Dear Families and Friends,

New Booklist Process ~ Over the last few weeks we have had lots of feedback about the new Student Charges Process that we have implemented this year. From the feedback we have received, we can say most families have been appreciative of the changes and they believe it has streamlined the ordering and payments process, which makes it easier for everyone.

The key benefits of the new process are as follows:
- Requisites will be ordered in bulk and distributed to each classroom prior to the start of the school year
- Some items will be shared as classroom resources and some items will go to each individual student
- Classroom teachers will store the stationery and other requisites
- Payments for each section are clearly itemized
- There are a number of payment options available
- Payment plans can be set up to suit individual families

Lapathon ~ Thank you so much to all our families for supporting our Lapathon so generously. Thanks to your efforts our profit currently stands at $13,018. Congratulations also to all our prize winners who received their certificate, medals and prizes at our special assembly today.

T20 Blast Cricket Update ~ Well done to our Grade 5-6 boys’ cricket team for their valiant efforts in the T20 Blast Cricket State Finals Competition at the MCG yesterday. The boys came up against some challenging teams in their early games but showed great persistence and were rewarded with a very exciting win in their final game.

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 your 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 was sent home to each family last week. 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.

School Council Report for November ~ Lots of valuable discussion was held at our School Council Meeting this week around the management of our great school. The discussion points included:
- 2017 Fundraising Schedule - Term 1 – Fair; Term 2 - Trivia Night. Term 3 – Pie Drive; Term 4 – Lapathon
- Review of our 2016 Revenue and Expenditure
- 2017 Budget Planning
- Laptop Leases
- Development of a Behaviours Matrix (to complement our Learner Profile, Teaching Model and School Values)
- 2016-2019 Strategic Plan – Values and Vision

Regards
Cindi Bruechert,
Principal

Photos from the Grade 3/4 Camp at Curumbene
Library
All Library books must be returned NOW.
Next week accounts will be sent home for books that are lost.

CHERYL FITZPATRICK, LIBRARIAN

UNIFORM
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.

Kim Elkington and Cath Schintler, Coordinators

TOMKINSON AWARD
Congratulations to Riley Logan-Keegan who received the November award.
Riley will be presented with a certificate and voucher at Assembly on Friday (2nd December) at 2.35 pm

Out of School Hours Care
It has been a busy week with children creating decorations to display in the Service for Christmas. Decorations have included designing and displaying a Christmas Tree on the wall and also making Christmas shakers and other Christmas related craft. Just a reminder that there is only a few weeks before Christmas holidays so it is a good time to think about booking your children into Holiday Club. More information is available at the OSHC service.

Prep Christmas Concert—Santa is coming!
You are invited to our end of year Christmas concert.
We will be singing Christmas songs. Santa has been invited as well! We can’t wait to meet him since we’ve been good all year. When: Thursday 15th December
Where: Grade 5-6 building Time: 11:45 – 1.00pm
What to wear: Christmas dress-up is optional, e.g. Santa hat, reindeer antlers or Christmas T-shirt (must be sun-smart for playtime).
These class awards are to recognise students who are demonstrating skills based on our school’s Learner Profile and will be presented at the school assembly on Friday 2nd December at 2.35 pm.

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<th>H/G</th>
<th>Student Name</th>
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<td>001</td>
<td>I. K.</td>
<td>For being a cooperative, caring classmate to everyone around her and always trying her best at everything. For working really hard during writing and starting to get more down on the page during a writing session. Well done Oliver.</td>
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<td>002</td>
<td>Grace L, Chloe I</td>
<td>For using creative thinking when planning, writing and publishing her narrative. For using creative thinking when planning, writing and publishing her narrative.</td>
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<td>003</td>
<td>Violet C, Milla D</td>
<td>For ‘having a go’ at writing a sentence correctly and for trying to work her best on other learning tasks. Well done! For trying hard to write a sentence and sharing her thoughts and predictions about stories we read as a class. Great!</td>
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<td>004</td>
<td>Marli R, Alison H, Ariana P</td>
<td>For always trying her best and making good progress with her reading and writing. For working hard at improving her writing, keeping on the lines and spelling sounds. For reading smoothly and making very good predictions.</td>
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<td>005</td>
<td>Zarah P, Hamish M</td>
<td>For always trying her best in all subject areas. For writing a great narrative about pirates.</td>
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<td>006</td>
<td>Lannah M</td>
<td>For persisting with some very tricky Math until she understood and could demonstrate her learning.</td>
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<td>007</td>
<td>Jaida B, Dale E</td>
<td>For settling quickly to tasks and maintaining their focus.</td>
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<td>008</td>
<td>Macey G, Charli M, Emily M</td>
<td>For writing an interesting and creative narrative about a Mermaid. Macey also enjoyed illustrating her story. Charli finished off her narrative with some amazing illustrations to complement her wonderful narrative. Well done Charli. Emily wrote and illustrated a wonderful narrative she called &quot;Sarah Swims Off&quot;. Well done Emily</td>
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<td>009</td>
<td>Bailey R, Grace A</td>
<td>For writing an interesting narrative about a lost little dolphin. For writing a detailed narrative about a girl wanting to join the circus.</td>
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<td>011</td>
<td>Jenny C, Jesse W, Ebony S</td>
<td>For her care of friends and fabulous team effort on camp. For his great writing work with Mrs Jobe. For her getting along skills and positive attitude on camp.</td>
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<td>012</td>
<td>Callum B, Ruby B</td>
<td>For being inclusive and encouraging others whilst on camp. For her improved attitude and work ethic in all subject areas.</td>
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<td>014</td>
<td>Holly L, Amy J</td>
<td>For challenging herself by going on the flying fox for the first time. For touching Mount Curumbene in rock climbing, which was very high and challenging.</td>
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<td>017</td>
<td>Mary H, Julie D</td>
<td>For her outstanding effort in her descriptive writing task. For settling straight back into the class after her holiday.</td>
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<td>018</td>
<td>Jasmine H, Kobey H</td>
<td>For her great attitude and showing good friendship on camp. For his effort and participation during our lesson time.</td>
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<td>019</td>
<td>Jorja H</td>
<td>For offering very thoughtful and constructive feedback during presentations.</td>
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<td>020</td>
<td>Lachlan T, Orlando P-T</td>
<td>For confidently presenting his inquiry research on Homelessness to the class. For being a respectful member of an audience and asking thought-provoking questions.</td>
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<td>021</td>
<td>Alex G, Veda H</td>
<td>For his excellent effort towards improving and completing his Mathletics tasks to the best of his ability. For delivering an engaging, thoughtful and visually exciting presentation based on a Human Rights issue of her choice. You should be very proud Veda!</td>
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<td>022</td>
<td>Brodie R, Asha J</td>
<td>For excellent achievement in representing the school in cricket. For her great effort to research information for her &quot;Big&quot; question in Ripples of Humanity.</td>
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<td>024</td>
<td>Jenna H, Ally B</td>
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CHRISTMAS IS NEARLY HERE ~ Christmas is a time for many families to celebrate, enjoy and share in a very special time. For some it is a religious celebration, for some a time to celebrate the family unit and for others to engage in a celebration of both facets of Christmas. Unfortunately for others it is a time of loneliness, sadness and hardship. If your family is doing it tough, or you know of a family who is experiencing hardship, help can be arranged. This help is usually in the form of food parcels. Please let Cindy, Julie, your child's teacher, Marilyn or me know if your family or a family you know of is experiencing difficulties. Every enquiry will be dealt with confidentially. No family, and especially no child, should go without at Christmas. Kelvin Curnow School Chaplain
## Calendar of Events

**Term Dates:**

**Public Holidays:**

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**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>Tuesday 6</td>
<td>Orientation Day –2016 Grade 6 (all day) &amp; 2017 Preps (9.30 to 11.30am)</td>
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<td>Wednesday 7</td>
<td>Thank you morning tea for volunteers 11.00 am in staff room</td>
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<td>Thursday 8</td>
<td>Foundation Afternoon Picnic for 2016 and 2017 Foundation families</td>
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<td>Wednesday 14</td>
<td>Open 8.45 am to 9.15 am Uniform Shop closes for 2016.</td>
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<td>Thursday 15</td>
<td>Grade 6 Graduation</td>
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<td>Friday 16</td>
<td>Grand Final—Strath’s Got Talent</td>
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<td>Tuesday 20</td>
<td>Term 4 ends—Early dismissal 1.30 pm</td>
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**JANUARY**

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<td>Monday 30</td>
<td>Term 1 commences—Curriculum day/pupil-free day</td>
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<td>All students commence</td>
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### FEBRUARY

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<td>Foundation Students rest days</td>
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### Help us to brighten Christmas for needy families

Our Junior Student Council is again holding an Empty Christmas Tree Appeal to support needy children. The Christmas tree is 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.

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**Parents and friends are encouraged to become a member of the IGA Community Rewards Program. Families simply nominate the school and 1% of their purchase is donated back to the school. Application forms are available from the school office, as well as a key tag.**

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**Enhance the beauty of your home with Dugie’s new exposed concrete kerbing. Ideal for driveways and garden beds with a range of styles, colours and exposed rock. Call for a free measure and quote 0413 889 680 a/h 5439 6157 Your local Kanga loader hire with operator**
Are you looking for a no fuss, easy to administer fundraising opportunity?
The Athlete’s Foot Bendigo would like to invite your school to become part of our School Rewards Program. The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity with $5 from every pair of shoes purchased from Bendigo store is donated back to your school. This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.

The Athlete’s Foot School Rewards Program can also provide education sessions for parents and/or students on the importance of correctly fitted shoes. Our expertly trained Fit Technicians know that the right fit for a child’s foot type not only provides more support and comfort but the shoes will last longer too!

Individual families are also rewarded with our ClubFit loyalty program. One point is earned for every dollar spent and for every 300 points accumulated a $30 The Athlete’s Foot voucher is automatically received. These vouchers can be redeemed against a purchase at any of The Athlete’s Foot stores.

Start your students off on the right foot by having them fitted at The Athlete’s Foot Bendigo.

I look forward to discussing our School Rewards Program with you and how we can further assist your students. Yours sincerely, Graham Beet, Franchisee

Our school is registered in this School Rewards Program.
Please ask family and friends purchasing shoes from Athlete’s Foot to nominate the school to receive $5.00 from every pair of shoes purchased.

Saver Plus and Financial Assistance

Saver Plus is a program that provides up to $500 that can be put towards education costs for your child. Over 10 months participants in the program save $500 and this is matched dollar for dollar by the Saver Plus program. In effect this means that at the end of 10 months $1000 will be made available to participants. To find out more information there are brochures available from the office. If you wish to discuss how the program works or for more information please come and speak to me.

Please note: In order to be eligible for Saver Plus applicants must have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and have some regular income from work.

No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) provides individuals and families on low incomes with access to safe, fair and affordable credit. Loans are between $300 and $1,200 for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines and medical procedures. Repayments are set up at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months. To be eligible for NILS you must have a Health Care Card or earn less than $45,000 a year (after tax). Loans cannot be used for cash, bond, rent arrears, debt consolidation, holidays or bills.

Applications can be made at: Anglicare Victoria, 47 High St Bendigo (Just near McDonalds). Tel: 5448 1000

Financial Advice can also be provided at this same address.

All enquiries will be treated confidentially.
Kelvin Curnow
School Chaplain
SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN – COMING SOON

Get ready for a ‘Sensational Summer’ of fun! Summer Holiday Club Program is coming and it is going to be one of the greatest holidays yet.

Here are just some of the feature theme days coming up:

At the movies
SING (PG) The movie event of the Summer is here. We’re off to meet Dapper Koala Buster Moon and see the world’s greatest singing competition!

Science Spectacular
Interactive Science Session - Bubble, Bubble, POP! Mini Scientists get ready, it’s time to experiment! With a take-home Science notebook.

Flying Hole in One
Frisbee Golf Course - Will you be first to score a flying hole in one? A colourful and wildly fun indoor obstacle course awaits and we’re ready to score! Plus, you’ll get your own take-home Frisbee!

Inside Out
Nesting Dolls - Design and take-home your masterpieces. Will it be a footy team? A music band? The choice is yours!

Program Details
To find your closest Holiday Club location and to book visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From The Team at Camp Australia.