Dear School Community,

The 2015 Melbourne Cup has been run and won once again and congratulations must go to anyone who was able to tip Prince of Penzance! We had another fantastic Picnic Day here at the school with many highlights including a beautiful lunch and dessert, Jess McNeill riding a fellow competitor in the Horse Noodle riding, Tanya using her noodle horse as a whip, Mr Cleary hitting a school guest with a gumboot for the second year in a row, Harriet the calf delivering two prizes on the day, the fantastic photo booth operated and designed by Emily McNiece and Andrew Holland allowing Gabi to win one of the four silent auction prizes on the day! Well done to everyone for supporting the event and for performing the jobs allocated to you. Congratulations to Kellie for the amazing amount of auction items she was able to secure and to Kat for doing a tremendous job at organising her first fundraising event!

Ross Sutherland visited students last Thursday to talk about beekeeping, looking after avocado trees and about Dookie Greenstone. He bought with him a portable hive, honey frames, a container of Dookie Gold, a smoker and some protective equipment. It was a fantastic insight into beekeeping and complemented what children have been learning in their ‘Among the Gum Trees’ science unit. We learnt about the different eucalypts Bees frequent and how Ross moves the hives from river catchment to river catchment depending on the season and the type of gum trees. Ross also had some great tips for maintaining avocado trees and some great stories about the Dookie Greenstone found around his property. Well done Mrs Thomas for organising this visit.

Our final ‘Sporting Schools’ events will again be run in conjunction with Dookie Primary School on Tuesdays. Our sport this Term is orienteering and we have had one session the week before the Melbourne Cup. We will now have four more sessions on the coming Tuesdays – two at DPS and two here at Currawa. Our first session was fantastic. I never realised how many types of orienteering there were!

We were represented well again at the Dookie Show this year. All students entered artworks at the show and did an amazing job. It was a very big weekend by the sound of things that was capped off by a Halloween Trick or Treat gathering in Dookie!

I would also like to thank the Hollands for all of their help and advice regarding our three lovely ladies – Candy, Millie and Ivy. Special congratulations should go to Candy for second prize at the Dookie Show. Our award-winning eggs are for sale at $3 per dozen.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal.

* Teamwork * Curiosity * Enthusiasm *
CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
- Tues 10th - Koorie Education Day / Orienteering
- Thurs 12th - Yachting (Grades 4 to 6)
- Tues 17th - Orienteering (Dookie PS)
- Wed 18th - Music Recital - 5:00pm
- Tues 24th - Orienteering (Currawa PS)

DECEMBER
- Tues 1st - Starlab / Orienteering (Currawa PS)
- Thurs 10th - End of Year Concert
- Fri 18th - End of Term 4

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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

CAMP GALLIPOLI
Camp Gallipoli Foundation is organising a fundraising activity with Australian schools to raise money to assist with the Pozières-Australian Schools Project. We are asking all students for a gold coin donation that will be sent as a contribution from our school. All Australian schools participating in this project will be acknowledged with their school’s name engraved on a plaque to be erected at the newly built Pozières School.

MUSIC RECITAL
Our annual Music Recital with Helen Rankin’s music students will be held at the school on Wednesday, November 18th starting at 5:00pm.

Scientist of the Week
November 2nd

Oscar for persisting with his role in the collaborative learning team he is in and achieving great results.

FORTNIGHTLY SCIENCE FACTS

If Saturn were as close to the Earth as the Moon is, this is how it would look.