Dear School Community,

Budding astronomers were recently left disappointed by our postponed Star Gazing Evening, but our early call proved correct and saved everyone from wasting their precious time... It seems that we picked one of the stormiest and cloudiest days for a month but we are hoping to get luckier this time! This event will definitely go ahead and we are now in the process of working with Astronomy Benalla to re-schedule for another Friday evening this Term. Stay tuned for more information regarding this important shared event with Dookie Primary School.

We had a very brief visit from a representative of the Shrine of Remembrance last Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately our presenter got lost in the Bermuda Triangle between Dookie and here and children had their one hour session reduced to around 15 minutes! It was a free presentation however, so we made do and children got to skip straight to the ‘fun stuff’… Children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to dress up as a range of soldiers, nurses and other military staff.

Children cooked up a storm last Friday during our Kitchen Garden program and harvested many herbs and vegetables from our school garden while doing so. The beautiful smell of lamb koftas and garlic sauce swept the building and left Helen and I hoping that there was going to be some left over! There was, and all children ate the lamb koftas even if they had to be persuaded by accompanying them with tomato sauce. A huge thanks must go to Kellie Keele for running the session once again and supplying some of the required ingredients that we couldn’t find in our own kitchen garden (including sheep). Please see the photos attached.

October is nearly finished and we are approaching our major fundraiser for the year – our Melbourne Cup Picnic Day. Could everyone please return their sold Cow Pat Lotto tickets to school ASAP and if you haven’t sold them all, could you please do your best to do so? I know it is a big effort but this is our major annual fundraiser and we need to do our best to maximise our return. Kellie and Katrina have been busy organising donations and delegating jobs so please contact them if you have any questions relating to the day. Thank you all for your support of this great day.

Looking forward to November and December, we have:

* **Sporting Schools’ Orienteering sessions** with Dookie Primary School over the next five Tuesdays (apart from Melbourne Cup Day),
* A visit from **local apiarist Ross Sutherland** to consolidate our knowledge about pollination stemming from our Among the Gum Trees science unit and talking to us about planting our avocados,
* **Yachting on Lake Victoria** for our Grade 4-6 students,
* An **Indigenous Education Day** with Dookie PS,
* A **Star Lab Astronomy Day** with Dookie PS,
* Our final **School Council Meeting** at the Railway Hotel in Goorambat on Wednesday 2nd December, and
* Our **End of Year Concert** on Wednesday 9th December.

Thanks for Reading,
Adam Cleary – Principal.

* Teamwork * Curiosity * Enthusiasm *
CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
- Mon 2nd - Curriculum Day
- Tues 3rd - Melbourne Cup Picnic Day
- Tues 10th - Koorie Education Day / Orienteering
- Thurs 12th - Yachting (Grades 4 to 6)

DECEMBER
- Wed 2nd– Final School Council meeting
- Wed 9th - End of Year Concert

MELBOURNE CUP PICNIC DAY
Our Melbourne Cup Picnic Day is on next Tuesday, November 3rd. Looking forward to catching up with you all on this great day.

MT HOTHAM CAMP
Just a reminder that we would appreciate payment for the food that Rosalie organised on behalf of the parents for the Mt Hotham Camp as soon as possible.

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
We are still getting plenty of eggs from the girls so if you would like any the cost is $3 per dozen.

YACHTING
On Thursday, November 12th the Grade 4 to 6 students will be going yachting on the Shepparton Lake (Lake Victoria). Cost for this excursion is $20 per student attending.

Students need to bring:
- a pair of old sneakers to wear in the yacht and walking on land
- bathers and towel
- sunhat or woollen beanie depending on weather
- windproof jacket if cold
- sunscreen
- plastic bag for wet clothing
- change of clothes
- water bottle

MRS RANKIN’S MUSIC STUDENTS
Recently, several of Mrs Rankin’s music students performed at the Shepparton Young Instrumentalists Award. They all performed excellently and presented themselves in a confident and polite manner. I am very proud of them all.

Congratulations to the following students:
Piano learning less than 12 months -
Becky Holland - Honourable Mention
Hannah Hamilton - Honourable Mention
Piano 10 & under
Ted Davidson - THIRD PLACE
Maisie Davidson - Honourable Mention
Jessica Holland
Piano 13 & under
Dhruv Chauhan - THIRD PLACE
Cate Boyd

KITCHEN GARDEN PROJECT
The children and Kellie Keele cooked up a storm last Friday, and harvested many herbs and vegetables from our school garden to prepare some beautiful lamb koftas with garlic sauce.
Water Week Winners

Brave Hearts