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Many of our Years 5/6 students have expressed interest in attending the Years 5/6 Bike Ride this year – The Great Victorian Rail Trail. The ride will be a 4 Day Bike Ride this year (extra day) so we can fit in other outdoor adventure activities along the way as well. The 4 Day event will take place from Tuesday 25th October – Friday 28th October, 2016. We aim to involve 20-25 students from Years 5/6. We will ride approximately 180km. Therefore, it is an event that requires a strong commitment by the students who are involved.

Training for the ride will need to begin next week. Each week, students will need to participate in 2 training sessions at school and then follow up with another private session as well. That is, 3 training sessions per week, for at least 10 weeks. We encourage all participants to begin 12 weeks ahead so that the Bike Ride is a positive, rewarding experience.

Currently we are organising staff to take training sessions during the week. These sessions will be held at lunchtime and after school.

For children to participate they need to have a ‘Bike Excellence Award Certificate’ achieved through passing the school’s Bike Education Course recently. Students will need to bring their bikes and helmets on the allocated training days. They are also expected to keep a record of their training and collect parent or teacher signatures to verify their workload. Good luck kids! Please see the possible itinerary on page 10.

***We can all work together to rid the community of Head Lice. Let’s check our heads once per week!***
Concert items: Remember that you can audition to be a part of our school concert. All students are involved in their class act, but students can audition to perform in an additional act by themselves or with their friends. Of course if any music is required, it needs to be appropriate for a primary school concert. See me if you are interested or would like to find out more.

A stall for fathers, grandads, uncles, neighbours or friends: In early September we will be having a stall for our students to buy gifts for their dad, grandad, uncle, neighbour or friend. If you have any suitable items for the stall we would be very grateful. Please note no nut products, lighters etc. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy your week.
Sue Ranger, DSTA.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARD UPDATE
The tussle between Bradman and Melba continues! Well done to all those students receiving a ticket for positive behaviour. You help make Pucka Primary a terrific school!

CURRENT SCORES
Melba- 222 points
Bradman-221 points
Hume- 192 points
Chisholm- 149 points

Going or Staying?

2017 - NEXT YEAR
Family Name: ________________________________________________________________
Given Names of Children: _______________________________________________________
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Circle and complete one section:
a. The above mentioned children will be at Puckapunyal Primary School in 2017

b. Our family is moving to ____________________________ (destination)
   Their last day of school at Puckapunyal PS is ___/___/16

c. It is yet uncertain as to where we will be living in 2017.

With many families leaving at the end of the year, it is imperative that we know the movements of our families. To employ teachers and organise classrooms we need accurate information to determine how many students will be at Pucka in 2017. If you are aware of your plans for next year and know whether your child/ren will or will not be attending PPS for the year 2017, please fill in this form and return to the school a.s.a.p.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Tallen Miller, Jett Miller and Gemma Koch who are all having birthdays this week. On behalf of the Puckapunyal Primary School Community, we wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

***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 125-130 nights. Well done if you have kept up! ***
At assembly this week **Reliability** was announced as our **School Value of the week**. That means teachers are looking for students who are demonstrating ‘**Reliability**’ to be eligible for the **Student of the Week award**. We encourage parents to talk to their students about our values throughout the year.

**What is Reliability?** Year 6 student, **Libby Brown** read out the meaning of **Reliability**.

‘**Reliability** means that others can depend on you and count on you to do your best to keep commitments. If your family relies on you to feed the family pets then they are always fed without anyone having to remind you to do it. **Reliability** means that you really care about doing what you said you would do.’
‘Students of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Indigo Hogan, Chayce Mackie, Caleb Holloway, Paige Cooper, Riley Gilmour, Clodagh McCarthy, Kian George and Reilly Adams. These students were selected because they were modelling ‘Compassion’. This week teachers are looking for students who are modelling ‘Reliability’.

‘Authors of the Week’ for last week. Winners – Silas Quintana, Afi Rizalmi, Lake Robertson, Dallas Ridl, Tessa Thompson, Max Chetcuti, Dani Corocher and Emilie O’Keeffe. These students were selected because they showed great skills as an author.

1/2 I in Room 3 won the Yard Duty Comp. Sophie Van Der Waal enjoyed collecting the winning trophy this week!

4/5/6 P in Room 2 won the Senior School Times Tables Trophy. Trinity Boyd and Abigail Major were delighted to collect the winning trophy this week!

3/4 A in Room 11 won the Middle School Times Tables Trophy. Will Anderson was very happy that his classroom won the winning trophy again this week!

Congratulations to Jake Tanis, Emily Watson, Beth Ludlow and Dakota Miller for winning the raffle prizes for ‘Positive Behaviour’ this week!

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Each week in the newsletter, we will give families a summary of the **Teaching/Learning Focus** for the week. **That can help families by:** being aware of what classrooms are covering; with discussion topics at the dinner table when discussing school (eg. ‘How are you going with addition in Numeracy this week?’); helping their children study at home, etc. Parents have indicated that this information is very useful. We also ask families to be aware that schools are very busy places and events can be unpredictable at times. We therefore must remain flexible. That means that we can plan to cover certain topics at particular times and have to change them according to arising needs.

**Junior School – Preps/Foundation Rooms 6 & 8**

**Literacy:** We are continuing to practise our home reading and Golden Words every night, covering the letter ‘i’ and looking at other vowels. We are continuing to practise using capital letters and full-stops in our writing and talking about WOW words.  

**Numeracy:** We are continuing to count forwards and backwards and revising all numbers from 1 to 13 and learning about 14. We are making models of addition by putting groups together and counting the set.

**Junior School – Year 1s Rooms 3, 4 & 8**

**Literacy:** We are learning about verb endings like –ed and -ing and how to use them in sentences to make our writing more interesting. We are also investigating the letter ‘I’.  

**Numeracy:** We are practising skip counting and counting forwards and backwards using calculators to assist. We are looking at chance using such objects as dice, spinners and cards.

**Junior School – Year 2s Rooms 3 & 4**

**Literacy:** We are consolidating using capital letters, full stops, commas and exclamation marks. We are also looking at conjunctions (connectives in BIG WRITE). We are enjoying practising Kung Fu punctuation, using WOW words in our writing and thinking of interesting openers.  

**Numeracy:** We are adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers by counting on and back using calculators to assist/check. We are looking at chance using such objects as dice, spinners and cards.

**Middle School Years 3/4 Rooms 10 & 11**

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will work on narratives. We are now focusing on all four VCOP components. In reading we are working on reading strategies.  

**Numeracy:** We will continue to focus on place value and the four processes. Another continued focus will be angles. Times tables will be practised throughout the week.

**Senior School Years 4/5/6 Rooms 1 & 2**

**Literacy:** During writing sessions over the next few weeks, we will focus on the VCOP components and narratives. In reading we will be focusing on reading strategies.  

**Numeracy:** We will continue to focus on tree diagrams, as well as volume and revision of the four processes. Times tables will be practised throughout the week.

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As part of the **Sports Grant** we received to run Before School Sport, Tennis Australia has given us some great resources! We received 30 child sized tennis racquets, 30 child sized tennis balls, 4 portable nets and court marking tape to use around the school. **Lilly Mackay, Owen Brown, Savannah Bradford and Lachlan Balmer** were happy to showcase our goodies!
Term 3 Learning with iPads

Learning with iPads sessions will be held on the following dates covering the following topics. Feel free to come along. See you there.

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Learning with iPads

Dear Parents,
On the dates above at 5pm there will be iPad learning sessions for parents and others who would like to improve their knowledge and understanding around iPads.
This is the time for all the questions you might have about iPads, iPad lists, Minecraft, Edmodo and other apps or issues you might have.

Expression of interest:
I ____________________ would be interested in the iPad learning session held on the ________________ (insert date).
LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Photographs and writing by Year 6 students Naomi and Jamie
Yr 6 Transition Day at Seymour College

Sport

The first activity we did was sport. We played lots of different games with Mr Garner the PE teacher. One of the games we played was a game where there were 2 teams and the 2 teams had to try and get the ball to rebound off the rebound net at their end. If they got the ball to bounce without someone catching it, then that was a point for that team. Another game we played was chain tiggy. Chain tiggy is where 1 person starts off being ‘it’ and then when they tag someone that person has to make a chain with the tagger. It went on and on until there was 1 person left. Tristan was the winner for that game.

Art

In our Art session, we had a talk about leadership and secondary school and then we got to create a monster. We talked about the different features and we got to draw and create one of our own.

Science

The last activity we did was science. We did two different things and they were: using paddle pop sticks, textas, paper, water and methylated spirits and the second one was using glow sticks and different temperatures of water. For the first activity we were each given a paddle pop stick with paper stuck to it and then we got given some textas and we had to pick one or two colours and draw a line on the paper, then put it in a glass beaker of water or methylated spirits to see what would happen. The second activity was where we used the glow sticks and there were different temperatures of water. One person from each group got a glow stick from the hot water, then room temperature and ice from the glass beaker. Then we had to crack them and see which one glowed the most.
Euroa Secondary College Experience Day

Inviting primary students in Years 4 - 6, their teachers and parents to participate in a day of activities with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy.

**Wednesday 31st August 2016**
11:00am – 2:30pm

- ‘Hands on’ lessons.
- Lunch order or BYO lunch.
- Tea and coffee provided for adults.
- An opportunity for parents to tour the school and meet teachers.

Any enquiries? Contact Janet Street (Year 7 Coordinator)
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## Puckalypics Lunchtime Timetable

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## The Great Victorian Rail Trail

**Possible Itinerary**

**Tuesday 25/10/16**
- 8:30 am - Arrive at Puckapunyal PS
- 9:00 am - Depart Puckapunyal PS via bus and trailers with bikes
- 10:30 am - Arrive at the Mansfield end of the Great Victorian Rail Trail (have morning tea)
- 11:00 am - Depart Mansfield and ride along the rail trail until we reach Bonnie Doon
- 12:15 pm - Arrive at Bonnie Doon for lunch and outdoor education activities (fishing and hiking)
- 2:30 pm - Depart Bonnie Doon until we reach Merton
- 3:30 pm - Arrive at Merton Park Racecourse to set up camp (cnr of Maroondah Hwy and Euroa-Mansfield Rd)
- 6:30 pm - Dinner (BBQ and bush cooking)

**Wednesday 26/10/16**
- 7:00 am - Breakfast and pack up camp
- 8:00 am - Depart Merton Park Racecourse
- 9:15 am - Arrive at Yarck Recreational Reserve for morning tea
- 9:45 am - Depart Yarck
- 11:15 am - Arrive at Alexandra Secondary College for lunch (lunch provided by Alexandra Secondary College) and Outdoor Recreational Activities (Rogaining with secondary aged students)
- 1:00 pm - Depart Alexandra and ride along the rail trail until we reach Molesworth
- 2:45 pm - Arrive at Molesworth Caravan Park to set up camp (4352 Goulburn Valley Hwy, Molesworth)
- 4:00 pm - Outdoor Education Activities - Fishing
- 6:30 pm - Dinner (BBQ and bush cooking)
- 8:00 pm - Night Hike

**Thursday 27/10/16**
- 8:00 am - Breakfast and pack up camp
- 10:00 am - Depart Molesworth and ride along the rail trail until we reach Yea
- 11:00 am - Arrive at Yea PS to leave bikes and gear and have morning tea
- 11:45 am - Walk to Yea Wetlands for Environmental activities
- 12:00 noon - Environmental Activities (session 1)
- 1:00 pm - Lunch at the Wetlands
- 1:30 pm - Environmental Activities (session 2)
- 3:00 pm - Arrive at Yea PS to set up camp (23 Station St, Yea)
- 4:30 pm - Yea Town Discovery Walk
- 6:30 pm - Dinner (dinner provided by Yea Primary School)

**Friday 28/10/16**
- 7:30 am - Breakfast and pack up camp
- 9:00 am - Sport activities with Yea PS (with primary aged students)
- 10:00 am - Depart Yea and ride along the rail trail until we reach Kerrisdale
- 11:00 am - Arrive at Kerrisdale for morning snack
- 11:30 am - Depart Kerrisdale until we reach Trawool
- 12:00 noon - Arrive at Trawool for lunch (Fish and Chip lunch provided by Puckapunyal Primary School)
- 1:00 pm - Leave Trawool and ride along the rail trail until we reach Tallarook
- 2:00 pm - Arrive at Tallarook and finish the ride
- 2:15 pm - Students are collected by their families at Tallarook

**Total Riding Distance – 158km**

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