Principal’s Report:

Book Week
Book Week next week will be an exciting week with Thursday seeing our students working in mixed age groups and dressing up for our Book Character Parade. Please come along and be part of the crowd as our students parade their costumes. This is always a much loved and exciting event for our students. I have my costume “semi-organised”, I will be coming as… [not telling, you will need to come and see!]

Prep Tours
Our Prep tours start next week. There is still time to book a tour if you have a child commencing in Preps next year. Please contact the school to make a time.

Whacky Wednesday Food
Thank you to Janis for our Whacky Wednesday food last week. These types of events help to make school more enticing and break up a winter term with something out of the ordinary.

Mini Olympics
Today our Junior School Students visited Lockington Consolidated School for a combined Mini Olympics. It was fantastic to see both schools working together and our students enjoying the event. It was also great to see parents making the trip to be a part of this day. Thankyou to our staff for the work they have done to get this event up and going.

Child Safe
At our next School Council meeting we will be looking at policies related to the State Government’s Child Safe program. This is a significant piece of work and actually requires nine separate pieces of policy to ensure we are compliant with what schools are expected to do. All school’s including State, Catholic and Independent are currently working through this. It is highly likely that most sporting clubs or organisations will ultimately be expected to have something similar in place. Once School Council have agreed on the policy they will be available for anyone in our school community to read. Most of the actions we do now will remain the same however it is likely that will be some changes as to how staff and volunteers [including parent volunteers] work with children. The aim for everybody is of course to keep all children safe.

Please keep this date free. We would love you to come and help, we definitely need you to come! This is our major fundraiser for the year and runs from 11.00 – until 2.00. If you can help set up before this it would be appreciated, however anyone who can spare an hour during the event will be welcomed with open arms! We will be seeking donations of different items however chocolate for the ever popular “Lob-a-Choc” can be sent along anytime.

Athletic Sports
Our students in Grade 3 to 6 have been training for our inter-school athletic sports next week. These are held at Victoria Park in Echuca [Echuca Football ground] with Grade 3 and 4 on Tuesday and 5 and 6 on Wednesday. Please come along and cheer your child/ren on.
**Star of the Week**

Prep C  Evie Coghill
Gr 1/2Ellis  Jasmine Macdonald
Gr 1/2W  Asa Emmerson
Gr 3/4I  Willow May
Gr 3/4M  Brodie Moon
Gr 5/6 Ras  Cameron Keenan
Gr 5/6 Ros  Samuel Felmingham

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**Birthday Congratulations**

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**Curriculum News**

**School Sports.** Best of luck to all of our students in Grades 3-6 who will participate in the Interschool Athletic Sports next week in Echuca. On Tuesday the 9 & 10 year olds compete and 11 & 12 year olds compete on Wednesday. Thank you to the parents who are able to make it to assist our staff. Special thanks to Mr Rasmussen for his efforts over the days and also for setting up at school so that the students could train over the past few weeks.

**New Prep Tours** are conducted next week on Thursday morning 11.30 & 12pm. Pre–school parents and children are welcome to attend and get to know our school a little better. They will meet with school captains, Mr Hodgens and Mrs Collins to see what we have to offer the students. Keep your eyes open for more transition visits in Term 4.

**Farm and Road Safety Expo.** On Tuesday Grades Prep-4 attended this day, aimed at accident prevention and safety, to learn more about safety around us. Exhibitions included the Vic Police, CFA, SES, Energy Safe, Coliban Water, healthy eating, first aid, safe use of tools/machinery, cycling, horses, road milk transport vehicles, electricity and many others. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to assist with our students who experienced a fantastic educational morning.

**Book Week Dress up Parade….** Next week on Thursday (25th) at 9am. Everyone is welcome. This will be followed by some multi-age book week activities. Students will work with students from other grades, read some book week books and complete an activity about that book.

**Numeracy Week.** A maths open morning session will be held on Tuesday 30th August from 9-10am. Feel free to pop in to your child’s class and participate in their lessons and activities.

**Teacher Professional learning.** Teachers have continued to participate in further learning. This has included the following topics… Autism, Working with challenging students, Writing conferencing, Reflection of student goals and learning goals, Info Tech review and working on the Victorian Curriculum.

**Library update.** Feel free to pop into the library to see how things are progressing. All books are back on the shelves. Thank you to Adrienne Foster who has been a huge help with this. Thank you also to Kate, Kayla, Raylee, Rachael and Tanya who deleted the culled books from our library computer file. Thank you to Jessie who continues to mark the books as decoded as they are culled. It is a huge process! We now need to finalise the furniture buying and update/purchase some new books. Teachers will continue to go through the teacher resources in the library office and cull old and dated teacher books. We have also started to cul the take home books in the junior school. Another huge job!

**Don’t forget the bag a bargain book sale (old library books) for students on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th August at recess and lunch.** These books include picture story books, chapter books and factual books. 50c a shopping bag. BYO bag. Students are welcome to buy more than one bag.

**REMINDERS**

- “Let’s Read” preschool reading program launch. At our covered area at 2pm on Thursday 25th August.
- Footy Day. Thursday 1st September.
- Prep Fauna Park excursion. Friday 2nd September.
- School Disco. Thursday 8th September.
- Grade 3-6 Science Excursion. TwistEd. Echuca. 9th September.

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PRINCIPAL: Graeme Hodgens
Farm & Road Safety (from a parent’s view)
I had a wonderful time at the farm road safety day with a group of boys. They were all well behaved, listened and used their manners. I’m very proud of how they represented the school. Many of the site holders commented on how well they behaved. Thank you Flynn, Paddy, Jordan, Jordy and Brock for representing your school in the community in a fantastic manner. Amber

SCHOOL FAIR - THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER - Keep this day free.

11A.M. TO 2.00P.M. Lasagne Cooks - Can you help? We need 5 people to make a tray of lasagna. Foil trays and a recipe (that is easy to follow) will be available. Please contact the office if you can help.

Lasagne may be frozen before the day and sent to the office. Thanks

Many activities and stalls including: Novelties/Lucky dips, Jumping Castle, Cake & Produce, Showbags, Milkshakes, BBQ, Lob a Choc, Hair Spray, Face painting and much more.
UNIFORM SHOP
Available from our Uniform shop are shorts, skorts, dresses and track pants in a range of sizes. Shirts and fleecy tops are available from Sportspower. Old style skorts are on sale for $10.00. (while stock last)

DAIRY ASSISTANCE FUNDING 2016

Students currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 in government and non-government schools where one or both parents:
● Own an operating dairy farm
● Are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
● Hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
● Work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

Evidence may include:
A dairy industry license issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV)
● Lease documentation
● Share farming contract
● Agreement with a dairy production/supply company
● A letter from an employer
● A statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm (in case where other forms of evidence are not available).

Families who received the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. However families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought assistance are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

A one-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to schools.

Funds can be used for the following:
● School camps/trips
● Outdoor education programs
● Excursions/incursions
● Swimming and other school organized sporting programs
● If there are no camps, sports or excursion related expensed, the payment may be allocated towards other school based education expenses incurred by the family for the eligible student*

*These guidelines only apply to the Dairy Assistance funding (not the CSEF payment which was paid separately and is subject to CSEF policy).

Parents/legal guardians will need to apply for this assistance via the Dairy Assistance Application form along with evidence as requested by 18th November 2016. Forms available from the school office.

This one off payment will be made to the school from September 2016 and allocated when required.

CANTEEN ROSTER—August / September

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RSPCA Cupcake Day
Cupcakes (chocolate & vanilla) will be available to purchase on Wednesday 24th August at a cost of $2 each. Cupcakes need to be pre-ordered. The order form must be returned to the box on the front counter TOMORROW. Please note that this is not a fundraiser for the school and no money /orders will be accepted by office staff. This is a fundraising event arranged by a parent. All money raised will be donated to the RSPCA.

*****COMING ATTRACTIONS****