Dear Families and Friends,

**Report from Camp Curumbene**

Wow, what an exciting day I have had at Camp Curumbene with our Grade 3-4 students today. It has been wonderful to watch our students working so well together and enjoying all the great adventure activities that Camp Curumbene has to offer. Thanks for a great day Grade 3-4’s; and thanks to our teachers and parent helpers for giving up your time to make sure the students have a great adventure.

**T20 Blast Cricket**

I would like to say a big ‘congratulations’ to our Grade 5/6 boys’ cricket team for their excellent effort in winning the T20 Blast Regional Final in Mooroopna this Tuesday. The boys won all of their games and will now represent our region at the State Finals at the MCG next Wednesday, something which is very exciting! Congratulations also to our Grade 5-6 girls’ cricket team who won 3 of their 4 games. Unfortunately, they narrowly missed the Grand Final. I am very proud of all our cricketers for representing our school and our region so admirably and I wish our boys all the very best for their big game next week.

**Thank You to Rotary**

Yesterday Lyn Comer and Mary Preston, the President and Secretary from Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale, came to our staff meeting. On behalf of the club they presented a cheque for $250 to fund a school program that will benefit some families in our community currently under financial hardship. We thank the Rotary Club for this generous donation.

**Our School Values**

Thank you to all our community members who have shared their thoughts about current value system and have come up with some great ideas about what values you believe we should focus on over the coming years. At our School Council meeting next Tuesday we will be collating all your great ideas and deciding on the values that will become our core school values over the next four years.

**Strathfieldsaye Bowling Club ‘Strath Kookas Xmas Effort’ Raffle**

This year the Strathfieldsaye Bowling Club have invited us to assist them in selling raffle tickets for their Strath Kookas Xmas Effort Raffle. As a thank you for our assistance the Bowling Club will kindly donate $1 from each ticket sold by Strathfieldsaye PS families back to the school to be used for the purchase of new Take Home Readers for our classrooms. An envelope containing a book of raffle tickets will be sent home to all families today. We would greatly appreciate it if you could help out by selling the raffle tickets and then returning them with monies raised before Wednesday 7th December.

**Reminder - Asthma Puffers**

With the change in weather conditions over the last few days a number of students have had breathing difficulties and have required Ventolin or other medication to help provide them some relief. If your child suffers from asthma please ensure that you send their asthma puffer to school so that they can access it as required. Thank you.

**2017 Booklist money**

The first instalment of booklist money is due tomorrow—Friday 25th November. Please see the information enclosed with the Student Summary Charges for options of payment. Thank you to the parents who have made a payment which helps greatly with preparations for a smooth transition to 2017.

**Upcoming Special Activities / Celebrations**

- Friday 25th November—Junior Sports Carnival
- Friday 25th November—Grade One End of Year Celebration
- Sunday 27th November—Foundation Family BBQ
- Thursday 1st December—Special Assembly for Lapathon prizes
- Tuesday 6th December—Orientation Day for 2017 Foundation and Grade 6 students
- Thursday 8th December—2016 and 2017 Foundation students picnic and Open Suitcase Museum
- Wednesday 14th December—Transition Session for all year levels

Regards

Cindi Bruechert,
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Many thanks to all families who supported our Lapathon. Special thanks to our major sponsors:
- Ray White
- Bradies Tavern
- Reservoir Hotel
- Education Plus
- Mack’s Office Furniture

Library
All Library books must be returned by the END OF NOVEMBER. Accounts will be sent home for books that are lost.

CHERYL FITZPATRICK, LIBRARIAN

UNIFORM
A reminder to all Grade 5 families that the orders for 2017 Grade 6 Legends tops close on Tuesday 29th November.
The last day for Uniform Shop this year will be WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER (8.45 am to 9.15 am)
Please ensure all of your purchases for next year are made before this date. Completed order forms and payment can be left at the office.
2017 Foundation student uniform details have been sent to families—please make sure you place your orders before the 14th.
The Uniform Shop will not re-open until WEDNESDAY 1st February 2017.
Many thanks
Kim Elkington and Cath Schintler, Coordinators

Out of School Hours Care
Children are looking forward to starting Christmas craft later this week and creating some lovely ornaments and decorations they can take home and keep. We have had some students using their imagination and creating activities that the other children can copy or participate in. A reminder that Holiday Club Information is now available for collection at the Out Of School Hours Care for anyone requiring care during the Christmas New Year Holidays.

A special Lapathon Assembly will be held on Thursday 1st December at 3.00 pm to award prizes. Families of prize winners will be notified.

Cheryl Fitzpatrick & Jess West, Coordinators

VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER
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IMPORTANT DATE
Details/costs for student supplies for 2017 have been sent home.

Payment due—Friday 25th November
Please help us to be organised for the 2017 year—call at the office if you have any queries.

SPORT’S NEWEST KIDS PROGRAM IS HERE!

Bowl Patrol is a program to teach kids the basic skills of tenpin bowling.
Features:
- For kids aged 6-12
- Learn to bowl
- Improve balance & co-ordination
- 8 week program
- Skills based progression
- Qualified instructor

BOWL PATROL WILL BE HELD AT:
Bendigo Bowling Centre – 159 Hargraves St Bendigo
Runs every Wednesday – 4.15pm session
Commencing 12th October 2016
Our Junior Student Council will again hold an Empty Christmas Tree Appeal to support needy children. The Christmas tree will be located in the school office foyer and families are asked to buy a new present to be placed under the tree. Gifts can be purchased suitable for toddlers and children up to 15 years of age.

Please do not wrap the presents - this will enable a suitable gift to be chosen for family members.

All gifts donated will be collected from the school on FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER by Haven; Home, Safe and distributed to needy children.

Help us to brighten Christmas for needy families
Calendar of Events

Term Dates:  
Public Holidays:  

NO CANTEEN ON MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ONLY 8.45 AM—9.15 AM  
** HATS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE $8.00 **

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<td>Thank you morning tea for volunteers 11.00 am in staff room</td>
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