp.
Friday 16th September
Activities:
Face Painting
Handball Target
Specky Magee
Longest Kick
Goal Kicking
Relay
Fitness
E.Y. - 9:30 - 10:30
M.Y. 10:40 - 11:20
Footy colouring competition
Footy Team Parade 11:50 - 12:15 (EY court yard)
Lunch - Hotdogs

Special Children's
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dearest Parents and Guardians,
Our wonderful Christmas event is on again this year and we would like to extend a warm invitation to any special needs or underprivileged children between the ages of 0-12 in your care.
This completely FREE day is filled with rides, face painting, entertainment, food and drinks, stage shows and more.
The absolute highlight for the children is that they get to meet SANTA CLAUS and receive their very own Christmas Presents!
Children must be nominated and invited so that registrations can be completed and tickets are sent out in time.

When: Saturday 26th November 10am – 1pm
Where: Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre
How: Contact your school/organisation to confirm your child's invite
We had a wonderful day at the zoo. We saw many animals up close and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Damian, Dale, Kira, Georgia, Will, Brodie, Bailey, James and Liam
Example 1: At the park you can go on the slide, the monkey bars and the swing.

Example 2: We will have a barbecue lunch and sit at the picnic table.
Opera Australia presented 'El Kid'

Many thanks to cast and crew for providing such a fun introduction to opera.
The Glove

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The glove has been designed for people that find it difficult to grip and hold onto objects, helping them to close and support their hand perfectly.

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- Hold a pen to write
- Hold a paintbrush to express their creativity
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- The use of velcro means the glove can be loosened or tightened to ensure a perfect fit
- Made from comfortable, durable reposable (wet suit material), the glove is designed for regular use and is easy to maintain, as it is machine washable
- Available in 2 sizes:
  - Small (5-7 years old)
  - Medium (8-14 years old)
  - Large (for boys/men 15+)
- Required size may vary if person has large or very small hands. All gloves are adjustable

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FAIRLEY’S SUPA IGA COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

This week we received a cheque valued at $2,190 from the Community Rewards Program through Fairley’s Supa IGA. Many thanks to everyone who supports our school in this fundraising activity. Proceeds have been to put towards our very popular Breakfast Program. Thanks also to Fairley’s IGA!

SAVE THE DATE
KEY WORD SIGNING MORNING TEA AT VRS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH @ 9:30 AM
WE WILL COVER THE MANY MODELS OF COMMUNICATION WE USE HERE AT VRS INCLUDING ALD’S & PODD’S