

Gardening Reports

The grade 3/4's have been busy in the vegetable garden staking all the tomato plants so we can see all the yummy tomatoes growing on them. Our vegetables are growing prolifically and we have now been able to pick many zucchinis, tomatoes and some broccoli. The grade 5/6 have cooked and eaten little zucchini cakes made from our home grown zucchinis.



Wilsons Promontory Camp 2009

The Grade 3-6 camp will take place at Wilsons Promontory this year from Monday- Friday 23rd-27th November 2009. The cost of the camp will be \$200.00. A deposit of \$40.00 per student is now due!

Please see Barb Tomholt at the office. Thank you!

Grade 6 Graduation

We still need photographs of the Grade 6 children since Grade Prep. It would be great if parents could send any along. They will be scanned and then returned to you. We plan to begin our Graduation boards next term. Thank you.

Professional Development

Marg Reisinger and I are attending a Professional Development day on Friday on the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success'. We are looking forward to bringing back ideas to assist staff and improve the learning outcomes of the children at our school.

Ride to School Day

Next Wednesday is 'Ride to School Day'. Children are invited to ride or bring their bikes, scooters or skateboards to school with a helmet and be part of the 'action'!

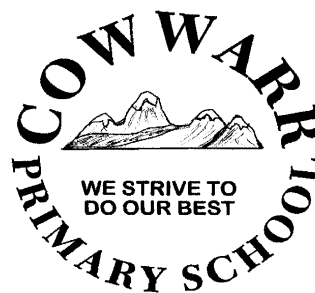
Harmony Day

Next Monday is 'Harmony Day' celebrating Australia's Diversity. This is an initiative of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. It is about dealing with cultural, racial and religious intolerance. We do this by promoting respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone. These are 'values' that we teach at our school.

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. The newsletter is also put on our website each week at www.covwarrps.vic.edu.au

Enjoy your weekend! I am off to Mansfield to visit Kate at Timbertop. There is a 'food, wine and jazz' festival up in the high country this weekend! Thanks for all the birthday wishes! Aren't birthdays fun!!
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Calendar

Book Club orders due – 23 rd March
School Council- 23 rd March
Koorie Cultural Day- Friday 27 th March
Term 1 holidays- Friday 3 rd April
Rural Schools Cross Country (Lake Guthridge)- Tuesday May 5 th
Zone Cross Country (Yarram) - Thursday May 20 th

Parent Teacher Interviews

For parent/teacher interviews could parents please make contact with the relevant teacher to make a suitable appointment before the end of term. Thank you. I am really keen to have a chat with a parent of each of the Grade 5/6 children sometime before the end of term.

Grade 6 Leaders Day

On Monday 16th March the Grade 6 Leadership Team attended a Young Leaders Day with Grade 6 children from around the state. The speakers included the Premier of Victoria, Mr John Brumby, an author Kirsty Murray, Drew Ginn OAM a 3 time winner of an Olympic gold medallion, Mike Martin, General Manager of Halogen Australia, a Leadership Program and Catriona Rowntree, presenter of the television program 'Getaway'. The underlying themes of all the presenters were-

- teamwork,
- be true to yourself,
- follow your passion and your heart,
- always give the best of your ability,
- dreams do come true,

- be very careful of who you listen to,
- live in the moment,
- what you give out is what you get back
- be careful how you treat other people,
- persistence leads to victory

I am sure as adults we can relate to all of these messages. We will be following these up each week with a Leadership session where the children will 'learn to lead'.

Grade 6 Leadership Day!

On Monday the 16th, 9 grade 6's and I went to Melbourne for a leadership day. When we got to Hisense Arena we all went into a big stadium as we walked in Premier John Brumby was making a speech about leadership. As we took our seats Kirsty Murray walked onto the stage. Kirsty is an author who writes fictional books, one of her slogans was 'Leaders are Readers! The next guest speaker was Drew Ginn he was a 3x Olympic gold medallist at the 1992, 2004, 2008 Olympic Games. The last guest speaker was Catrona Rowntree She was my favourite because she had a cheerful smile and a voice that kept the crowd alive. Catrona is also the host of 'Getaway' and at the time was pregnant! We shared the bus with 3 other schools: Sale, Cobains and Nambrok Denison. Halfway home we stopped at Mc Donald's and brought a snack then we headed for home. It was a very fun day and I would go again!
By Bonnie.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

'Beep Beeeep Beep', went my alarm. It was 4:30 and I had to get up. After breakfast I got in the car and we drove to Rosedale. It was cold so we ran around the skate park and the playground for half an hour because the bus was late. When it finally arrived we got on and drove to Melbourne.

In Melbourne we went to the Hisense Arena, for the National Young Leaders Day. The first speaker was Premier, the right honourable John Brumby. We only heard the last bit of his of his speech because we were late. The next speaker was Kirsty Murray who spoke about her success as a writer and how it's important to tell the truth. Then we had a break.

After the break it was Drew Ginn, three time Olympic gold medallist. He was also a member of the Awesome Foursome. Then Mike Martin who is the leader of helogin.

Next we had lunch.

After lunch we had Catriona Rowntree. Catriona is the host of Getaway. She told us what she should have done as a kid and I learnt the most off her.

On the way home, we had McDonald's. After that we went home.

By Tish

Mathletics

Many of the children have logged on to this program at home. Please remind the children that only the children with the username and pass word may use this program.

Koorie Cultural Day

Next Friday, 27th March 2009 the children have been invited to attend a Koorie Cultural Day to celebrate the local Koorie culture in the Latrobe Valley. The children will be involved in traditional Koorie games, indigenous dance lessons, Koorie artwork, indigenous pottery painting and jewellery making. This will be held at the Town Common, Elgin Street, Morwell.

LEAPING LOONEYS

On the seventeenth of March 2009, Cowwarr, along with Wurrick and Nambrok Primary school went to see Leaping Looneys. There were three Leaping Looneys – Daniel, Tim and Callum. They did lots of tricks like side flips, back flips and side back-side flips. They had uni-cycles and a trapezium with a secret compartment. The slapstick comedy was very funny too. It was great.

Afterwards we went to school, to our surprise it was three o'clock. We were all happy to go home.

Leaping Loonies

By Darcy

On the seventeen of March we went to Wurruk Primary School to watch Leaping Loonies. First they started to juggle. They juggled under their legs and behind their backs. One went on a uni cycle and he said he learnt it at uni and he started to juggle on the uni cycle. After that they went on the see saw and did back flips front flips and side flips and the awesome double back flip twister.

Later they jumped over the pamma horse and did front flips.

After that we went home.

By Caleb

Science With Royce Moncur

Last week on Friday 13th of March the whole school went to see a Science Show. While he was asking questions, when you got one right he would give you prizes. They had a ball spinning contest with Riley, Kyung, Rachel and Millie were in it. Riley ended up winning. Next we made circle type planes and took them into the hall. Mine got stuck in the side pocket in the wall. After that we made paper planes and flew them as well. Next we put water in a bottle and pumped air into the bottle and it exploded. It went up into the air and it came flying down. Afterwards we went back to school with five minutes left. It was really fun.

By Ben

