Buddy Assembly
Foundation students had their first school assembly this Wednesday. We dedicate the assembly to our Preps and formally introduce each child to the school, along with their year 5 buddy. Their buddy walks them into the assembly, shakes their hand as a welcome (though there were quite a few hugs too!) and shows them to their seat. This is a lovely tradition and one highly valued by our students. So valued in fact that one of our buddies, Hannah Gillies, had to be released from hospital so she could participate. She carefully shook hands with her buddies despite two broken wrists. Thanks for your efforts, Hannah!

The buddy assembly illustrated the gentle growth in numbers we have been experiencing as a school. Five years ago, our average prep numbers were in the low 20s. Now we have more than 30 preps enrolling each year. This increase is a lovely affirmation of the great work we do here at Chisholm Street. At assembly this week many of our year 5s presented two younger buddies to ensure that every prep had an older mentor.
Buddy Bench
Speaking of Buddy’s, this week a team of our leaders assembled a ‘Buddy Bench’ donated to the school by Bunnings. The idea is that, once placed in its new home, the Buddy Bench will be a place children can sit if they are looking for someone to play with. The leaders responsible will then help the child connect to a new friend.

A Fair Total
I’m very pleased to announce that our Autumn Fair raised more than $4500. This is a great reward for the amazing efforts of all our hardworking volunteers and sponsors. A huge thanks to the parents, staff, students and friends who helped with the fair, but particularly to Steve and Carly Johnston who worked solidly driving the event for months and months.

This total does not yet include funds raised through our Autumn Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at assembly next Wednesday. Please return raffle books (sold or unsold) and money to the office by Friday 18 March.

Fruits of our Fundraising
Parents and Friends fundraising is currently focussed on improving the resources of our music department. Already this year we have been able to purchase a new set of ukuleles thanks to our fundraising efforts. The senior guitar group performed ‘Riptide’ for the school to celebrate the arrival of these new instruments.

Senseless Damage and CCTV
Unfortunately some mindless people kicked in our cubby doors on the weekend. The younger children are devastated and many of our older students were quite indignant when they discovered the damage. Unfortunately, we have had to board the cubbies up for the moment so they will be out of action until we can replace and rehang the doors.

This vandalism occurred just days before our new CCTV system installation was completed so unfortunately we have no footage. Our system will improve the security of our site after hours with excellence coverage of our property and infra-red mode providing great night images. Hopefully, the presence of our new cameras will stop future damage occurring all together. If not, these criminals will be caught red handed.

Have a great week
Steve
YOU CAN DO IT
PARENT REFERENCE GUIDE: GETTING ALONG.

Definition of Getting Along:
Getting Along means that young children work and play together nicely. It means that children are friendly, tell the truth, and care about others. Getting along means being able to fix problems with squabbling or fighting. When young children get along, they follow the important rules of the classroom and home. They also want to help to make their school and home cleaner and safer.

Examples of Getting Along Behaviour in Your Child:
Plays well with friends, Takes turns when playing with others, Asks nicely to join in a game, Listens to others when they talk, Asks for help politely, Does what his/her parent/carer asks him/her to do, Makes an effort to be nice to someone who seems unhappy, Shares with a friend when he/she comes over to play, Helps someone else clean up toys when they are finished using them, Tells the Truth, Does not tattletale, Does not call others bad names, Does not interrupt when parent/carer is talking with someone else.

Teach Your Child the Following Types of Thinking (Self Talk):
Being tolerant of Others: We are all different. We all have good things about us.
Thinking First: When someone has something that I want, asking “Can I play too” or “Can I go next?”
Playing By the Rules: Following rules is good. Rules help us to be safe and happy.
Social Responsibility: It is good to help others. It is good to make things clean and safer.

Student of the Week
Will 3/4A—for his persistent effort during independent reading and his great organisation during writing.
Rex 5/6L—for making great improvements in his organisation.
Cullen FL—Congratulations on being helpful in the school yard and a reliable friend.
Frankie FH—for being tolerant of others and a good friend.
Eva 3/4D—for being helpful in class and explaining tricky tasks to others.
Blake 5/6S—for his consistent effort in class and for being a good role model.
Madeline 1/2L—for an exceptional first term and always showing organisation.
Atlas 1/2G—for being a happier class member who is learning to be more resilient.

Sorry no picture of students this week.

Choir Information Night
Tonight is the information night for families of choir children in the music room at 6pm. The purpose of this meeting is to give you all the details about our upcoming performance at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre with Patch Theatre company and to answer any questions you may have.

We will also have guest Penny Hargrave from the Rural City of Wangaratta on board to answer questions and give details about this special event.

It is very important that all parents of choir children attend.

Cazz Hicks
Music Teacher

Assembly Performances
23 March Choir

First Aid Roster
Duty Ending
18 March—Melanie E
24 March—Britt E
15 April—Mel L
22 April—Rhiannon H
29 April—Colleen Turner
6 May—Tanya C
13 May—Emma P
20 May—Sharryn B
27 May—Santina P
3 June—Colleen T
10 June—Tania H
17 June—Anna J
24 June—Julie I
**General Information**

School Banking is every Wednesday. Please bring your Deposit book, Passbook and money to be deposited. Hand into the front office. To find out how you can participate call on 5721 9499.

**Benalla Art Gallery—Autumn School Holiday Workshops**
There are many workshops available throughout the school holidays. For further information please contact Benalla Art Gallery on 5760 2619 or email gallery@benalla.vic.gov.au

**School Holiday Classes at Pangerang**
Card making, Decoupage, Wind Chime Making, Jazz Dancing, Origami, Paper Pouch, Bonsai and Terrariums, Yoga and Relaxation, Cooking with Chocolate and Making Slices.
Numbers are limited. Please contact Pangerang on 5721 3813 or email coordinator@pangerang.org.au

**Premier’s Active April**
Registrations are now open for the 2016 Premier’s Active April which is part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to promote healthy and active lifestyles and get Victorians to join in the fun of increased physical activity.
By registering to take part you get: 10 free passes to the Wangaratta YMCA, 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online and one free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert reserve plus heaps more.
Further information go to www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

**3rd Little Duck Lunch Orders**
Orders can be placed online or at the school office. **Mondays are lunch order days.**

**Victoria Legal Aid—Child Support Legal Service**
Free legal help with child support. Victoria Legal Aid’s Child support Legal Service is visiting Wangaratta on Tuesday, 19 April. This service is independent from the Department of Human Services and provides free confidential appointment for eligible people to discuss legal problems with a child support lawyer. For further information call 1300 792 387

**Positive Parenting Telephone Service**
This program is offered to parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2-10 years.
The program runs for 10 weeks and aims to assist you to:
- Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
- Manage everyday behaviour problems
- Set rules and limits
- Teach new skills
- Developing behaviour strategies

Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.
Interest? For more information or to enrol phone FREECALL 1800 880 660

**Piano Lessons available with Andrea Wearne**
For further information phone 0448196419

**Just Kids Holiday Program—Monday 28 March—Friday 8 April**
For bookings or enquiries please phone Gina on 5721 4799

**Scouts**
For fun and adventure come and try Scouting with Wangaratta Scout Group. Tuesday nights 6.30pm—8.30pm at Wangaratta Scout Hall College St, Wangaratta. Further information contact Cazz Hicks 0428317980

**Violin and Cello Lessons available with Eve Spencer**
For further information phone 0429390846/57672204