



# School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 8 June**

**No School**

due to staff PD

**Monday 11 June**

**No School**

Queens Birthday  
Holiday

**Wednesday 13 June**

**Soup Night 5.30-7.30**

**Tuesday 19 June**

School Council  
Meeting 7.30

**Monday 25 June**

Parent teacher  
interviews

**Friday 29 June**

Japanese LOTE  
celebration day  
*Last day Term 2*  
Assembly 2-2.30

## Cudjee Values – Leadership

This fortnight we have been unpacking and thinking about our school value of Leadership. While there are formal roles of leadership within the student body, having leadership as a value for the school means much more than this. Every student from the newest prep to a graduating year 6 student has the capacity and opportunity to be a leader by embodying the school values, making good choices and encouraging others, and in the words of the F-2 students, 'making things happen,' through problem solving and being creative as they help people do things in a different way.

### Cudjee PS Leadership Awards

**Week 5: Daphne** - being a good role model for everyone.

**Stella** – helping younger students to resolve problems.

**Week 6: Florence** – showing others how to think and share ideas.

**Grace** – for supporting others and leading by example.

## Walk to School Day

It was great to see so many people walking to school on National Walk to School Safely Day. A large group of students met at the end of Trotters Lane and made their way to school in what turned out to be fine weather. Some photographic evidence and student reports indicated that it turned into a run to school for some!

The Moyne Shire provided some funding for a healthy breakfast which was a nice opportunity to catch up with parents and families over a slice of smashed avocado toast.



## Education week

It has been great to see students and parents joining in various activities across this week as we celebrated Education Week. This year the focus was on 'Celebrating the Arts' which is such an important part of children's education as it contributes so much to their young lives developing their creativity, expression, motor skills, confidence, decision making, perseverance, ability to collaborate as well improve academic performance. We would particularly like to acknowledge Merran who makes this learning so fun and engaging for students. We're very fortunate to have such a caring, thoughtful, dedicated and talented teacher who opens up so many opportunities for our students.



On Monday we explored printing through art at the Warrnambool Art Gallery and then printing through history at Flagstaff Hill. Students had opportunity to not only observe different forms of printing but also create their own prints in many different ways.



On Tuesday we held an open day from 9-1:30 where parent, grandparents and siblings came along to join in some dance, music, art and literacy activities.



On Friday we finished off the week with a concert at the Panmure Hall by world renowned harpist, Cath Connelly.



## Parents Club News

At the recent meeting planning got well underway for the upcoming Soup Night. Again it will be a social evening with some friendly competition around soup tasting, a quiz and art by the students. The date has been set for Wednesday 13 June, from 5.30-7.30. A number of fliers will be sent home to families to invite other family and friends from the wider community to enjoy the night and help raise some funds for the school.

## School Council Update

Some outcomes and messages from the recent School Council meeting:

- In the future if there are any community emergencies (like the recent St Patrick's Day fires) that effect the school opening, please listen and follow the advice from the emergency radio stations ABC 1602 and 3YB 882. These will provide the most up to date and accurate information. Our usual methods of communication may not be working in these situations.

-We are considering ways to raise funds across the 3 schools that participate in the State School Spectacular for future years to help subsidise these costs for families. These are wonderful opportunities and we want to ensure that we can continue to offer them at a reasonable cost.

-Attendance Policy: From next term staff must know by 9am if your child is going to be away from school during the day for whatever reason. Please text or phone your child's classroom teacher as early as possible to let them know if your child is away. Our new policy requires teachers to contact parents at 9am for non-attendance for safety reasons. Obviously this would interrupt learning time if we have to stop and make phone calls. Thanks for your support in this.

-First Aid: Matt, Fiona and Merran have recently completed Level 2 first aid training. We will be purchasing an Epipen (even though no one currently has a prescription for one) and look into how we can support Cudgee town to get a Defibrillator.

-Security: We are looking to install a security camera sytem to reduce damage to school property our of school hours.

## Japanese LOTE

We have now had 2 lessons of Japanese and students have been learning the numbers, colours and different greetings for Sensei Ota on Thursday mornings. So Ota has been getting to know the students and is busy planning an end of term Japanese Celebration Day – more details to come!



## Sounds~Write Program

Fiona, Gavin and I were fortunate enough to attend a Q&A session with the co-author of the Sounds~Write program after school on Wednesday. John Walker is touring Australia and has visited the South West Network of schools to help new users of the program implement it with fidelity. One of the things he recommended for parents – particularly those with students in prep was to complete his free online course which goes through the basics of how to help your child begin to learn to read and spell. We encourage everyone to have a look into this. Please join the course at this

website: <https://www.udemy.com/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>. If parents need access to the internet to complete this course we can provide a space and computer during the week at school to do this.



## National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously across Australia. This year it fell on Wednesday during our MARC library day with Panmure PS. Mrs Howlett relished reading the book, Hickory Dickory Dash, to all students across the 2 schools at exactly 11am!



## F-2 News

This fortnight we have been finishing off our maths unit looking at subtraction and have begun looking at time: reading clocks, the days of the week, months of the year and calendars.

Just this week we read a poignant story about Mang the wild orangutan and we have been practicing a range of reading strategies including: questioning, inferring and retelling stories. One way to engage with what we are learning about is to ask your child to retell or summarise a story we have read and ask them what they thought about it.



### 3-6 News

We have had a very busy last two weeks with NAPLAN last week and education week this week. So Ota commenced teaching Japanese last Thursday and we are looking forward to working with him for the remainder of the term. I would like to thank everyone who joined us for breakfast and walk to school on Friday.

This Monday we went to the Warrnambool Art Gallery and Flagstaff Hill where students got to look at the history of printing and to make some prints, hopefully they have shared these with you at home. Tuesday was Open Day and it was great to see families coming along to spend time with us. Tuesday afternoon Alecia (Issa's Mum) came and spoke to us about marine life. Alecia spoke to the students about the local marine life as well as the Great Barrier Reef she bought a number of different specimens for the children to look at. Alecia also helped the students conduct an experiment, where they will be making observations and recording the effect coca cola has on shells when they are immersed in it over several weeks.

Over the next two weeks students will be completing a mini project on a species of coral found in the Great Barrier Reef. This will then lead into a major project where they will choose a species from the Great Barrier Reef that they would like to further investigate.



## MARC Group Day

Despite the inclement weather conditions, a very successful MARC Group Day was held at Grasmere P.S last Friday. It was not only a valuable learning experience for all students, but a great opportunity to socialise with students from other schools. **We were extremely fortunate to have two wonderful presenters on the day: Harrison Craig and Matt Porter.** Harrison Craig shared his experience of his time on 'The Voice' in 2013...a singing competition that he won despite a speech impediment.



Harrison recently wrote a picture storybook called *Harrison's Song*, which depicted the challenges he faced living with a stutter and how he overcame these difficulties. He was such an inspirational speaker who I know would leave a lasting impression on all students. Harrison encouraged students to follow their dreams and never let anything get in their way. The students were very excited when he sang us a song!



Matt Porter shared his expertise of the writing process and motivated students to express their own ideas and thoughts in a fun way. It was great to observe his sessions and see all students thoroughly engaged and willing to participate. I know that all students would have come away with some useful tips to help improve their own writing.

I was so proud of all students and the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the day. Thanks to all staff members for your wonderful support in making the day run smoothly. A huge thanks to Mrs Madden and the staff of Grasmere PS

for allowing me to host the day at their school.



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