Dear School Community,

Happy Mother’s Day to all of our Currawa mothers for yesterday. I hope you all had a wonderful day and enjoyed the presents that your children put so much effort into last week. Our last fortnight has consisted of finishing off our earth sciences unit, completing a two-week personal development program with our Grade 5 and 6’s, attending a Leadership Conference with our three Grade 6 students, participating in two Polycom sessions with Kids Help Line and preparing for NAPLAN this week.

We look forward in the coming fortnight to:

* Completing our Grade 3 and 5 NAPLAN testing,
* Competing in our GDSSA Cross Country Running at Dookie on Friday,
* Using vegetables from our Garden to participate in another “Kellie’s Kitchen” session, and
* Attending ‘Reedy Swamp’ to complete a number of environmental science classes with River Connect.

Our Alpine Camp to Mount Hotham takes place in September but many parents have begun to organise cold weather snow gear in advance. There have been allowances made for hiring all of our equipment from Porpunkah Ski Hire but any gear that you can borrow or bring from home will obviously reduce this cost. The school will supplement the cost of the camp to some degree but anything families can supply will be greatly appreciated. I will attach a list of required snow gear with this newsletter for your convenience. And don’t worry, NO PARENT or CHILD will be sent up the Mountain without the necessary equipment!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jess and Damian McNeill for the fantastic job they have done as cleaners over the past couple of years. The ‘baton’ will now be passed to Sharon Lockhart, who has already been doing a fantastic job while the McNeill’s have been tied up with work commitments at the beginning of this year. Please make sure you introduce yourself and welcome Sharon when you cross her path.

On a final note, please make sure you have paid your swimming fees as soon as possible as the school has a ‘no payment, no swimming’ policy. I would also like to see all camp deposits paid and attending parent names given sooner rather than later so that a final camp cost can be determined.

Thanks for Reading,

Adam Cleary – Principal.
CALENDAR

MAY
- 12th - 14th - NAPLAN
- Fri 15th - Cross Country hosted by Dookie Primary School
- Wed 20th - ‘River Connect’ Excursion

JUNE
- Mon 1st - Life Education Van at Dookie Primary School
- Fri 5th - Curriculum Day
- Mon 8th - Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- 15th - 19th - Swimming
- Tues 16th - Alpha Production
- Fri 26th - Pre camp visit to Undera PS

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP - MT HOTHAM
A whole school camp to Mt Hotham in September is being run in conjunction with our Primary Connections Science Program. We will be attending with Undera Primary School. The draft itinerary looks fantastic and will give our students an affordable opportunity to visit our amazing Alpine environment. Thank you to those families who have paid. For those still owing the (non refundable) deposit of $100 for all students and parents attending is now overdue and needs to be paid immediately. If there is a problem with payment please see Mr Cleary as soon as possible. Thank you.

HOT DOG/DIM SIM LUNCHES
Student lunches will be run each Wednesday. This week we will be offering Hot Dogs, and then Dim Sims the following week. We also have on offer Moroccan Veggie burgers.
Costs are: 50c per dim sim and $2.50 for a hot dog or Veggie burger.

SWIMMING
Our swimming program will be run from Monday, June 15th to Friday, June 19th. Swimming times will be 10:30am to 11:30am so we will be leaving the school at around 9:30am. Cost for the program is $75 per student. Don’t forget that payment is due in before swimming starts - if payment is not received then the student will not be able to swim.

EDUCATION WEEK
Next week is Education Week and the Shepparton Secondary Colleges are holding Information Nights:
Shepparton HS Monday, May 18th 7:00pm
McGuire College Wednesday, May 20th 7:00pm
Wanganui Park SC Thursday, May 21st 7:00pm
Even if you have made a decision on which secondary school you are sending your child to, it is worthwhile having a look at what is on offer from our newly formed ‘Better Together’ schools.

FORTNIGHTLY SCIENCE FACT

Deep for taking the extra time to add detail and improve the presentation of his work.

Cate for encouraging collaboration amongst her young team this term.