Dear School Community,

Welcome to Term 4 everyone… I guess it’s true that time flies when you’re having fun! Students and staff at school in Term 3 enjoyed an action-packed curriculum that included many camps, excursions, cluster/athletics days and LEARNING. Not only did we roam far and wide, but we also managed to complete a whole science trial unit (Among the Gum Trees), continue our focus on developing our writing skills using The Big Write and introduced updated class presentations with self, peer and teacher assessments. Rosalie and I will soon start assessing our student’s growth in order to report at the end of Term.

On Tuesday of the final week in Term 3, students attended an AFL 9’s Cluster Day at Katandra West Primary School. AFL 9’s is a game that has been developed by the AFL to encourage participation for boys and girls of all ages and abilities. It was an amazing day coached and umpired by 50 students from Notre Dame College. This was all organised for us by AFL Football Development Manager for Goulburn Murray, Mark Lambourn. I would like to thank he and Katandra West Primary School Principal Marcia Waters and staff for hosting such a fantastic day.

Last Term concluded with a performance provided for us by the Benalla Performing Arts & Convention Centre (BPACC). We invited staff and students from Dookie Primary School to enjoy a shadow puppetry performance of “The Owl’s Apprentice” and this was very appropriate due to our shared participation in shadow puppetry at last year’s Dookie Earthed Festival. It was even more fitting for students from Currawa as we re-focus our scientific spotlight on our “Light Shows” unit this Term.

The highlight of our first week was the Student Wellbeing Cluster Day hosted at the University here on Friday. We had approximately 350 students from 10 schools attend and our learning focus was “Speaking up Against Cyberbullying”. We had Leading Senior Constable Paula Allen and Senior Constable Dean Lloyd, who are both Youth Resource Officers from Victoria Police, attend to talk about being safe online. We also had Judi Fallon from the Alannah & Madeleine Foundation and eSmart talk to us about cyber safety and Matt Dillon and staff from BluEarth, demonstrate the importance of balancing device time with physical activity. Meerkat Productions also performed their school production “Bullying Bullring” in the Patrick Ryan Hall to round out the day.

Students also received free fruit and show bags on the day but the highlight for me was the unveiling of a giant patchwork art piece contributed to by all 350 students across the Cluster! ‘Starry Night’ (originally by Vincent Van Gogh) looked amazing and there will hopefully be an article about it in tomorrow’s Shepparton News. I would like to publicly thank staff at the University and Currawa PS for all of their help in making the day run smoothly. I would also like to thank Di Boulton, Kerri Ford, Judi Fallon, Matt Dillon, Wintersun Fruits, Kids Helpline and Beyond Blue.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who helped tend our school pets over the holiday break. Our fish, turtles and chooks are all fit and well (We have eggs for sale at $3 per dozen). Please do your best to attend and support our Star Gazing Night on Mount Major this Friday evening. Rosalie has worked very hard organising this and it should be a great night. It is important that we have families attend and support the fledgling partnership between Currawa and Dookie Primary Schools. Could you also please see the re-attached Melbourne Cup Day ‘To-Do List’ and contact Katrina if you have any queries or concerns so alternative arrangements can be made.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal

* Teamwork * Curiosity * Enthusiasm *
**CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER**
- Friday 16th - Star Gazing Night on Mt Major
- Tues 20th - ANZAC Learning Day
- Wed 21st - School Council meeting
- Saturday 31st - Dookie Show

**NOVEMBER**
- Mon 2nd - Curriculum Day
- Tues 3rd - Melbourne Cup Picnic Day
- Thurs 12th - Yachting (Grades 5 & 6)

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**MELBOURNE CUP PICNIC DAY**
Just a reminder that our Melbourne Cup Picnic Day will be here before we know it. Please see the attached letter outlining requirements for the day. Thank you.

**MT HOTHAM CAMP**
Attached to this newsletter is an invoice for families for the cost of food that Rosalie organised on behalf of the parents to make the catering easier for you.

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

**CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**
Could all money for the chocolate fundraiser please be returned to the school by the end of this week.

**EGGS FOR SALE**
The girls have been working hard and we have an abundance of eggs. If you would like any the cost is $3 per dozen.

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

**FORTNIGHTLY SCIENCE FACTS**

![Butterfly](image)
Butterflies taste food by standing on top of it! Their taste receptors are in their feet, unlike humans who have most on their tongue.

![Hippopotamus](image)
A hippopotamus may seem huge but it can still run faster than a man.

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**Kids Matter**
Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative

**Primary Connections**
Linking science with literacy
Senior Constable Dean Lloyd, Ted Davidson, Gabi Boyd and Leading Senior Constable Paula Allen.

Leading Senior Constable Paula Allen (Youth Resource Officer) from Benalla Police.

Adam Cleary, Judi Fallon and Matt Dillon (BluEarth Regional Coordinator).

Judi Fallon from the Alannah & Madeleine Foundation representing eSmart.

BluEarth staff teaching social & emotional learning skills through physical education.
A student from each of the 10 Primary Schools involved in the Cluster Day.

Meerkat Productions performing their school production of “Bullying Bullring”.