Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We waved an early goodbye to Mr Mac and the Grade 5 students on Tuesday morning as they set off with our cluster schools to Anglesea. All reports from Mr Mac are that they are having a fantastic time and the weather has been perfect.

Back here at school, we have been working away as usual but are finding that we have some very tired little (and big!) people who are worn out by the end of the day. It’s been a long and busy term and a good night’s sleep is going to be essential every day to get us through to the end of the term, especially now that the weather is warming up too.

Next week is going to be pretty exciting—we have Presentation Evening on Wednesday night. This year, the Parents and Friends sub-committee have organised a fantastic evening for us all to enjoy with a few welcome changes to past years. If you haven’t had a chance to add your name to the list of jobs and foods on the doors in the undercover area, please contact Sam Taylor to let her know how you are able to help. We need every family to bring along a food item please and there are plenty left. Sam’s number is 0457 219 914.

The meal begins at 6:00pm and the actual program for the evening begins at 7:00pm. By now, all families should have received their invitation. If you have not, please let us know.

Next week we also have Statewide Transition Day on Tuesday. On this day, all students go to the grade they will be in for 2017. Grade 2s will go into the Wise Owls room with Mr Mac and 2017 Preps will be at school too. If we had grade 6 students, they would go to secondary school for the day too. Locky and Steph can look forward to that next year.

On Friday, we will have a visit from OLSH. We will share lunch together, have a run through our carols for Community Carols night next week and spend some time doing sport together.

Enjoy your weekend.

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Help needed please!

We need a volunteer to care for our chickies over the holidays please. Every second day is ok. You will be able to enjoy their fresh eggs. Please contact Michelle if you are able to help us.
Tiddalicks

With Mr Mac at school camp with Lachlan and Steph, the Tiddalicks and I were lucky enough to have the Owls join us this week. In literacy, we completed an overview of everything we have learnt, participated in and explored over the year. We talked about our favourite lessons, excursions, writing genres, books, science experiments, maths lessons and much more. When we wrote everything down we couldn’t believe everything we have learnt and all that we have achieved. It really has been a BRILLIANT year!

In maths, we learnt new card games to help us with our automatic recall of addition and subtraction. If you have a deck of cards at home challenge your child/children to a game of More Same or Less. The children all know how to play but they may need help remembering the rules. To start, remove picture cards and joker, then deal 6 cards to each player. Put the rest of the deck in the middle and turn one card over. Each player takes a turn of putting down a card but can only put a card down if one of these rules applies:

- Same number
- Double the number
- One more or one less
- Half the number

If you can’t put down you must pick up from the pile in the middle. The first person with no cards left wins.

We have spent our afternoons designing and making the centrepieces for presentation evening. They are looking incredible!

Have a wonderful weekend and I’ll see you all next week.

Wise Owls

This week Mr Mac, Steph and Lachlan went to Anglesea for the 5/6 camp with other 5/6 students from our cluster. I don’t want to tell you too much about what they have been up to as I’m sure they will want to share their experiences. But here are a few photos for all of you to enjoy.
**Quote of the week:** “Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.” Walter Elias Disney

**Thank you**

Thank you for all of the beautiful, hand made cards I received from students containing thoughtful messages about Fletcher. I also received many text messages and emails from families. Your caring and thoughtful words meant a great deal to me after he died from snake bite. I really miss that little ginger guy.

**Numeracy Award**

Angus, Summer and Zara worked really hard with me this week in numeracy learning a new concept, order of operations. It was tricky but you all tried incredibly hard and I was very impressed with your positive attitudes.

**Literacy Award**

TIDDALICKS! YOU ALL DESERVE THIS AWARD! I am completely blown away by what you have all achieved in Literacy this year. You should all be very proud of yourselves!

**Mowing Roster**

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Please mow the nature strips as well. If you are looking for another job, feel free to pull some weeds in the garden beds or spray the yellow daisies...! 😊

* Mowing Reminder: If you can’t manage to do the lawns, please call Barney on 04 29 375 879 and he will be happy for you to pay him to do it instead. Please provide him with as much notice as possible.

**Holiday Mowing Help Needed Please!**

Over the Christmas Holidays we desperately need helpers to mow the lawn once or twice please. If you are able to help out, PLEASE let us know!
Kris Kringle

Once again, we are going to have our secret Kris Kringle celebration together.

We draw everyone’s name out of a hat and allocate them someone as their Kris Kringle. They then have until Friday 16th December to do special things for their KK such as leaving kind notes or hand made pictures for them as a surprise, making sure they always have someone to play with or helping them out generally. On Friday we will all make sure we have placed a small gift under the tree (to the value of $5.00 and no more). As each child opens their gift they will try to guess who their secret Kris Kringle person has been.

It is a lovely opportunity to be kind to others whist celebrating Christmas together.

In the past, students have sneaked in to school early to leave notes and cards, or asked grown ups to help them get their surprises in without giving away who they are. Sneaking the presents under the tree is the trickiest!

We will do the draw on Monday.