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**Free Fruit Roster**

WED 2nd Sept—Mick Griffin

**Friday Lunches Roster:**

27th/28th August

NO LUNCHES

ATHLETICS DAY

3rd Sept— Terrie Flood & Amber Osborn

4th Sept— Raelene Hughes & Lisa Roberts

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**YOU CAN DO IT – TAKING RISKS**

This is our final week on “Taking Risks” as a critical component in developing students’ confidence. Here are some quotes to ponder:

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference.” ~ **Robert Frost**

“The way to develop self-confidence is to do the thing you fear and get a record of successful experiences behind you. Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.” ~ **William Jennings Bryan**

“Progress always involves risks. You can’t steal second base and keep your foot on first.” ~ **Henry Miller**

“Energy and fluid requirements, cart maintenance and repairs, setting up and packing up the site, the list goes on…….”

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**BOOK WEEK INCURSION – TOMORROW AT 2.30PM**

The Blurs are coming to Lockwood Primary School. This talented group of performers will present a show about the books that have been shortlisted for the 2015 Book Week awards. The cost for this incursion is included as part of the Education/Book Week requisites paid at the start of the year. Parents are very welcome to join in.

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**Rusty Nail Poetry Competition** on Monday. They met their Social Science challenge with creativity, ingenuity and CONFIDENCE. Claire Hannah and Rennae Blencowe contributed many hours to support the team in their preparations, during and after school as well as at the contest on the weekend. On behalf of the School Community I acknowledge their commitment and good will.

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**BOOK WEEK PARADE AND ACTIVITIES**

What a spectacle our sun court provided on Monday morning when the entire school dressed up as their favourite book characters. Students and their families went to incredible lengths to prepare costumes for the parade. In line with tradition, a boy and girl winner was chosen from each grade. The judging panel felt really uncomfortable trying to choose just two people from each classroom, when it was clear that everyone had gone to incredible lengths with their costumes. In some rooms, such as the boys in 5/6W, we had to give additional awards as it was just too hard to choose! Judges were forced to create a “Best Dressed Classroom” award for 3/4H because so many people could have taken 1st place – a special prize is being organised for that class. A big THANK YOU to Mrs Rees for organising the day and to the Grade 5/6 students for running the Book Week activities and demonstrating excellent leadership.

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**TOURNAMENT OF MINDS**

Our T.O.M. team performed very well at the competition finals at La Trobe University on Saturday and again at the November! Towards the major EB event in for their support. Full steam ahead experience and to the EB committee our students with this incredible Thanks to Sandy and Brad for providing our students with this incredible experience and to the EB committee for their support. Full steam ahead towards the major EB event in November!
SCIENCE IS EVERYWHERE – FAMILY AFTERNOON
Thanks to families for a fantastic attendance at our Family Science afternoon last Thursday. There was a ‘carnival’ feel throughout the school as the community converged to celebrate student learning in science. The students did a wonderful job of presenting and explaining their science experiments and it was great to be able to see a range of experiments and demonstrations in each classroom. Planning and coordinating the afternoon required a MASSIVE effort from Karry Gray and I’m sure parents join with me in thanking Karry for her work.

THE 2015 RUSTY NAIL BUSH POETRY COMPETITION
We changed the format this year to enable the whole school to be part of the Rusty Nail Bush Poetry experience. Well done to our students for being such an attentive audience throughout the contest and to those students who presented original and non-original poems, we offer a hearty CONGRATULATIONS! Hopefully, after seeing the competition and how it runs, even more students will enter in 2016.Whilst Lockwood PS provides the venue for the event each year, the judging and the bulk of the organisation is undertaken by the Bendigo and Goldfields Bush Poets Association. Lynne Frederick, a BGBP Association Committee Member and former Lockwood PS teacher coordinates liaison with participating schools. Lynne’s work begins early in the year and teachers appreciate Lynne’s input in inspiring our budding poets.

The BGBP Association has donated books to be issued to all Lockwood PS students who entered the competition. These will be issued at assembly on Monday, straight after the Fathers’ Day breakfast.

STAFF GOODWILL
I urge parents to glance through the newsletter and note the range of events and activities offered to students that require staff to contribute additional working hours. We are fortunate to have incredibly high levels of staff goodwill. The newsletter only mentions special events and activities, but I’m aware that every staff member gives more than the required hours stipulated in their Industrial Agreement, both teaching and non-teaching. I feel blessed to lead a team of dedicated, committed staff who always work hours. We are fortunate to have incredibly high levels of staff goodwill. The newsletter only mentions special events and activities, but I’m aware that every staff member gives more than the required hours stipulated in their Industrial Agreement, both teaching and non-teaching. I feel blessed to lead a team of dedicated, committed staff who always operate from Karry Gray and I’m sure parents join with me in thanking Karry for her work.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL – DONATIONS PLEASE
Parents’ Club will be running a fathers’ day stall on Monday morning. Please bring donations for the stall to the office by Friday morning when Parents’ Club will finalize pricing items for the stall.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER – NO U-TURNS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL
Please be reminded that drivers should proceed along Wiegards Road, past the school, before making a u-turn.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS – PREPARING FOR SUPERHERO DAY
It was great to see several parents attend our special assembly this afternoon. The purpose was to raise awareness of Duchenne’s Muscular Dystrophy, in preparation for the Junior School Council’s Superhero Day on Friday, 11th September. JSC members were thrilled when Danielle, Tyler and Mason Theobald agreed to come to Lockwood PS to share Tyler’s journey with Duchenne’s MD. Their presentation was moving and informative and has, hopefully, inspired lots of students to join in Superhero Day to raise funds. Special fundraising capes are available to wear on September 11th. They cost $10 each and all funds raised will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association for research towards finding a cure for this disease. Cape order forms are attached to this newsletter. Order forms and payment need to be returned by Monday 31st August.

HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED AT LOCKWOOD PS?
There is mounting evidence that shows the impact of parent involvement in school, on student engagement and school connectedness. When parents give their time to help out, it sends a deep message to our children that we value their school. We are fortunate to have a vibrant Parents’ Committee, led by the tireless Jacqui Copeland. This committee is open to ALL parents and prides itself on being welcoming and inclusive.

Other ways you can get involved:
- Read the newsletter regularly and respond to calls for help for special activities, such as our Athletic Sports on Friday
- Attend assemblies on Mondays at 9.00am and Fridays at 3.00pm
- Attend special events such as The Rusty Nail, Science is Everywhere and Athletic Sports.
- Spring is just around the corner and already the weeds are poking through the garden beds here at school. If parents have some spare time and could help out with weeding, our gardens would really appreciate some TLC. The main areas would be the garden beds at the front of the school office and in the Sensory garden. Not need to let us know you can help, just turn up when you’re available with your garden gloves and whatever tools you might have & find some weeds!
Students in Grades 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results yesterday. Well done to our students on their results.

Please see the letter attached to this edition of the newsletter, which helps to keep the NAPLAN test in perspective. It is a snapshot of the skills your child demonstrated on ONE day. Some students rushed through the test and were so keen to finish, that they did not give their best effort. Others tried their best and took their time and may feel disappointed with their results.

Teachers prepare students for NAPLAN by familiarising them with the format and spending some class time on practice questions in the months prior to the test; however on the test day, teachers cannot intervene or provide advice.

ATHLETICS DAY THIS FRIDAY

Our annual interschool athletics carnival for children in all grades is being held this Thursday Friday (28th August) at the Flora Hill Athletics Centre, Retreat Road, Flora Hill.

A list is being sent home today to those parents who volunteered to help, so they can see what their job is. We are really short on volunteers this year, so if you can help out on Friday, please see Fiona or Brad tomorrow.

ALL PARENTS are required to arrange transport for children to and from the athletics event. Children are required at the event by 8:40 am where they need to find their teacher on arrival to collect their name tag. Children may be collected from the event at 3:00pm. Parents are asked to report to the classroom teacher when collecting their children so that they can be marked off the class list (that way all children can be accounted for).

If the sports are called off due to inclement weather the announcement will be made over 3BO between 7:30 and 8:30 am on the day. It will then be a normal school day.

Information on what children need to bring and a timetable was sent home with last week’s newsletter.

GRADE 5/6 CAMP

Last minute reminders for the 5/6 Camp have been sent home with children this week. Please make sure you call into the office to pay for the camp prior to your child getting on the bus on Tuesday!

C, S & E FUND

The Camps, Sports & Excursions fund money has arrived for those families who applied for it last term. If you applied for this allowance, please call into the office and see Fiona to have these funds allocated against camps and excursions for your children.

FATHERS DAY STALL & BUNNINGS CAKE STALL

Please see attached flyer for information on these two upcoming events!

NO PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK

Due to the Athletics Carnival this Friday, there will be no playgroup this week. We’ll be back as usual next week!

CONGRATULATIONS TOM TEAM 2015

On Saturday the TOM team represented our school at La Trobe University and did an amazing job receiving an Honourable Mention for the Primary Social Science section.

Miss Blencowe and I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the team this year for all their hard work which contributed to a very successful presentation to the challenge on Saturday.

This term students have spent lots of time researching different aspects of the challenge and all their hard work paid off when they cleverly put all their ideas and information together to write their final script.

Students made and created all their own costumes and props which they used on the day, not to mention all the hard work they put into remembering their lines.

Well done everyone!! The team work skills, friendship and enjoyment the students have also gained from this experience was wonderful to see. Congratulations to the following students on an excellent performance this year- Rose Keane, Jasmine Forbes, Charlie Saunderson, Abbey Hosking, Grace McSwain, Jett Robbins and Harry Frischke.

Claire Hannah.