**GREAT BOOK SWAP**

This year the school is participating in THE GREAT BOOK SWAP. The great book swap is endorsed by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation who support schools in remote areas of Australia. All money raised from this activity is used by the Foundation to equip these schools with new readers and teaching resources.

The Great Book Swap is very easy to organise. Each student is encouraged to donate a book from home (with parental permission). These books will be put on display, then during the week of The Great Book Swap, anyone in the school community is encouraged to come to the school and buy a pre loved book for a gold coin donation. Books brought can be fiction, fact, picture stories or novels and need to be in good condition. If the student’s name is inside the book, it might be helpful to either white it out or stick a sticker over it.

The Great Book Swap will be open for purchase on the week of Book Week - Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August - during school hours. It will be held in the Art room. Books can be donated from today on and a box will be in the school foyer for books to be dropped off. We hope you will be able to support this fundraiser so that we can help the indigenous children have the same opportunities to learn as our children do.

**CHRISTMAS BOXES**

As part of the Art curriculum in 2015, classes will be participating in decorating and filling shoe boxes to be sent to less fortunate children overseas.

As Term 3 continues the students will work in groups to decorate a shoe box and then everyone will be asked to donate a non perishable gift to put in the box. More information will come home about suitable gifts when we have prepared the boxes.

**BOOK FAIR**

Our annual Book Fair will run again from Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November inclusive and I am pleased to tell everyone that our special guest author will once again be Adam Wallace. We are all very excited to see him and hear and see his new books.

**ART EXHIBITION**

In conjunction with the Book Fair we are going to hold our very first Warragul & District Specialist School Art Exhibition. Students are already keen to donate their Art work to be displayed around the school and we hope everyone will be able to drop in and admire their handiwork.
Lots of exciting things are happening in the Art room this term.

Our theme this term is Around The World (fitting in with our concert) and we have just been to Japan where we have made washi dolls, decorated fans, made hairobi streamer mobiles to remind us how special our children are and we have succeeded in making origami cranes after reading the wonderful fairy tale “The White Crane” by Junko Morimoto. This week we head to Africa to study the beauty of their culture and then back to Australia to re create the outback splendour through Art.

Fitting in with this we are also participating in the Great Book Swap last week of August where the money we raise will help support indigenous children in outback schools.

With our work around the world we have registered with Samaritans Purse to fill shoe boxes which will bring joy to children suffering around the world at Christmas time. There will be more information coming home soon as to how you can support these activities.