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From the Principal

Cabaret Success!

Once again our cabaret was a fabulous success. Dancing, feasting and laughter made for a fantastic Saturday night. Such an event relies on the support of so many people.

Our super entertainers who donated their time were Paris (dad of Xavier, Levi and Mia (prep next year)), Mick (dad of ex-students Peyton, Louis & Jonte), Ben (dad of Molly), and Jane (no kids at our school – just a generous soul from Jazzarratta).

Adam Pizzini from Rinaldos provided our food. They were supported by Wangaratta High School Hospitality Students Celine, Amethyst, Joelle and Jayde, with our very own Mabel Evgenidis coordinating their work.

Rick Hocking provided the dance floor – delivering and removing the heavy pieces. John Bianco oversaw assembling both dance floor and stage. The Centre allowed us to borrow tables and chairs, and the Parents & Friends crew worked hard at setting up the dining area. And at the tables there were also generous donations of treaty beverages from Pizzini’s and Brown Brothers.

And our very own Judy Lowen coordinated, negotiated, decorated, promoted and more.

Thanks to all who contributed and to all who organised tables and purchased tickets. It is great for the school to have such wonderful support.

Literacy & Numeracy Week with a dollop of Bike Ed and a dash of Father’s Day

Our Literacy Leader, Louise Anthony, and Numeracy Leader, Matt Lorback, have put together a creative calendar of events to celebrate Literacy & Numeracy Week.
This year it coincides with our Bike Education program as well as with our Father’s Day celebrations. Louise and Matt chose to focus on Banjo Paterson’s poem ‘Mulga Bill’s Bicycle’ to draw all the elements together. The children have been studying poetry and their work is displayed hanging from old bicycle wheels around the school. On Wednesday we had a bicycle themed dress up day. Maths quizzes have run each lunchtime. And on Thursday, Dads were invited into our classrooms to read with the children after the Father’s day breakfast.

Great Crowd at the Father’s Day Breakfast
We had 80 plus participants in our Father’s Day Breakfast Thursday morning. It was great to have so many dads, grandfathers, brothers and uncles visit. A big thanks to our P&F volunteers who cooked up those magnificent egg and bacon pies and arrived before sunrise to set up and serve breakfast.

Coming Up...
The 1/2 students are very excited about their school sleepover on Friday. Thanks to the teachers and volunteers for supporting this event – we wish you a good night’s sleep. On Tuesday our Bike Education program concludes with the 3/4s riding to Oxley and the 5/6s powering through to Milawa. Thanks to the parents riding with us and driving support vehicles on the day.

Have a great week,
Steve
There have been lots of activities throughout the week for Literacy and Numeracy Week.

On Wednesday teachers and students dressed up as Mulga Bill or as a modern bike rider. At lunchtime students were involved in a treasure hunt, searching the yard for hidden tokens. Great to see teamwork and kids helping each other out.

Book Swap

Thankyou to all of the students who participated in the Book Swap! It was a great success with over 100 books being brought in to swap. Another big thanks to the SRC students who helped run the swap. A great effort done by all!
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 have been sent home. 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

Student of the Week

Charlotte 5/6S—for her magnificent efforts with her shape poem writing.
Finn 1/2D—for taking pride in his work and always trying his best.
Hudson 1/2L—for outstanding work in reading and writing, some excellent summaries.
Asher FH—for building up other students’ confidence and being a good friend.
Abbey-Jane 1/2G—for working hard in class and always showing confidence with trying new activities.
Dayna 5/6L—for being a quiet achiever.
Patrick 3/4D—for always being happy and friendly and being a positive class member.
Bethany 3/4D—for showing great persistence in her work.
Thomas FL—Congratulations on showing kindness and understanding to your class mates.

What’s Happening in Italian?

Years 3/4

Children have been learning that some Italian language rules are very different to English. They have created toy picture cards to illustrate the many ways to write and say “the” and “a”.
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

World Cerebral Palsy Day

World Cerebral Palsy Day is on Wednesday, 5 October, is a perfect time to celebrate and learn more about Cerebral Palsy—the most common physical disability in childhood. Acceptance of diversity and empathy for people living with a disability is one of the most important building blocks for tolerance and inclusion.

Wangaratta Primary School will be celebrating World Cerebral Palsy Day October 5 (the first Wednesday of Term 4). All students are encouraged to wear green the World Cerebral Palsy colour, on this day. We look forward to painting the WPS community green!

Victoria Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Fiona, Riley, Lucas, Abby and Elliott for completing the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Just a reminder that the challenge finishes on September 9, please ensure that all books that have been read are logged onto the challenge site prior to this date so that I can verify them. After September 9 the site is closed.

If you need assistance in logging your books please see Yvonne.

Assembly Performances
Sept 7—Choir
Sept 14 — 5/6S

Hot Chocolate For Sale
Every Thursday at lunchtime
Hot Chocolate drinks will be sold for 50 cents each
General Information

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

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

Appin Park Primary School’s Fete 149 Appin Street, Wangaratta
Saturday, 3 September 10.00am-2.00pm
Live Music, Petting Zoo, Train Rides, Jumping Castle, Showbags, White Elephant Stall, Cake Stall, Plant Stall and lots more.

Wangaratta Agricultural Society Colouring Competition
Entry forms available from the school office. There are 4 groups, Pre-school & Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2, Grades 3 & 4 and Grades 5 & 6. 1st prize $10 and 2nd prize $5 in each category. Entries need to be in prior to Tuesday, 4 October.

Bunnings Father’s Day Family Night—FREE
Thursday, 1 September 6.00pm-8.00pm
Join in for a great night of fun!
• Make a gift for dad,
• D.I.Y workshops
• Light refreshments
• Free gift wrapping.

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child
UMFC is currently seeking foster carers in the region. Training and 24 hour support is provided. For more information contact Jeanine on 02 600 558 042