Dear Parents, Students and Staff:

Staffing update: I am pleased to announce that the successful applicant for our recent teacher vacancy is Mrs Mary-Ellen Robertson. Mrs Robertson is a very experienced teacher who comes to us from Northern Bay College. Mrs Robertson will teach Grade 3&4 in Room 8 for the remainder of the year beginning Monday.

It is with some sadness that we farewell Mrs Pauline Rosevear who has announced her retirement this term. Mrs Rosevear has done a great job as a generalist teacher in our school and over recent years as our Teacher-Librarian. We wish Mrs Rosevear all the best as she steps away from teaching but look forward to her continuing to be a frequent visitor to our school. On behalf of the entire school community I thank Mrs Rosevear for her service, dedication and care towards our students; I wish you well Pauline.

Vietnam Veterans Day: Our Grade 5 & 6 students will be travelling to Melbourne to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day at the Shrine of Remembrance. This excursion is free of charge as we were lucky enough to gain sponsorship through the state government to take our students to this important historical event. Originally known as Long Tan Day, Vietnam Veterans Day is commemorated on 18 August every year. The date was chosen to commemorate the men of D Company, 6RAR who fought in the battle of Long Tan in 1966. In 2016 we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. Permission notes need to be returned ASAP.

Swimming: Our school swimming program began over the last week and admittedly there were some mixed results. The Prep to Grade 2 program began really well with the children enjoying their lessons and many parent helpers on board. This program will run on Tuesdays. The Grade 3-6 program at Blue Water is run on Fridays and there were some initial problems that should hopefully be overcome this week. Feedback has been provided and we hope for a better outcome. Please be aware that the school does not put
students into swimming groups; this is done by the staff at the respective pools. Thank you to parents who have provided us with feedback about swimming.

**Interschool Sport:** Our Grade 5 & 6 students began interschool sport this week and a variety of different activities were on offer. It was great to see the students enjoying the teamwork this opportunity provides and we were lucky to have lots of sunshine this week.

**Emergency Management Precautionary Evacuation:** We had a heater malfunction on Wednesday morning which necessitated the implementation of our Emergency Management Plan. Students & Staff were evacuated to the stadium as a precaution whilst the CFA checked to see if gas could be detected in the air. No gas was detected and students safely returned to classrooms. It is pleasing to note that our planning worked very well and students responded appropriately.

**Book Week:** Our book week parade will take place on Friday August 26th. This year’s theme is **Australia Story Country**. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. The parade will take place at 9am in the stadium. We hope to see you there!

**Parking:** After recent Shire inspections around the school it is timely to remind parents that there are parking restrictions both before and after school in both Murray Street and Lyons Street. I have included the relevant information from the Road Safety Act. Please be advised that the P with a circle and cross is a no parking sign, but you are permitted to drop off and pick up children as you remain in your vehicle (or no more than 3 metres from it) and take 2 minutes or less to do so. As you know children can be unpredictable, so we all need to take care to slow down, teach our children road safety and be aware of where we park. Parents are reminded that the school car park is for staff and disabled use only. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter. I believe that some infringement notices may be issued. **Road Safety Act:**

- **No parking signs (1)**
- The driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, unless the driver- (a) is dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods; and (b) does not leave the vehicle unattended; and (c) completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers or goods, and drives on, as soon as possible and, in any case, within the required time after stopping.
- **(2) For this rule, a driver leaves a vehicle unattended if the driver leaves the vehicle so the driver is over 3 metres from the closest point of the vehicle.** (3) In this rule- required time means- (a) if information on or with the sign indicates a time-the indicated time; or (b) if there is no indicated time-2 minutes. Breeching these laws is will attract a fine.

**Kind Regards,**
Shelby Papadopoulos
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- **Monday-Dingoes**
- **Tuesday-Kangaroos**
- **Wednesday-Koalas**

**SWIMMING TIMETABLES**

Swimming Times For Prep/2 at Heathers

Swim School: Tuesdays
- Room 4 – 12 midday – 12.30pm
- Room 6 – 12.30pm – 1pm
- Room 1 – 1pm – 1.30pm
- Room 2 – 1.30pm – 2pm
- Room 3 – 2pm – 2.30pm

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Swimming Bags: We have swimming bags for sale for $12. They are waterproof, have an external zip pocket, a round base with shoulder straps and a printed name patch on the back to write your child’s name. Please enquire at the office.

LIBRARY NEWS
Updates: Library days are on Wednesdays and Fridays this term. Please ensure your child has a cloth or supermarket bags to carry their books home in.

WINTER KILTS
Kilt For Sale: 1 x size 8 kilt - $45
Wanted To Buy: A size 12 kilt please
Please bring your 2nd hand kilts to the office to sell.
See Carolyn in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays for uniform purchases.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Term 3: New prizes for this term are Backtrack Eraser Pen and Jump and Skip Rope.
Out Of Stock: Please note that the Flying Snake Tails and the Mudsplat Handball prizes from the School Banking Program are out of stock and therefore cannot be redeemed.
Prize Sheet: If you haven’t got a prize sheet please collect one from Mrs McCarthy in the office on Tuesday or Thursday.
Rewards: If you’re not sure how many tokens you may have earnt or have lost some, Mrs McCarthy can check the CBA website and confirm your total.
Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Tuesday.

VALUE OF THE WEEK HONESTY
Our value this fortnight is HONESTY. When you are HONEST you can be relied on not to lie or cheat.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

| ROOM 1 | ADAM |
| ROOM 2 | LEVI |
| ROOM 3 | HANNAH |
| ROOM 4 | MIA |
| ROOM 5 | ANABEL |
| ROOM 6 | ANGUS |
| ROOM 7 | SETH |
| ROOM 8 | ELLA C |
| ROOM 9 | WILLIAM |
| ROOM 10 | TORI |
| ART | JUDD |
| PE | NIXON |
| LIBRARY | RILEY W |
| FRIENDSHIP | LUCY, RACHEL F |
| ASSEMBLY | KATIE RM 7 |
| | TAKIRA RM 8 |

SPORTS AWARD
The sports award goes to ‘ROOM 5’
CONGRATULATIONS & Well Done

CANTEEN DUTY NEXT WEEK
Friday 29th July 2016
11AM-12.30PM  Andrea Ivermee
12.45PM-2PM  Susan Spence
Helper required  Michael Tevelein

COMMUNITY NEWS
INDOOR WINTER SPORTS
Hot Shots Tennis, Cardio Tennis, Cricket coaching program, Kids Yoga
All at Colac Indoor Tennis & Sports Centre 112 Main St Elliminyt. Call Paul 52314788

BOOK FAIR
At Alvie Consolidated School July 21st & July 26th from 10am-3pm

TUNING IN TO KIDS
Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
A weekly parenting program for parents of children aged 5-12 yrs at Colac Area Health commencing Mon 25/7 for 6 Mondays 6-8pm
Enq: Tamara Holmes-childrens counsellor on 52325379