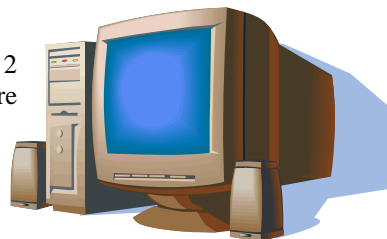


### Computers

With the updating of our computers we now have 2 computers for sale. They are Acer computers and they are being sold 'as is'! If you would like to look at one, please call into the office. It is on a 'first in' basis.



### *Parents Club*

#### Meals On Wheels

Meals on wheels are on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. I am still looking for someone to do Monday. If you can help I would really appreciate it. Please phone Debbie Iseppi if you are available to do it on 51489339.

Roster is as follows:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
	Debbie Iseppi	Michelle McLean
	Pat Clarke	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	
Ruth O'Brien	Joanne Broad	
Geraldine Morgan		

There are still a few spare spots if anyone would like to jump in and help.

#### Sock it to You Fundraiser

All orders for this fundraiser need to be in by next Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Wights Motor World Footy Clinic

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September Wights Motor World are holding a footy clinic for families to attend. There will be plenty of AFL stars at the clinic including Nathan Brown, Matthew Richardson, Mark Riccuito and Danny Frawley. Depending on finals, there also could be Luke Hodge, Jarrod Roughead and Collingwood players.

It will be from 8.30am – 10.00am so parents will have to be prepared to transport their children. Breakfast will be provided however numbers attending are limited.

If you are interested in this clinic please fill out the slip below and return to school.

#### **Wights Motor World Footy Clinic**

**Family Name**.....

**Numbers attending Adults**..... **Children**.....



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#### Calendar

Footy Colours Day – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Zone Athletics- Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2009
Term 3 ends on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 2.00pm
Term 4 begins- Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2009
Intensive Swimming Program begins- Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2009
Family Treasure Hunt – Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October

#### A Break-in at Our School

Sometime **last Thursday evening between 7.30 and 8.30am** the Grade 5/6 room was entered and items were disturbed. Graffiti was also written on the whiteboard. This is very upsetting as each evening the school is made secure by staff. Unfortunately a window was unclipped and the classroom was entered. As a small caring school we feel that we are the hub of the community. Together with our School Council we encourage the community to use the facilities; otherwise we would lock the gates and put up 'Trespassers will be prosecuted' signs. **Please note that the Heyfield Police has been notified. If anyone knows anything about this please let me know immediately.**

#### Athletics Sports

The Rural Schools Athletics Sports will now take place, **tomorrow, Friday 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. If you have trouble taking your child please arrange with someone else to take them. They need to be at the oval at 9.45am for a 10.00 start. All children must report to Leonie Wilson or Helen Hellenen. **In case of inclement weather listen to the radio** for a cancellation and there will be school as normal. Children will need their lunch, snacks, water drink bottle and be in school sports uniform. 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.

### University Of New South Wales

The results for the Spelling Competition have arrived at school. Congratulations to all students who took part in this competition. Jessica Broad in Grade 3 received a Credit and Kyung Stewart (Grade 6) received a Distinction. Participation awards were received by Siobhan Morgan, Rachel O'Brien, Madison Gallagher, Loretta Stewart, Ben Bould, Darcy Iseppi and Tish Morgan.

### Rural Education Summit

Rural Education Summit- I attended this on Tuesday. The theme of the day:

**'The purpose of a school is to help a family educate a child'.**

\*That learning through a group effort is greater than the individual effort.

\*Its strength lies in its unity.

\*It is up to the school to rethink what it is to educate a child.

\*How parents relate to a child is the pathway with the greatest influence on a child's ability to learn: warm supportive parenting can protect against any negative impacts.

Conclusion: How can our school assist the children in the Cowwarr community?

### Success at Gippsell

Congratulations to Kyung Stewart and Caleb Saliba for their wonderful results at Gippsell, held at Gippsland Grammar today. Kyung won the Grade 6 section and Caleb came 8<sup>th</sup> for Grade 5. We are very proud of both boys.



### Cowwarr Art Space

On Wednesday the Grade 5/6 children visited the Cowwarr Art Space to view the art works of Max Middleton, a landscape artist. The children asked some extremely interesting questions and were amazed that Max had decided that he wanted to be an artist when he was 12 years old! Clive Murray-White spoke to the children about the challenges in creating a sculptured piece of art. We would like to thank Carolyn Crossley for the opportunity to visit and Leonie Wilson for organising this excursion.

### Fireman Brian Visits Our School

On Wednesday we had a visit from Brian Burleigh in his fireman role. He talked to the junior half of our school about fire and showed them the fire engine at the fire station. Thanks for giving up your valuable time Brian!

### Book Parade

Thank you to Tish Morgan and Meg Donnelly for their organisation of the Book Parade last week. All reports are that they did a 'fantastic' leadership job! Well done girls!

### School Camp

Recently we received some Drought Assistance money from the Government. At the last School Council meeting it was decided to put some of the money into the Wilsons Promontory camp this year. Therefore camp will be \$150.00 instead of \$200.00. Camp will take place from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

### Parent Opinion Survey

Attached to this week's newsletter is the Parent Opinion Survey. I would appreciate it if parents could complete the questionnaire, put it in the envelope provided, and seal the envelope, write the name and year level of their child on the back of the envelope and return it to the school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Building Works

The building works continue and should be completed in the next few weeks. There has been a slight hold-up due the recent inclement weather. (But we won't complain about the rain!) Many positive comments about our front door!

### Intensive Swimming Program (advanced notice)

Beginning the first Friday of next term our Intensive swimming Program will begin at the Sale Indoor Pool. In consultation with School Council and parents it was decided to move this program to term 4 as a trial. The Heyfield War Memorial Pool Committee has once again generously donated funds so that Austswim trained teachers may be employed. The children will be swimming from 11.00am-12pm for five Fridays.

### Footy Colours Day

Next Friday will be 'Footy Colours' Day. Children are encouraged to wear their favourite footy colours and donate a gold coin. Footy Colours Day is the Fight Cancer Foundation's national fundraising event and is the one day in September to fight cancer and change lives.

### Long Service Leave

Thank you to Leonie Wilson, staff, school captains, Bonnie and Riley and the Grade 6 Leadership team for looking after the school in my absence. I had a terrific holiday but it is great to be back with the happy faces at our wonderful school.

From Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009, Chris Ballard will take Long Service Leave until Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009. We wish her a relaxing time and look forward to her return.

Enjoy your weekend,  
(Mrs) Helen Hellenen