CONFIDENCE – BELIEVING THAT YOU CAN DO IT
Self-belief is the final piece in the puzzle for developing students’ confidence. We need to encourage our students to approach social and academic tasks with the belief that “I can do it.” This brilliant quote sums up the thinking behind this habit:
Whether you think you can or think you can’t — you are right. ~Henry Ford

It’s amazing what can be achieved with a positive, growth mindset. Here is an example: for years and years there was a belief that the four minute mile was unattainable, humanly impossible. The fact that it had never been achieved fuelled people’s thinking and athletes approached the challenging with a belief that it just couldn’t be done.

In 1954, Sir Roger Bannister ran a mile in 3 minutes 59.4 seconds – he proved that you CAN do it. Guess what happened after that? Just two months later, Australian runner John Landy broke the record. Like Bannister, he had been trying for years and had stated that it just wasn’t humanly possible to run that fast. As soon as one person proved it could be done, the mindset of all future runners changed. Runners began to approach the challenge with an “I CAN DO IT” attitude and the record has been broken many, many times. In fact, in the last 50 years the mile record has been lowered by almost 17 seconds.

GRADE 5-6 CAMP TO LAKE NILLAHCOOTIE
We farewelled 39 very excited campers yesterday morning. I’m pleased to report that they have arrived safely and have enjoyed an action-packed first day of camp. I’m sure they slept well last night. I want to thank the parent helpers, Wayne Naughton and Heather Gauci, for agreeing to attend camp - both have taken leave from their workplaces. Taking children on camp is a major responsibility for teachers, not to mention being away from home and family. On behalf of the Grade 5-6 parents, I want to thank Sandy Crothers, Brad Wickham and Rennae Blencowe for organising and attending the 2015 camp.
Campers will arrive back to school by approximately 4:00pm on Friday.

PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
A reminder that next Monday, staff will be updating their first aid qualifications. This needs to be undertaken every three years. OSHC is running an exciting day which includes a trip to Inflatable World in Golden Square and a pizza lunch. The cost for the day is $50 inclusive of all activities and transport and is subject to child care benefits. Please contact Fiona by tomorrow afternoon if you wish to add your child’s name to the list for OSHC on Monday.

ATHLETIC SPORTS
Last Friday was an outstanding success in terms of student participation. Thanks to all the parents and carers who came along as spectators and helped to create such a positive vibe at the track for the entire day. A BIG thank you to our parent helpers and to the Crusoe College and SEDA students - your help was invaluable. Special thanks to staff for supervising students in Age Groups and also helping to run events. I couldn’t begin to calculate
the hours that Brad Wickham dedicated to preparing for the Athletics Day and the support that Fiona Adams gave to get everything ready.

Thanks for another successful year of athletics and well done to those students who qualified for the Regional Competition on Monday 14th September.

BOOK WEEK – THE BLURBS

The Blurbs incursion provided outstanding entertainment last Thursday afternoon and was thoroughly enjoyed by all age groups. It was great to see our students join in the dancing and the interactive sections. A big WELL DONE to Lily Prendergast! It was a terrific way to celebrate books and reading and gave a wonderful finale to Book Week 2015. Thanks again to Karen Rees for her organisation of the 2015 event!

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING ALOUD TO CHILDREN

When our children become confident independent readers, the tendency is to stop reading aloud to them. We sometimes mistakenly believe that they don’t need adults to read to them anymore, they can read it for themselves. In fact, Scholastic’s “Family Reading report” states: Only 17% of parents of kids ages 9–11 read aloud to their children. Yet 83% of kids ages 6–17 say being read to is something they either loved or liked a lot.

I experienced the impact of hearing a story, as distinct from reading it for myself, at The Blurbs incursion. They performed a story that I had read several times to myself. However, actually hearing that story being read, struck a far deeper chord than when I’d read it quietly on my own. Maybe I could focus more on the emotion in the story? Maybe just listening and not having to read, allowed me to experience the story more deeply? I can’t be sure, but I know that reading aloud is one of the best things we can do for our kids. Follow this link for detail about why it’s important: http://www.readbrightly.com/importance-of-reading-aloud-to-big-kids/

BINS IN THE SUNCOURT

We are considering bringing rubbish bins back to the suncourt. Many parents have complained about leftover food spoiling lunchboxes and making them smelly. Lockwood Primary School introduced a “Rubbish Free” philosophy a few years ago. The idea was to reduce the amount of rubbish in the playground by encouraging nude food and minimising packaging. Some families continue to adhere to the philosophy and include very little packaging in lunchboxes but it’s become apparent that not everyone is able to provide a completely “nude” lunchbox. We’d appreciate parent input on this decision. There is a sheet in the office – please take the time to cast your vote: YES or NO to RUBBISH BINS IN THE SUNCOURT? If you can’t get into school, please email me: rule.sally.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL REQUISITES

Just a reminder to families that the school requisites were due to be paid at the end of July. There are a number of families who still have money outstanding for requisites, camps and excursions. We would appreciate if all outstanding fees could be paid by the end of term 3. Please contact Fiona if you have any queries regarding how much you owe.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST & STALL

Well done to the Junior School Council for hosting this year’s brekkie. We had an excellent attendance with a steady stream of families coming to share eggs, bacon and sausages in celebration of Fathers’ Day on Sunday 6th September. The Grade 5/6 camp forced a change from the traditional Friday morning event, but attendance levels didn’t seem to be affected and it was lovely that the whole school could participate.

Well done to our brilliant Parents’ Committee for organising the Fathers’ Day stall after breakfast. We estimated that 90% of students remembered to bring money along to spend at the stall. Nadine Ireland kindly re-opened the stall yesterday for those who missed out.

There are a few students who chose gifts for Dad but didn’t have the money on Monday. They can bring their money to Mrs Adams in the office and they can collect their gift for Dad!

Happy Fathers’ Day to all of our Lockwood PS dads. Have a great day on Sunday!!

UNIFORM ORDERS FOR TERM 3

Our latest uniform order is attached to today’s newsletter. If you would like to order uniform, please complete the form and send it back to the office along with the money by Wednesday 16th September. No late orders can be accepted.

INTEGRATED INQUIRY = DEEP LEARNING

Parents are welcome to pop into classrooms to see the learning being undertaken. Especially at drop off and pick up times, have a look at the work your children are doing in class and you’ll notice how many tasks are linked to each year level’s inquiry focus. Teacher go to great effort to connect learning experiences – this type of integration helps to deepen student understanding and extend their vocabulary. The topic-based language is reinforced in specialist subjects and, in the middle and senior school, Creative Arts and Science classes provide opportunities for students to further develop their major assessment tasks.

This week, I’ll focus on the Grade 5-6 inquiry. Students are working in teams to develop a business. Their inquiry began with a visit to Centro Lansell Shopping Centre, where they researched marketing techniques and strategies, including interviews with retail staff. Students then experienced a range of guest speakers who came along and talked about their businesses and provided opportunities for the students to ask questions and deepen their understanding about what makes a business successful. Their literacy and numeracy tasks have been linked to their inquiry topic, with lots of reading about young entrepreneurs and business stories.

The students have now all developed a product that they will sell at their Business Expo on Thursday 17th September at 3.30pm in the sun court. They are now in the process of making advertisements to promote their products and are creating advertising ‘jingles’ during Creative Arts lessons. Well done to Sandy Crothers and Brad Wickham for developing such an exciting and authentic learning program.
**3/4 Star Night**

As part of the Grade 3 and 4 inquiry on the Solar System, we have been lucky to book a Star Night for all of our school families, (not just the 3/4 families).

The **Bendigo District Astronomical Society** will give our school the opportunity to learn about astronomy and to see the wonders of the sky first-hand. Participants will be able to share the beauty of stars, planets and nebulae through large telescopes. The evening will commence at 7.30pm and run for about 90 minutes. It will be held on our basketball court or on the school oval.

The Star Night has been booked for Monday 14th September with a back-up date on Wednesday 16th September in case of clouds on the Monday. A decision will be made on the Monday around lunch time and a note will be sent home if the back-up date is required.

The cost of the star night is $3 per person or $6 per family. This can be paid prior to the evening at the office or families will be able to pay on the night.

We would like to invite any interested families in the school to come along and share in the experience of Star Night.

**HAYFEVER SEASON BEGINS**

Spring has sprung and there are a few students starting to drift into the office with watery eyes, a runny nose and generally suffering from the symptoms of hay fever. If your child suffers from hay fever and you medicate them for this, please start thinking about giving your child their medication before they come to school!

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**Bunnings Cake Stall**

Our Bunnings Cake stall fundraiser is on this Saturday, 5th September. We have plates available in the Afters building, as well as in Fiona’s office. We are hoping for donations of slices, biscuits and whole cakes, or any other yummy cake stall treat. Donations can be dropped off to Fiona on Friday during the day, or directly to the shed kitchen at pick up time. Alternatively, you can bring your donations directly to the cake stall at Bunnings (ideally between 9-11am)

**NO HEALTHY SNACKS CANTEEN THIS WEEK**

Due to the Grade 5/6 Camp this week, there will be no Healthy Snacks canteen tomorrow. Please send along afternoon snacks for your child instead of money if they usually visit the Healthy Snacks Canteen.

We will be back next week. Thank you!!

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**Calling all shoppers!!!!**

We have lots of seats still available, and the time has come to secure your booking by visiting Fiona in the office and paying your $10 deposit.

This year’s tour will include linen, clothing, giftware, nuts and lollies, as well as beauty products, and much, much more.

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

Sticker collection for this year’s Earn & Learn is coming to an end. Sticker cards should be brought to the school office by Tuesday 15th September as they need to be returned during the school holidays. Thanks for supporting our Earn & Learn Fundraiser!