Dear Students & Families,

On Monday we were visited by facilities staff to look at where we could situate our new portable buildings. With the continued growth in our student numbers it has become increasing more difficult to find ground to site our new buildings whilst keeping our great play spaces. With a student population of 150 in mind, the facilities staff have planned for an additional 3 portables over the next 5 years. The first of these portables will be sited next term.

The winter bugs and colds are well and truly upon us with both staff and students getting struck down. The last few weeks have been especially bad with some classes having over half the students away at some time. Thank you to all the families who have kept ill students home. This, and good hygiene practises, has helped us to contain the spread of illness within the school. One of the best ways we know if the programs we are running are effective is by getting feedback from students. Student feedback or “voice” takes many forms and can include:

- The student using the skill away from the classroom or
- The student telling us what they think of the lesson.

For many students, student voice is not verbal. Sometimes students will show they like a lesson or activity by being excited when they know they will be doing it. Likewise, students may get upset or try to avoid an activity. We are encouraging parents to give us feedback about your child’s “voice” when they get home. Your insights can be highly informative to teachers when they are designing their programs. Your child’s SSG is the perfect place to provide this feedback.

Matt
A Day in Room 1 and 2.

Rooms 1 and 2 have been super busy with all their programs in Semester 2. We have generalised our communication skills in the community when visiting the various Café’s in our local area. The students have also enjoyed therapy sessions in both the Engine room and some of the local parks when the weather has permitted us to. Each week students have also been busy cooking up a storm in the kitchen with the support from Michelle, some of the meals on the menu have included, tacos, mini-pizzas and hamburgers. We are looking forward to showcasing our class performance that we are working hard on at the school concert.
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through the program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we will be collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box at school. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Mikaela
Room 1

Keith
Room 11

Wade P
Room 16

Raffle Winners

Seth W
Room 3

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Students of the Week
2015 Christmas Party for Special Children

This year's party will be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Sunday 13th December from 9.30am to 1.30pm with lots of entertainment, rides, activities, sausage sizzle, drinks, ice cream and much more! The age requirement is between 3-16 years old.

To request an invitation, you need to contact Warragul & District Specialist School office on 5623 1385 and we will submit a request for an invitation. Please do so by September 15th.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Please contact the office for an application form 5623 1385

Remember to return your completed Dental Consent form by Friday 28th August.

Monday 31st August is a Curriculum Day
No School

School Concert Tickets are on sale and can be purchased;
In person from the Box Office at the West Gippsland Arts Centre
or
By phoning the Box Office: 5624 2456
Price: $7.00 per ticket
No. Available: Limit of 3 per family, however additional tickets (if available) may be purchased from 9th September

Please contact the office for an application form 5623 1385