Hi everyone…

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY SPONSORSHIP - In addition to the families we thanked last week for their support of this program, we also gratefully accept donations from the Long Family & Morris Bros Real Estate. At this stage, we will have sufficient funds to maintain this program for at least a full semester. If you, or your company would like to be part of this program, to help it continue for the rest of the year, please contact Nicole at the office.

STUDENT VOICE TEAM: On Friday, I presented badges to members of the 2015 Student Voice Team. These three students will work with School Captains, Ebony O’Donohue & Regan O’Brien, to provide feedback and ideas from students when the council or staff are considering new policies, programs or plans for the school grounds. They have already started in their role; gathering ideas from around the grades to help School Council in planning the new play area where the portable buildings have been removed. The Grounds Subcommittee will meet this afternoon to look at ideas offered by staff and children, and to start work on the practicalities. APPA generosity allocated $10,000 from their funds raised in 2014 towards this and our Grade 6 students have come up with some other suggestions of how we can raise some money towards the project. Pictured: Annika Flanagan, Charlie Townsend & Kayla Phillips.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: Congratulations to our newly-elected and returning Parent Reps on School Council. Tom Knox is our new member, while Kel Vincent and Tanya Campin will return to serve another two-year term. Tom has children in Grade 1 & 2 (Max & Lily). The new Council will meet for its first general meeting after the AGM on 16th March. At the AGM we will also welcome Romany White who is the new APPA representative. Romany has two boys at school; Dylan & Caleb (Gr 3 & 5). Her oldest son, Liam was in Grade 6 last year.

LOCAL EXCURSIONS & PROGRAMS: Our Grade 3/4 unit headed off on their walk around the notable (and less well known) bridges in Wangaratta today. The children were asked to take special note of the structural features of the bridges and the purpose they served. They were armed with their sketch pads, and these drawings and observations will help them when they design and build their bridge in response to their Quest. Grade 5/6 children had a local ‘look-see’ yesterday when they walked around the Wangaratta CBD, taking note of the public amenities and places of interest as they compare and contrast Wonderful Wangaratta with Marvellous Melbourne.

We try to use local excursion sites as much as possible. This allows children to become more familiar with their own community and keeps costs to a minimum. However, it takes lots of time for teachers to chase up unpaid excursion levy amounts each time they plan an outing for the children. On the booklist, the excursion levy of $40, once paid, means that your child is all set for the year for these events or incursions. The cost of buses and entry fees are calculated so that we get the best deal possible. Please make sure that your payments are up-to-date so that teachers are not using their valuable planning time making calls and re-sending reminders. It is also upsetting for children if they are unsure of whether or not they can go on excursions.

We understand that some families are struggling to meet the costs of camps and other programs, however, our school costs are lower than most and we only charge the actual amounts incurred - the school does not make a profit on any of these essential education items. The benefits to children of attending camps, sports programs and excursions are incalculable. Payment plans are readily available but we do expect that regular deposits are made to ensure that the total owed is paid within the negotiated time.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRI) 2015: There has been significant change in the way Religious Education is offered in state schools. Parents can choose to opt-in their children by returning the form attached. The SRI volunteers are accredited and trained by ACCESS Ministries. Children not participating in SRI are involved in learning activities with their own or a ‘next door’ teacher. If you have any questions about this, please contact me. We are only offering this to Grade 2-6 students at this stage. If you do wish your child to participate, please return the form by Monday, 9th March.

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Upcoming Events

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CONGRATULATIONS: During the Christmas break, Lachlan Newton competed at the National Showcase Dance Championships held at Jupiter’s Casino. The troupe of dancers from the Born2perform Junior Rep Team won both their Jazz and their Hip Hop routines giving them the title of National Champions. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their Contemporary and 5<sup>th</sup> in their Tap performance. Well done, Lachie!

WANGARATTA MARATHON & FUN RUN: To the students, staff and parents who participated in and completed this event last weekend, good on you! Reading the Chronicle yesterday, I saw many students’ names appearing and some notable place-getters. Congratulations, particularly, to Ruby Snowdon, Braeden Marjanovic & Hannah Snowdon who achieved Top 10 finishes in their age groups.

BUILDING A BRIDGE, BUILDING LIFE SKILLS: The Grade 3/4 Quest not only encourages children to research and discover information about structures and construction, but also has them working in groups where innovation, negotiation, collaboration and consideration are all skills needed for success. These ‘capabilities’ are valuable life skills for children; developing their ability to work effectively in a team and to contribute to a common goal. Once the children have done their research and planning, they will be asked to work as a small team to construct a bridge from basic craft materials. There is a budget, and they can add to their ‘money’ by earning bonus dollars for their team work and creativity.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Thank you to families who took this opportunity to meet with teachers during this week; sharing information and setting learning goals for the semester. Although these are only brief conversations, they are very important in showing children that we are working as partners in their learning and education. If you were not able to make a time last week, please contact the office and we will sort out another appointment for you to get together with your child’s teacher.

AND FINALLY... We hope all our Grade 5/6 children and the adults accompanying them to Melbourne have a truly wonderful week of learning and adventures in Melbourne. Please ensure that your child does NOT take items like aerosol cans (including deodorant), iPods, mobile phones, make-up, excessive money or sweets etc. Teachers will confiscate items that fail the ‘common sense test’.

From The Chaplain... FAMILY MEETINGS
Over the next few weeks I would like to pass on to you some information about Family Meetings. This week I will share some of the benefits of making these meetings a part of your family life.

Solves problems – these meetings can help resolve an issue which affects everyone by providing a forum for open and fair discussion. The time can also be used to assist a family member with an issue that they are facing.

Reduces stress – by providing an opportunity to sync calendars and get everyone on the same page about what is happening with each family member.

Builds family solidarity – a good family culture doesn’t just happen. These meetings are an effective way to communicate your family’s culture and values through real life situations.

Teaches real life skills – children will pick up skills like problem solving, planning, conflict resolution and communication. Older children can take responsibility for leading a family meeting.

Chaplain Beth

Nihongo News
Grades 3~6 continued their work on JP companies. They did a hiragana activity in which they had to make the names of companies. We then looked at how those company names are written in Kanji, a different system of characters, Chinese in origin, which gives a clearer understanding of the actual meaning. We also discussed the companies’ origins and current products. The kids were surprised to hear that Kawasaki builds huge oil tankers and helicopters. Preps~Gr2 revised their hiragana and then had team races to find the card representing a sound they heard called out. Ned J & Dean B (P/1S) showed that even Preppies can read Hiragana and Clara R (1B) was very impressive, especially considering she has only been learning Japanese since the start of the year.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
What, no fishing fanatics? Well, fishing for ayu is unusual because it involves using one ayu as a decoy with hooks dangling around it to snag another ayu that comes to attack it. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us two ways of saying each of the numbers 4 & 7 in JP.

Sayōnara!

APPA HAPPENINGS
APPA meeting Monday, 2nd March in the staffroom @ 6.30pm. All welcome.
Musician of the Week

Kayla Gill for always being such a fantastic student during music. Your beautiful voice and fabulous team work make you an asset to your class!

Wangaratta District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday six students from Grades 3 - 6 competed in the Wangaratta District Swimming Carnival, against competitors from schools across our region. Tayah Martens, Brodie Watson, Alex Pitt, Sarah Long, Annika Flanagan and Zack Watson participated in 50m individual events as well as freestyle and medley relays.

Tayah started the day swimming in the 9/10 year old girls’ freestyle and backstroke events. Tayah has only started swimming competitively this year and was swimming against girls that were one and two years older. She held her own during each of the events. Brodie swam in the 9/10 year old boys’ freestyle and breaststroke events. He placed 3rd in breaststroke. Alex was having his first real hit out in a competitive program and he performed very well, placing 2nd in breaststroke and 3rd in freestyle. Sarah swam in the 12 year old girls’ freestyle and breaststroke events. She is another swimmer who is relatively new to the sport and her efforts were commendable. Zack Watson had a great day, winning both his backstroke and butterfly events.

Sarah, Brodie, Zack and Alex then combined to swim in the open 4 x 50 freestyle relay as well as the medley relay. They placed 3rd in the freestyle relay. Sarah also had to swim with Tayah and two other girls from other schools to make up a freestyle team. Annika was asked to swim the freestyle relay with a team from Yarrawonga and she performed very well. Annika then joined Tayah with two others to complete the medley event.

A very strong effort from our small band of swimmers. Those who qualified for the Regional event, which is to be held next week, are unfortunately unable to attend as they will be on school camp. Congratulations to all our swimmers.

Saturday Morning Netball

Any students interested in playing Saturday Morning Netball this year can collect a note from Mrs Martin tomorrow. Prep - 2 students can participate in a Net Set Go program which is held on Fridays. The Grade 3/4 students’ Net Set Go program will be conducted on Saturday mornings. Both these programs do not start until May, however we need to have names and forms completed so we can register players and teams. The Grade 5/6 students will participate in the Junior Competition which will begin on Saturday 18th April.

The cost for Netball for all players is $100, which covers Netball Victoria, Wangaratta Netball Association and school fees. This is the only cost for the year and all players must pay the full amount before they are registered. Please complete both forms and return them to Mrs Martin by next Friday 6th March.

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