Congratulations Fruit Loops!

Our netballers, the Fruit Loops, competed in the Grand final last Saturday. After a shaky start to the season, with a string of losses before experiencing their first victory, the Fruit Loops battled their way into the finals. The Grand final clash mirrored their season somewhat. The Fruit Loops conceded the lead early on, but stormed home shooting 8 goals to 2 in the last quarter. Unfortunately, it was too little, too late – but the Fruit Loops should be very proud of their runner-up result. Great effort! Big thanks also to Andrea Matheson for coaching, and to all the parents who helped out during the season.

Athletics Day Bogged

Our second attempt at running an Athletics Day this year was once again ruined by rain. The first time our hopes were dashed by down pours on the planned day. This time the sun was out but our wet winter had forced the Rural City to close all grounds suitable for running a carnival. And with a wet September it looks like we won’t be able to run a full school carnival this year. Teachers are trying to hatch plans for ‘make-up’ carnival of sorts and an opportunity to qualify our athletes for zone competitions.

Review Days

Tony Ross from the Monash group is working with us on our school review in preparation for writing our strategic plan for the next 4 years. He has already spent a day framing up his investigation of areas we would like to work on over the next few years. These areas include early intervention for at risk and high ability students, student and family connectedness, and our leadership structure. Tony will be at school this Friday, Monday and Tuesday, meeting with teachers, students and parents, and visiting classrooms. After this Tony prepares a report that will be formally presented to school council in October. It will be great having Tony’s experience and expertise contributing to plans to further improve our school.

Weekend Roof Action

I announced several newsletters ago that we would be having gutter guards and ladder anchor points installed. Then the rains hit and any prospect of having work done on our rooves was washed away. After nearly a month’s delay the contractor is going to attempt to complete these works this weekend. So if you spot people walking about our rooves on Saturday wearing hi-vis it is okay – they are meant to be there.
Cabaret this Saturday
Hopefully the workers are finished before our Cabaret starts Saturday at 6pm. We wouldn’t want them in the way of any dancing on the ceiling that might happen as Paris & friends raise the roof of our senior building. Huge thanks to Paris and Judy Lowen and the P&F crew for organising the night. It promises to be a fantastic evening with nearly 80 tickets sold.

Poetry, Maths, Dads and Bicycles
Next week promises to be an exciting one. Bike Ed continues, father’s day celebrations kick in, and it is National Literacy & Numeracy week. Our creative crew have decided to integrate the lot, using Banjo Patterson’s Poem ‘Mulga Bill’s Bicycle’ as a unifying theme.

The children are busy writing poetry that will be suspended around the school from old bike wheels. There will be a bicycle inspired dress up day on Wednesday (dress as a bike rider – from any era or nation). Maths activities will be based around riding, wheels and gears. And on Thursday morning, when dads are in to enjoy a father’s day breakfast (served from 7am on) we will have an open classroom where we hope the dads will drop into classroom and even read a book to the children.

Have a great week,
Steve

Literacy and Numeracy Week August 29-September 4

Next Week will be Literacy/Numeracy Week. We are doing several activities to help celebrate the week.
We will be reading ‘Mulga Bill’s Bicycle’ during the week and doing some activities involving this book.

**Dress Up Day:** On Wednesday 31st there will be a dress up day. Students can dress as a bike rider. Either old fashioned, BMX, mountain biker etc. If they choose not to dress up they are to wear school uniform.

**Book Swap:** Monday and Tuesday students can bring in pre loved books they would like to swap. They will receive tokens to then ‘purchase’ pre loved books from the books other students have brought in.

**Father’s Day Breakfast/Open Classroom:** Thursday 1st there will be a Father’s Day breakfast followed by an OPEN CLASSROOM. Parents, Grandparents and carers are welcome to wander through their child’s classroom. We welcome anyone to stay and read a favourite book or a classroom book.

There will be other activities happening during the week including whole school Multo (Bingo) and a Scavenger hunt.

**Fathers Day Stall**

Parents and Friends will be holding a Fathers Day Stall at school on

**Thursday, 1 September**

**A great variety of gifts for children to purchase**

$4.00 each
**Bike Ed**

Grades 3/4/5/6 will commence Bike Ed on August 22. We will do Bike Ed twice a week for three weeks. We will be doing our lessons on Thursdays and Fridays from 9-10 (3/4) and 10-11 (5/6). A note asking for parent helpers has already been sent home.

**Our Bike Hike will be on Tuesday September 6.** Green permission notes were sent home earlier this week. Please put this date in your diary. We will need parents to drive support vehicles and to ride with groups.

Thank you,
Emma, Matt, Louise, Merrilyn and Andrea

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**Student of the Week**

- **Khiana 1/2L**—for being a kind and considerate classmate.
- **Lilly FH**—for using confidence when counting.
- **Jayden 5/6L**—for his hard work in all class activities.
- **Alex 3/4D**—for his hard work in all areas, particularly in literacy as shown in his figurative language writing.
- **Janied 3/4A**—for being persistent and a caring classmate.
- **Machlan 5/6S**—for the determination and pride he shows in himself and his work.
- **Yahna 1/2D**—for her excellent work in reading and maths.

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**Student Achievement**

On the 21st August my family and I went to the You Yangs to race the second round in the 2016 Schools Cycling Mountain Bike Championship series. My arch rival and friend Liam from White Hills Primary was there as well. At 10.30am the race started. For the first lap Nash from Mount Eliza North Primary lead and I was coming second. After the first lap I sat on Liam’s wheel until the last lap when I attached and lead to the finish. The next race is this weekend at Lysterfield.

By Riley

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**Help Needed Please!!!!**

We have purchased many new books for our Literacy Program and we would love volunteers to help cover them. If you are able to assist please see Louise or Yvonne.
What’s Happening in Italian?

Years 5/6
Students have been working on writing sentences in Italian about how they feel and what they need. Eg: Ho fame, ho bisogno, di una pizza. I’m hungry, I need a pizza.
Last week students used this learning to create a computer generated cartoon.

Book Swap

Hello all Wangaratta Primary School book worms,

The SRC will be hosting a book swap as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week August 29 - September 3. Bring any books you wish to swap (picture books, novels, comics, fiction, non fiction etc.) to the BER building during lunch play time on Monday and Tuesday. You will be given a token for each book you bring in, allowing you to swap for the same number of books. The actual book swap will be held on Wednesday during lunch time! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Happy Reading!

Miss. Sipola and the SRC.

Assembly Performances

Aug 31—FH & FL
Sept 7—5/6S
Sept 14—Choir

Hot Chocolate For Sale

Every Thursday at lunchtime
Hot Chocolate drinks will be sold for 50 cents each
Wangaratta Primary School’s

FATHER’S DAY Breakfast

Come along with your Dad, Grandfather, Uncle or Special Friend for breakfast at school.

When: Thursday 1st September from 7:00am
Where: on the school’s Back Veranda
RSVP: To the office by Tuesday 30th August
**Music News**

**Boite School’s Chorus**
After a very successful practice on June 18th the children have been given a CD with our parts on it as well as their lyrics booklet. They will need to do some practice at home and will be practicing with me at school.

**Tickets:**
I am very excited to be able to tell you that tickets are now on sale through Try Booking. Here is the link to the Albury/Wodonga tickets.
Albury/Wodonga
trybooking.com/lvue

**Important Dates:**

**Thursday 8th September:** Concert Day. Venue: Chapel Hall, the Scots School, 393 Perry St, Albury. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the concert and are encouraged to attend the concert in support of their children.

Children are to arrive for a final rehearsal at 3.30pm. They are to bring their black costume attire and their t-shirt will be given to them at the venue. They will need to bring dinner and snacks and a drink bottle. The final concert time is 7pm.

I can be contacted via phone on 0428317980 or email: hicks.carolyn.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you
Cazz Hicks Music Teacher

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**Netball News**

Trials for those interested in playing representative netball for Wangaratta next year. We are running trials earlier this year so that players will still have a level of fitness from their previous session, and to give us more time to plan for preseason fitness/agility etc.

Preseason training will start in January, and players will be expected to play in the Wednesday Night Competition next Autumn as per the WNSA by-laws.

**Trial dates are as follows:**

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The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Great to see our participants are motoring along with their reading.

Relay for Life Colouring Competition
There is no cost for students to enter the competition. There are three entry categories: Kindergarten/Prep, Grades 1/2/3 and Grades 4/5/6. Colouring competition entries are available from the school office and need to be posted to PO Box 528, Wangaratta, prior to September 9.

Community Information Night
For carers, friends, family and anyone interested in knowing more about mental health and wellbeing. Self-care and relating to yourself. So much about self-care talks about taking time out, and other important things like good sleep, rest and pacing yourself and so on. All of these are so very important, but what about how we relate to ourselves—sometimes the biggest issue is the way we talk/respond to our needs thoughts and feelings, how if we can create a kinder, gentler relationship with ourselves we can find a door into a new way of being which can so deeply support the quality of our lives.
Wednesday, 14 September 6.00pm-8.00pm
Wangaratta High Country Library
For further information contact Belinda Gadsby (Carer Consultant) on 5722 5050

Chess Tournament Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Open
Sunday, 28 August 12.45pm-5.00pm at Yarrawonga College P-12 Cost: $25 per player
Great for beginners who want tournament experience. Please register online at http://www.rjshield.com/ click on enter. If you have any queries please contact Karen on 0437176769.

Make A Difference in the Life of a Child.
Every day, foster carers with UMFC make an incredible difference to children who are unable to live with their own families. Foster carers can be single, married or partnered, they may own their own home or rent, they work in or away from their homes, some have children some don’t. Some of our carers provide respite care one weekend a month, while others prefer to care for children in emergency or short term placements. Foster carers need a commitment to children, a willingness to undertaken training and assessment and the eagerness to give it a go. Training and 24 hour support is provided. Carers receive a non taxed reimbursement. UMFC is currently seeking foster carers in your region. For more information contact Jeanine on 02600558042.