Hi everyone…

UP THERE CAZALY...All you footy fans out there! We have a special pass to an AFL home and away match of your choosing*: four reserved seats at either Etihad Stadium or the MCG valid for the 2015 season. If you would like to put a bid in for this special pass, please contact the office. There is a reserve price on this, but other than that, the best bid received by Friday, 17th April will win this pass.

*Not valid for the ANZAC Day match or any in the finals series

ANZAC DAY: This special commemoration falls on a Saturday this year. It is the second weekend after the school holidays. In 2015, it is a particularly poignant event given the centenary of the Gallipoli landings. As usual, our school will participate in the RSL’s march through Wangaratta to the Cenotaph. However, we will also mark the event with a special Friday morning assembly on 24th April. We do expect School Captains and other student leaders to represent us in the RSL march, and we usually have a very solid contingent of students and parents there on the day. The assembly point on ANZAC Day is in Reid St at 10.30am, with the march heading off in time to arrive at the Cenotaph at 11.00am. Children wear their school uniform to the march. There is always a free sausage sizzle for families in the King George Gardens following this. I highly recommend that families make an effort to attend. It is a unique way for children to connect with and be part of the community.

REMINDER: The P-2 Gymnastics program starts straight after the holidays. Please ensure the amount that covers this program ($40) has been paid at the office prior to 15th April. Grade 3/4 children head off to camp on 20th April. Payments for this camp must be finalised by 16th April unless other arrangements have been made.

QUEST—WHERE THE JOURNEY ENDS AT A BRIDGE....

On Tuesday morning, Grade 3/4 students proudly showed off the results of their Quest learning to parents, grandparents and students from other grades. After investigating various bridge types, and looking at how design and engineering are used to make strong structures, the children embarked on their own construction project. Working in pairs or a small group, they designed and built a bridge according to a set of criteria. Certificates were presented for each grade’s ‘Bridge Builders of the Year’, ‘Best Design’, and ‘Most Realistic Bridge’. The bridges are very impressive and the hands-on applied learning really captured children’s interest and enthusiasm. There are also some excellent sketches of bridges displayed in the corridor near Rooms 1&2 if you have time to pop in and have a look.

Upcoming Events

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From The Chaplain…

Friends For Life Program Thank you to those parents who have already enrolled their children in this excellent program for next Term. If your child tends to be a ‘worrier’ then this program is a proactive way to help them learn some strategies to deal with stress. The program runs during school time in Term 2. Grade 4 and 5 teachers have application forms for the program.

Easter Term 1 is almost over and we will celebrate Easter during the holidays. I wish you all a happy, relaxing holiday with your families enjoying our beautiful autumn weather.

Chaplain Beth

Wendy Larcombe

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY: Our local Member of Parliament, Tim McCurdy, will be here on Friday morning. Tim will help the School Captains to present certificates and will watch some Grade 1/2 performances before meeting with School Council representatives to discuss how we can move forward on an upgrade of our office/admin area, among other issues relating to education policy. Parents and school community members, as always, are very welcome to attend the assembly.

CHANGE OF DATE: The pupil-free Report Writing Day has been changed (with School Council approval) from Monday 25th May to Friday, 29th May.

AND FINALLY… I hope all of you have a happy and safe Easter break. The terms just seem to fly past us, but we do pack a fair bit into every day and I am sure the children are ready to have a break from school routine. The work done in the classroom & specialist programs, on Gr 5/6 camp, sleepovers, and other events mean that teachers are also ready to take a breather! School resumes on Monday, 13th April.

Grade 5/6 PE sessions
Next term the Grade 5/6 students will need their bikes for each PE session (Wednesday & Thursday) in preparation for their day bike hike on Friday 15th May. Over the holidays please make sure that bikes are in good condition and the brakes and gears work well. If there is an issue regarding this activity please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Tennis Hot Shots Program
This year the school is registering every student in the Tennis Hot Shots Program, which is supported by ANZ and Tennis Australia. This program will mean that the school will receive some tennis coaching, along with tennis sporting equipment, and hopefully each Prep student will receive their own tennis racquet (depending on already allocated numbers). There is no cost for students or the school and no personal details will be given to the organisation other than individual names and dates of birth. Hopefully we will have further information regarding this program early next term.

Nihongo News

There goes another term. Our kids have done a wide variety of Japanese activities over the past couple of months and their brains should be bulging with new knowledge. The trick with learning languages is to use the words and sentences as often as possible, so I hope the kids can be heard using JP greetings, etc, all over Wang for the next two weeks. The internet is full of excellent JP sites for language, culture and history. If the kids ask for computer time over the holidays, steer them towards something educational, even if it’s for only part of the time.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips
For last week’s nazonazo, the piece of JP money that carries an image of rice is the 5 en coin. There’s no nazonazo this week, but please come back next term with some interesting JP facts to share with your classmates.

Sayōnara!

Wanted: Children’s Books!

If you have any Picture Story, Children’s Fiction or Non Fiction Books at home that you are no longer using or reading, and are in good condition, Mrs Carson would love them. They will be used as part of a reading initiative to provide more books for more kids. More details to come…….

All donations gratefully received.

Books can be left at the office or delivered to Room 7.

Thanks, Fiona Carson
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
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PF Elliott Trim for the exceptional pictures he draws. He always uses lots of detail and colour. Keep up the fantastic work, Elliott.
P/1S Brodie Ross Hamilton for consistently completing all his learning tasks to the best of his ability. You are a fantastic role model, Brodie. Congratulations!
1B Ella O’Brien for being an enthusiastic and helpful member of our class. Ella is well organised and starts learning tasks quickly.
2E Max Bihun for showing compassion and consideration for those requiring extra assistance. Thank you for your help, Max.
2M Johnnie Wohlers for his enthusiastic approach to learning and his attention to detail.
3G Jacinta Magee for having a great attitude towards her learning: showing initiative, organisation and confidence when completing tasks. Keep up the great work, Jacinta.
4R Chloe York for the outstanding confidence and improvement she is displaying with her learning. Keep up the great work!
4V Briana Roberts for her excellent work during our Bridges Quest. Well done, Briana!
5K Amber Delahunty for the great research, preparation and practise she has put into her Quest presentation.
5S Kelly Hirschmann for her correct letter formations. Her writing is very neat and presentable.
6C Kane Grimshaw for being a cooperative and quiet member of our class, who is always ready to get started quickly and calmly.
6M Abbagail Best for her commitment to help with the younger students. The attention she has given them, to be better and to have the confidence to have a go at many activities, has enabled them to show improvement.

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Musician of the Week
Samuel Mullens for doing such a great job preparing and presenting your Quest Rap on bridges. You are a great student and a fantastic team player!

APPIN STAR AWARD
Dakota McAliece for the outstanding attitude she has demonstrated throughout Term 1. Dakota has shown great positivity towards all her learning tasks and has come to school with a happy nature. Well done, Dakota!

Angela Keenan for the outstanding attitude she displays towards her learning. Angela even chose to complete work that was completed when she was away, at home, to bring back to school. Keep up the amazing work, Angela.

Fruit Roster
Monday 13th April
Kellie Robinson, Kirsty James, Estelle Corrigan & Barb Webster

Friday, 24th April
“Go Green Day”
Details to come!

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school holiday program
Think, create, discover, play
Make string & paper creations & lava lamps, Lego club, watch Big Hero 6
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27TH MARCH
WANGARATTA HALL
6:30-9:30pm (Grade 3 to Year 7 Welcome)
Refreshments Available to Purchase
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