Dear School Community,

There are now three weeks of Term 3 remaining and our Grade 5 and 6 students have attended the Cluster DOXA Urban Camp last week. By all reports, our children had a fantastic week and it was a great opportunity for them to explore Melbourne on foot and to eat at some fantastic restaurants. I am sure they arrived home very tired but I have been assured that they represented their school very well while away.

This week sees our Grade 3 and 4 students attending the Cluster Fifteen Mile Creek Camp for four days starting tomorrow. The coach is picking up Dookie and Currawa students from outside the Gladstone Hotel at 8:30am tomorrow morning and will be dropping them off opposite the Dookie General Store at 2:30pm on Friday afternoon. Please make sure students take plenty of warm clothes and all of the specific requirements within the camp booklet sent home at the beginning of Term. Dookie Primary School Principal Troy Woolley will be keeping a watchful eye over our four students and will contact me directly if there are any issues. At this stage, Rosalie will be visiting camp on Tuesday night to have tea with our students on their first night and I will be attending camp throughout the day on Thursday. All camp activities are run by camp staff but there will obviously be an assortment of attending teachers from our Cluster schools. I am sure that our students will have a fantastic time.

School Council will now be meeting at 4pm on Wednesday night. Thank you for responding to my request for a time change. High on the agenda will be the fine-tuning of arrangements for our Alpine Camp beginning next Tuesday 8th September. Once we have consensus on a few minor things, Alpine Camp information will be distributed later in the week.

It should also be noted that our Athletics Carnival in Benalla will take place on Friday 11th September which is the day after we arrive back from Mount Hotham. While this is not ideal, these dates have both been locked in for a very long time and proved impossible to re-negotiate. All we can ask is that our students try their best and enjoy the day… Who knows – Perhaps our three days of ‘altitude training’ could pay dividends?!”

A huge thanks must go to Max Keele on the amazing work he has done at our western entry at the top of the hill! We had some major winter rainfalls that washed away the step and plastic drainage grates that had been ‘doing the job’ over past years. Since that time, we have had part of the hill being washed all the way down our path past the sandpit steps each time it rained. I am sure that Max’s engineering skill will ensure that his handiwork will endure for quite some time. Thanks Max.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal.

* Teamwork * Curiosity * Enthusiasm *
CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER
- 1st to 4th - Cluster Camp
  (15 Mile Creek: Grades 3 - 4)
- Wed 2nd - School Council meeting
- Mon 7th - MARC (Library) swap
- 8th to 10th - Mt Hotham Camp (Whole school)
- Fri 11th - Athletic Sports
- Tues 15th - AFL 9’s Cluster Day
- Wed 16th - School Photos
- Fri 18th - BPACC Performance ‘The Owl’s Apprentice’ / Last day of term 3

ATHLETIC SPORTS
Our School Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, September 11th. There will be no school bus operating on this day so parents need to organise to attend or car pool with other families. I may also need some help running hurdles and the potato race on the day, so please let me know if you are available to lend a hand.
A lunch pack is being offered on the day - order form attached. Please return these to school along with payment by Friday, September 4th.
Due to the camp just prior to our sports day, it will be easier for families to put in an order for their lunches rather than have our traditional picnic lunch.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
These are being taken on Wednesday, September 18th and we have attached the order forms to the newsletter. All orders and payment must be returned to the school prior to photo day.

EGGS
We still have plenty of eggs available, so we will continue to sell eggs @ $3 per dozen. Please call at the school to collect some.

HOT DOG/DIM SIM LUNCHES
Student lunches will continue to be run on Wednesday this term.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
Don’t forget to keep collecting your ‘Earn and Learn’ stickers from Woolworths. A collection box has also been placed outside Woolworths at the Market Place in Shepparton, so let all your family and friends know that the stickers can be left there in the school box.

Scientist of the Week
August 24th

Gabi for her encouragement of other collaborative learning team members

Scientists of the Week
August 31st

Leo for his outstanding enthusiasm and leadership in the absence of our senior students.

Fletcher for his written explanations in his science journal.

FORTNIGHTLY SCIENCE FACT

The Rainbow Eucalyptus tree sheds its outer bark at different times of the year, showing off its flashy green inner layer, which changes colors as it matures.
Dookie Children's Centre Open Day

Eucalyptus Tree and Animal Relationships
'Funky Daffodils'

Principal's Day

Thank you, Mr. Cleary

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