Dear School Community,

We have now entered the last week of Term 3 and our students have been very busy! Our ‘Among the Gum Trees’ science unit is drawing close to completion and students have attended at least one camp and an athletics carnival in the past two weeks.

Our Grade 3 and 4 students attended Fifteen Mile Creek Camp from the 1st to the 4th September. I was able to attend camp on the Thursday throughout the day and I was very impressed with the facilities, group leaders, activities and equipment that children were able to use. Jessica, Fletcher, Gabi and Maisie all arrived back at school with stories of night-time flying fox trips, riding mountain bikes through giant puddles, walking up mountain streams and finding difficult markers on orienteering courses. Congratulations should go to these four students for attending a four day camp and displaying behaviour that drew praise from many I spoke to on my visit. Well done.

Last week, after a normal school day on Monday, we attended our Alpine Whole-School Camp for 2015 with Undera Primary School for three days. I’m sure many people would think us mad to take nearly 60 students and parents up Mount Hotham for three days but we did it! Having had a few days now to reflect on this camp, I am very proud of the way that everyone from both schools were able to cooperate. We could not have operated the camp so successfully without the huge input from parents acting as group leaders, caterers and cleaners. (I think this is why you were offered a discounted price in hindsight!) There are so many individual highlights that I just could not single out any one moment. Our children were all so cooperative, helpful and resilient and they should be very proud of their achievements on the slopes and flats of Mount Hotham. I’m still not quite sure how we managed to organise the dressing and undressing of nearly 60 people in a small drying room two or three times a day! Each person was responsible for their own beanie, goggles, coat, pants, ski boots, skis, poles and toboggans and we managed to return them all to Porepunkah on Thursday afternoon! It is my hope that this trip will long stick in the memories of our students and that they all recall their trip to Mount Hotham at Currawa in 2015. Thank you all for helping us to achieve this.

If a three day trip to the snow was not enough, we attended an Athletics Carnival on Friday! The thing that I was most proud of was that all of our students attended and tried their hearts out all day. I honestly could not have been prouder of the way that they were all there, let alone the manner in which they applied themselves. It was a beautiful day at Churchill Park in Benalla once again and I am happy to announce that Currawa are the Small School Tunnel Ball Champions for 2015! Thank you again to all parents and grandparents that attended, helped train and/or contributed in other ways to another successful Athletics carnival.

This week we have an AFL Gala Day at Katandra West on Tuesday, school photos on Wednesday and a visit from the Benalla Performing Arts Centre on Friday when Dookie Primary School is coming to visit us. Could I ask that all permission notes and lunch order/photo money is forwarded to the school as early as possible this week?

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal.

* Teamwork * Curiosity * Enthusiasm *
CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER
• Tues 15th - AFL 9’s Cluster Day
• Wed 16th - School Photos
• Fri 18th - BPACC Performance ‘The Owl’s Apprentice’ / Last day of term 3

OCTOBER
• Mon 5th - First day of term 4
• Tues 6th - Bravehearts
• Fri 9th - Student Wellbeing Cluster Day
• Sunday 11th - Solar Challenge: Scienceworks

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

HELEN RANKIN
Helen Rankin will be in on Wednesday for concert prep - she will be working with the students who are attending the Shepparton Young Instrumentalists Award. The students involved are Dhruv, Cate, Jessica, Becky, Ted, Maisie and Hannah Hamilton—all other students will receive a credit on their account.
The annual Shepparton Young Instrumentalists Award (SYIA) will be held at Eastbank, Shepparton on Sunday September 20th, commencing at 9am. This is a wonderful opportunity for young music students of the Goulburn Valley. Entry to view the competition is free and the winners concert at 3:30pm has an entry fee of $10.00. Come along and support these talented young musicians.

SPORTING SCHOOLS
For our final sporting schools session on Thursday, Dookie Primary School has kindly offered a breakup sausage sizzle for lunch.
Only sausages will be supplied, so if you don’t want to have a sausage please bring your own lunch.

HOT DOG/DIM SIM LUNCHES
Student lunches with a choice of hot dogs or dim sims will be run this Wednesday.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
This promotion has now finished and we would like all families to bring in any sheets or stickers they may have so we can send them off. Thank you to everyone for their support with this program.

HATS
A reminder that all children need their broad brimmed hats for Term 4 as we are a SunSmart School. ‘No hat, No play.’

GARDEN TIDY UP
On the first Monday of the school holidays (September 21st) we will be having a bit of a tidy up of the gardens including the vegie garden starting at around 1:00pm. If you have some spare time please come along - you will need to bring your gloves, etc.

DOOKIE SHOW
Dookie Show is fast approaching! Remember it’s on Saturday 31st October 2015.

FORTNIGHTLY SCIENCE FACT
Here is a picture of real snowflakes under a microscope.

Hannah for focusing on the task at hand and on working very well collaboratively.

Dhruv for his thoughtful answers regarding snow gums while on excursion.
15 Mile Creek Camp
Athletics