Next Wednesday, 28 or so of our Year 5/6 students will head off for the annual 3 Day Bike Ride. The Bike Ride will also involve Avenel Primary School and Seymour College. There will be about 80 or so students involved altogether! The riders will begin the journey at Mansfield and end the journey in Tallarook. The students will cover about 140 km, over the 3 days following the Great Victorian Rail Trail. They will camp along the way in Yarck & Yea. It is a huge event and requires a high degree of dedication by all participants. Mr. Humphrey and Ms. Atkinson are going with the students with the help of several parents and other staff. Good luck to all riders. Below is the itinerary in case you would like to visit.

### Day 1
- **6.45 am** Meet at Puckapunyal PS
- **7.00 am** Our 5/6 students will depart by coach to Mansfield.
- **8.30 am** All riders arrive at the Mansfield end of The Great Victorian Bike Trail.
- **9.30 am** Depart Mansfield following the rail trail until we reach Bonnie Doon
- **11.00 am** Arrive Bonnie Doon for morning snack
- **11.30 am** Depart Bonnie Doon until we reach Merton.
- **1.00 pm** Arrive Merton Park for lunch(Cnr of Maroondah Hwy & Euroa-Mansfield Rd)
- **2.45 pm** Arrive Kanumbra
- **3.00 pm** Depart Kanumbra & ride until we reach Yarck.
- **4.00 pm** Arrive Yarck. Set up camp at the Yarck Recreational Reserve
- **6.30 pm** Dinner provided by Avenel Primary School

### Day 2
- **7.00 am** Breakfast provided by Puckapunyal Primary & pack up camp
- **8.30 am** Walk around Yarck and discover the town
- **9.30 am** Depart Yarck & ride along the rail trail until we reach Koriella
- **11 am** Arrive at Koriella for morning snack
- **11.30 am** Depart Koriella until we reach Alexandra
- **1.00 pm** Arrive Alexandra Recreational Reserve for Lunch
- **1.45 pm** Depart Alexandra & ride until we reach Molesworth
- **2.45 pm** Arrive Molesworth for afternoon snack
- **3.00 pm** Depart Molesworth & ride until we reach Yea
- **4.00 pm** Arrive Yea Primary School & set up camp in the school grounds
- **6.30 pm** Dinner provided by Yea Primary School

### Day 3
- **7.00 am** Breakfast provided by Puckapunyal Primary & pack up camp
- **8.30 am** Walk around Yea and discover the town
- **9.30 am** Depart Yea following the rail trail towards Kerrisdale
- **11 am** Arrive Kerrisdale for morning snack
- **11.30 am** Depart Kerrisdale riding towards Trawool
- **1.00 pm** Arrive Trawool for Fish & Chip lunch provided by Puckapunyal Primary
- **2.00 pm** Depart Trawool heading for Tallarook
- **3.00 pm** Arrive Tallarook and finish the ride.
- **3.15 pm** Students to be collect by an Adult at Tallarook

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**Coming Events**
- **Wednesday 29th October**
  - 3 Day Bike Ride Mansfield to Tallarook
- **Thursday 6th November**
  - Prep Excursion to Shepparton
- **Saturday 8th November**
  - School Working Bee
- **Tuesday 11th November**
  - School Council
- **Wednesday 12th November**
  - Family Fun Day
- **Friday 28th November**
  - Report Writing Pupil Free Day
- **Thursday 11th December**
  - Year 6 Valedictory Dinner

***Have you heard your child read today?*** We encourage all students to practise their reading at home about 5 nights per week. Therefore, by now, most students should have read at least between 175-180 nights. **Well done if you have kept up!**

**** Sunday Nights – a great night to check for Head Lice ****
**Awards for the Week**

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Frankie Gaspari, Nathan Mann, Claudia Carrick, Hamish Kenny, Abigail Williams & Chantelle Benson. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Enthusiasm’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Tolerance’.

**Authors of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who were ‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Oliver Kenny, Lachlan Taylor, Joshua Porter, Jesse Carter, Lachlan Thompson, Abby Chetcuti, Declan Reyne & Jossalyn Boxall. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

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**Times Tables Awards**

3 / 4 A in Room 11 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Amy Franks was delighted that her classroom won the winning trophy this week!

5 / 6 P in Room 1B won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy. Taylah Studte & Joshua Esqueria were delighted that their classroom won the winning trophy this week!

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**Assembly Reading**

Did you hear Abby Chetcuti read part of her narrative at assembly this week? We did! She did a fantastic job! Come along and see who reads next week.

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**‘Recycling Cans’ Awards**

Well done Holly & Will Hastie who each received a ‘Recycling Cans’ Award. Every little bit counts!

P1/0 in Room 3 won the Yard Duty Competition Trophy!

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Happy Birthday to Layla Chivers, Riley Gilmour & Kayla Gardner who are all having their birthdays this week. On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

The School Canteen is open for Lunch Orders again this term. Each and every Friday students can order lunches from the school canteen. The menu will be different each week. Please see the updated menu in this week’s newsletter.

This week
Nuggets $2.50 for 5
Chocolate or Strawberry milk - $2.00
Orange / Apple Juice - $1.50

Congratualtions to Philippa Mallet for being selected as one of the 25 winners across our state of a NAIDOC Reconciliation Medal. Philippa was presented with her medal at assembly on Monday by a representative from NAIDOC and the Mitchell Shire Mayor.
Parents of grade 1 children in Grade 1/2 I were invited to our regular class diary writing session on Monday morning. The children were able to discuss what they were going to write with their parents and then got on with the task. They were able to show mum/dad their goal for the session and worked together to gauge their success. The children enjoyed the session greatly. Thankyou to the parents who were able to attend. Next Monday, straight after assembly, the Grade 2 children will have their chance to work with their parents.

Well done to the Xtina Chalson Riley, Ethan Neilson, Mackai Harriden, Matthew Sharrad & Giselle Andrew who competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Epping last week. These students have been successful at school, district, divisional and now regional levels. Just to get this far, they have competed against 150-200 schools. Big congratulations to Giselle Andrew who is now heading to Albury next Monday to compete in the State Competition.
Junior School – Foundation Rooms 3 & 6

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop writing skills with a focus on the vowels of a, e and i. We are also writing sentences with finger spaces and using initial sounds. We are writing one to three sentences in our diaries each week.

**Numeracy:** We will be continuing work on subtraction. We are also looking at measuring using hands, feet and bricks.

Year 1s Rooms 3, 8 & 9

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills by working on narratives and the students are beginning their work on how to write a report. We are looking at verbs and their usage in sentences.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at skip counting, calculators and subtraction along with volume and capacity.

Year 2s Rooms 8, 9 & 10

**Literacy:** We will continue to develop our writing skills by working on narratives and the students are beginning their work on how to write a report. We are looking at verbs and their usage in sentences. We are also focusing on apostrophes for contractions and possessions.

**Numeracy:** We are looking at skip counting, calculators and subtraction along with volume and capacity.

Middle School Years 3/4 Rooms 10, 11 & 13

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will work on poetry. We will also be focusing on using commas with direct speech.

**Numeracy:** We will continue to learn about processes, word problems and measurement. Times table facts will be practised throughout the week.

Senior School Years 5/6 Rooms 1A&1B

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, students will have a choice regarding genres. We will also focus on using commas with direct speech.

In reading we will be focusing on fluency and expression while also identifying key words and phrases during note taking.

**Numeracy:** We will continue work on place value (including decimals), processes, fractions, decimals and percentages. Times table facts will be practised throughout the week.
Library News

‘Crikey and Cat’ is the story of a night when all the stars fall out of the sky. The humans, a dog (Crikey) and a cat (Cat) use ingenuity to get them back in their rightful place. As with all of Chris McKimmie’s work there is so much to explore, including a subtext about the importance of friendship and working together.

Text: Crikey and Cat

Author and Illustrator: Chris McKimmie

Learning Intention: To explore the collage effect of the illustrations.

Measure of Success: I have sketched and pasted a collage in Chris McKimmie’s style.

Enjoy reading every day and see if you can read some other books written and illustrated by Chris McKimmie!!

Mrs Challis
Library teacher

Mystery Bags

At the Family Fun Day this year on the 12th November we are having our mystery bag stall. These will be sold to raise money for our school. A bag should accompany your child home today. If you are able to fill this bag with something that children would enjoy receiving (lollies, soap, cookies, pencils, small toys etc.) but NO NUT Products please we would be most grateful. We have additional bags, so if you would like to fill more than one, that would be great too!! Empty bags are available at the office, and full bags can be returned to the office.

Please make sure that the bags are securely closed. Thanks so much for your support.
An invitation is extended to all parents of Pre School and Primary School children and members of the community to attend our Family Fun Day.

When: Wednesday 12th November, 2014  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Where: Puckapunyal Primary School

Since 1998 we have been holding a **Family Picnic Day** at the school with parents bringing lunch to share with their children in a family atmosphere.

* At 1.00 pm parents, students and teachers will meet on the bank near the oval and eat lunch together.
* There will be a Sausage Sizzle available on the day as well. Below are the pre order forms.

* The SRC students will set up a variety of games and activities on the oval and the asphalt areas for families, teachers and students to enjoy. They will go ahead after lunch at about 1:30 p.m. Examples of the activities are - egg & spoon races, sack races, 3 legged races, horse shoe throwing, vortex throwing, cricket, skipping, bubbles and lots of others.

* We will also conduct the annual **Fun Run**. The Fun Run will start at 2.45. Parents are encouraged to join their children for the Fun Run. We will also provide a free icy pole to all students, parents and visitors who join in the Fun Run.

*Please come along and spend your afternoon enjoying time with your children.*

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**FAMILY FUN DAY BBQ LUNCH**

To celebrate our **Family Fun Day** on Wednesday 12th of November we are holding a BBQ lunch. Anyone interested in participating please pre order by returning your completed form (with money) by Friday the 7th of November.

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Room Number: ______

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Defence School Transition Aide Message

Walk to school: We are challenging our students to walk to and from school as often as they can in October. We understand that this is not always possible, but if it is, give it a try. It’s a great habit to have and is beneficial for the health of our children, our families, the environment and it saves money. Next Tuesday (28th) we are also organising a whole school event at 9am when all students will participate in a walking activity within the school grounds (therefore a permission slip is not required). Parents are also invited to participate.

Healthy Tips: Goji berries, these are delicious covered in chocolate but I’m not sure that’s how the health experts expect us to eat them! They have been called the most nutritionally dense food on earth, containing more vitamin C than oranges, more beta carotene than carrots and more iron than steak. The berries have been used medicinally for centuries to improve blood circulation, strengthen limbs, improve eyesight, protect the liver and boost immune function.

Leaving?: If you haven’t already done so, please let the school know if your children will not be attending PPS in 2015. Thank you
Have a great week!

Sue Ranger, Defence School Transition Aide

Positive Behaviour Reward Update

With over 200 tickets given out and Bradman and Melba doubling their previous score (from weeks 1 and 2), it was a terrific week for positive behaviour. All four house scores are also very close. Keep up the positive behaviour everyone!

Bradman: 105  Chisholm: 95
Hume: 115     Melba: 118

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# Updated 21/10 Term 4 2014 Canteen Menu

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Making Learning Authentic in the Junior School

Children in Foundation, Grades one and two have been learning about their community. Mr Itter’s grade went to the PC Centre to make a map of Puckapunyal on the floor. They then placed buildings, made from nets, to represent homes and places in Puckapunyal. Finally, they placed their buildings in the correct locations on the map. Children gave oral directions to each other on how to travel from one location to another, using words such as left and right.