

## ***The Enchanted Wood***

Over the last 2 weeks the P/1/2's have been imagining what life would be like in "The Enchanted Wood" (By Enid Blyton) They have begun to create their own Faraway Tree in the classroom and have written about the characters adventures and created their own land. They have also made 'Toffee Pop Biscuits' like Silky did and they have eaten all the Three Bears Porridge. Ours was delicious so they 'ate it all up'.

## ***Bug Blitz***

Grades 3/4/5/6 are again involved in BugBlitz this year and have been invited to join a number of other schools to the Heart Morass on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August. The activities they are undertaking will be different to last year. They will be going on discovery walks for bug trapping and identifying, gauging water quality, having discussions with a reptile handler and planting trees.

Could all parents of these students please fill in the attached form to allow film footage taken on the day to be used by the media. Thanks Chris Ballard

## ***Community News***

### **Cowwarr Past Players Function & Comedy Night**

#### **Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> Rd 19 Vs Heyfield**

The day will comprise of a luncheon and drinks in the social room for all past players, while the evening will involve the comedy of Oscar Swarv.

Past players will be invited into the social rooms from 12 – 2 pm for cheap drinks and lunch then stick around and watch the Seniors take on arch rival Heyfield for the afternoon.

Tickets for the evening session will be \$50 including bus travel, free drinks between 7:30 and 9 pm, entry, supper & the Comedy Show with a limit of only 120 tickets.

The night is open to anyone, with the more past players in attendance the better.

Please give us an indication via email as to whether you are planning to attend the Past Players Day, the Comedy Night or both.

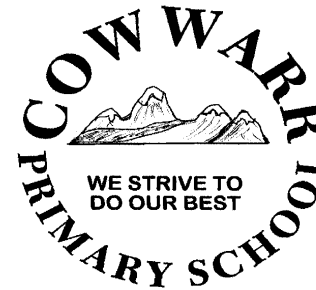
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### **Calendar**

Bugblitz- Wednesday 19th August 2009

UNSW Mathematics Competition- Thursday 20th August 2009

Book Character Parade - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am

Rural Schools Athletic Sports- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Zone Athletics- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Term 3 ends on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 2.00pm

Family Treasure Hunt – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

### **Building Works**

The building works have had a quiet week! Although, we did receive tanbark for the playground. Parents and community members are invited to call in at anytime to view these works.

### **Athletics Sports**

The Rural Schools Athletics Sports will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at the Little Athletics Oval in Sale. All children are expected to attend as this is a normal school day.

Training for this event began last week. Children are encouraged to bring or wear sports shoes for Wednesday (Prep-3) and Thursday (Grade 4-6). Thank you. More information closer to the date! Our Parents Club will be organising tea or coffee (\$1.00), biscuits or slice (50cents) and sausages (\$1.50) again this year. Thank you to the parents for organising this event.

### **Junior School Council**

At Monday's assembly, the Junior School Council badges were presented by Mrs Suzanne Wilson who is the assistant principal at Maffra Secondary College.

### UNSW Competitions

Mrs Suzanne Wilson was here to showcase our school to some teachers from Wodonga Teachers College. These teachers awarded the University of New South Wales Computer Competition certificates. Congratulations to all students who received certificates with particular mention to Kyung Stewart who received a Distinction. Enjoy the photographs. The mathematics competition will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009. On Monday the Science competition certificates will be awarded at assembly to the following students-James O'Brien-Distinction, Credits -Loretta Stewart, Jarrod Biram, Madison Gallagher, Siobhan Morgan, Participation-Kyung Stewart, Darcy Iseppi, Bonnie Coleman, Ben Bould and Matilda Biram.

### Tuckshop

Tuckshop was held today. It was yummy 'corn chowder' and toasted sandwiches. Thank you to Ruth O'Brien and Debbie Iseppi who prepared and served the lunch.

### Reports

All reports should be returned as soon as possible in preparation for the end of year.

### Camps

Wilson's Promontory (Grade 3-6) will be held in the week of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> November.

### Winter Colds

With so many children being unwell with colds, the staff would like to encourage all children to wear warm clothing to school and at school. Each room is fitted with a 'cleaning hands' container and are encouraged to 'wash' their hands before eating food or after using a handkerchief, tissue or going to the toilet.

### Junior Gippsland Times

Last Friday, the children in Grades 4/5/6 had a visit from Monique from the Gippsland Times who explained how the newspaper is published and invited the students to participate by entering their work in the Junior Gippsland Times which is to be published in September. The students were very excited by this opportunity and look forward to collecting their 'works' for this project.

### Jeans for Genes Day

Tomorrow the children are invited to wear jeans to school with their school uniform and donate a gold coin -'Raising funds for today's scientists for tomorrow's children'. Bonnie Coleman for JSC.

### Transition Day

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009 there will be another 'Transition Day' for children planning to attend Maffra Secondary College next year at the Morrison Street Oval in Maffra. Information about the bus pick-up will be forwarded as soon as it is known.

### Friday Netball

Over the past few weeks Grade 5/6 have been playing netball on a Friday. Last Friday two awards were given to Georgia Mitchell for 'Most Improved' and Jarrod Biram for 'Best Player'. Thank you to Jacob Westland for suggesting and organising these awards. Watch this space for next week's awards.

### Soccer

Today the Grade 4/5/6 were shown some soccer skills by Frank. We thank him for giving his time.

### Footy Colours Day

Advanced notice-the Junior School Council will be holding a 'Footy Colours' Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Activities for all! Donation will be a gold coin. Bonnie Coleman for JSC.

### Bluearth

Tomorrow our school has been invited to 'showcase' the bluearth program to other principals in our area. The principals from Heyfield, Toongabbie, Nambrok/Denison and St Michael's Catholic School will be visiting. Parents are invited to stay at 9.00am.

### Interactive Whiteboard Lesson

Having had an interactive whiteboard installed in the senior room I felt that it was important for the children to be taught of its uses by a professional so I invited Paul Ravis to work with the children. Paul came on Monday afternoon and spent an hour and a half showing the children on how to use it. Paul told the children that they would learn better than Mrs Hellen! As you can imagine the glee on the children's faces when they were told this! However it is true as they live in a technological age where they are so use to using these! The children take great pride in saying that it is 'their interactive board! Enjoy the photo!



### School Newsletter

If you would like a copy of the newsletter emailed to you could you please let Barb at the office know via email at [covwarr.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:covwarr.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au). The newsletter is also put on our website each week at [www.covwarrps.vic.edu.au](http://www.covwarrps.vic.edu.au)

### Long Service Leave

On Monday we welcome back to school Leonie Wilson from 2 weeks away in Central Australia. For the next 2 weeks, I am taking long service leave to celebrate my 25th Wedding Anniversary with my husband, Ian. 25 years! It is difficult to believe! Leonie Wilson will be acting Principal for the time I am away. The staff, school captains and the Grade 6 Leadership team will support Leonie.

Enjoy your weekends!

(Mrs) Helen Hellen

## *Parent Club News*

# LOOKOUT!! BEWARE!!

Pirates have been sighted around  
Cowwarr.

They have left buried treasure for us to  
find. There are clues and questions to be  
answered.

Start getting your Pirate costumes ready and put Sunday



**11<sup>th</sup> October on your calendar. Tell your family and friends to be ready.**

**This will be the day that the treasure is revealed! More details to follow, but in the mean time keep your eyes and ears open!**