Principal’s Report

The SRC’s Fun Run last Friday was a great success. Congratulations to Mrs Noble and the SRC for organising such an enjoyable and successful event. Thank you to the P&C for providing the yummy BBQ lunch and Little Aths for supplying the water.

Just a reminder that even though tomorrow is the Melbourne Cup, school will operate as usual. There will however be some activities, such as races and fashions on the field. Just remember to wear appropriate footwear for races and other regular school activities.

URGENT!!!

YEAR 2-6 SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME
Notes for this program were due last Monday. If your child participated in the Special Swimming Scheme last year, they are eligible to participate again this year. Expected numbers were in the 60’s and only half of these notes have been returned. This program is a fantastic learning experience, not only in swimming, but also water safety survival. If your child can not confidently swim 25 meters, without stopping, they are eligible to participate. Notes will be accepted until 9am Wednesday morning.

Please let the school know if your child is suffering from gastro(enteritis). We have some children in the school whose health could be seriously affected if it is passed on to them. Thanking you in advance.

Please remember that if your child is absent from school for any reason *ie*: sickness, appointment, holiday, etc. you must provide a written explanation of their absence, within seven days, even if you have called and advised the school of their absence. This is a NSW DET requirement.

John Francis, Principal
WHAT DO THE STUDENTS LEARN IN THE GARDEN?

At the end of last term, I wanted to evaluate the effectiveness of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program within our school. Every student from Year 3 to 6 was asked to write down ten things they have learned to do in the garden and ten things they have learned about in the garden. Following are the children’s responses:

**In the garden we learn to…**

- use tools safely
- measure
- predict
- estimate
- be active
- get along
- record
- be creative
- be persistent and patient

- be responsible
- count
- experiment
- work together as a team
- grow
- identify
- be cooperative learners
- cook what we grow
- be organised

- follow instructions
- observe
- plant and harvest
- weed and water
- build and construct
- problem solve
- report our findings
- reduce, reuse, recycle
- use technology

**In the garden we learn about…**

- Seasons
- making compost
- plant needs
- habitats and ecosystems
- soil
- healthy food

- weather and climate
- decomposition
- growth and change
- lifecycles
- nature
- plant types

- the water cycle
- taking care of animals
- caring for the environment
- insects
- plant origins
- sustainability

I was very impressed, not only by the huge variety of answers provided by the students, but also by their ability to articulate what they have learned. Our students not only enjoy the program but they value the learning that takes part in it.

The children in Year 4/5 made and painted signs to display this information in our garden. Thank you to Dylan Modderkolk and Kai Munro for helping to put up the signs during their playtime.

PRIZE WINNING SLICE

Groups of boys from our primary classes entered the Male Cooking section of the Cobram Show last week. The boys were given a recipe for a slice and asked to follow the instructions without any adult help. They won First Prize! Congratulations.

OUR MENU

In the kitchen, this week, we will be making Home-made Pasta with Lemon Herb Sauce, Spinach Gratin, Artisan Bread and Coleslaw. We will preserve some of our beetroot crop by making delicious Beetroot and Balsamic Vinegar Relish and will finish with Lemon Delicious Slice.

Nikki Bird
SAKG Program Coordinator
**P&C News**

**THANK YOU**
Thank-you to everyone who helped at the Fun Run on Friday, a special thanks to Bec Gargaro for cooking the sausages.

**PRESENTATION DAY HAMPER RAFFLE**
Once again we will be holding a raffle on Presentation Day. The raffle will include a selection of themed hampers. Each classroom has been given a hamper to fill. We are asking families to please donate one item per child for their classroom hamper. Please support by donating goods for the baskets as the money raised from these raffles benefits your children.

Kinder: Pets   Year 1/2: Girls
Year 1/2PM: Boys  Year 3/4: Garden
Year 4/5: Christmas  Year 6: Scratchies

Please bring items to your classroom by Wednesday 10th December.

**P&C MEETING**
Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 12th November at 6pm. Please note changed date.

**MOVIE NIGHT**
The Movie Night will be held on Friday 21st November here in the school grounds, come along and have a great family night out.

Marcia Nolan, P&C Secretary,
PH: 58763202 or M: 0427800516.

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**You Can Do It!**

This term the students will be focusing on Organisation.

**Things to say to acknowledge your child’s Organisation**

When you catch your child being organised, say “You are organised.” “Doesn’t it feel good to be organised!” “Being organised is helping you to be successful” “You planned well. You finished on time!” “you really planned well” “When you are prepared, you do a good job.” “I bet it makes school easier when you have everything ready.” “You are really keeping your schoolbag/backpack clean and neat.” “I see you are planning ahead so that you don’t need to rush your work at the last minute.”

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**CUP DAY ACTIVITIES**

After Lunch Tuesday 4th November
~ Fashions on the Field ~
Best Hat
Best Outfit
Best Horse & Jockey
~ Races/Tabloid Activities ~

Please note children must bring suitable footwear for sporting activities

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‘Building Partnerships with the Community’ Barooga PS proudly sponsored by the Barooga Sports Club
P & C Fundraiser

We are asking parents to donate items for a special Hamper Raffle to be drawn on Presentation Day. Each child is asked to bring in one item for their specific class hamper.

- Kinder – Pets Hamper
- Year 1/2PM – Boys' Hamper
- Year 1/2C – Girls' Hamper
- Year 4/5 – Christmas Hamper
- Year 3/4 – Garden Hamper
- Year 6 – Scratchies Hamper

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SRC Adidas School Fun-Run

The SRC would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported our Fun Run last Friday. The students did a fantastic job raising money from very generous sponsors including family, friends and the wider community.

Altogether, including online sponsorship, cash sponsorship and less commission, we raised over $4500.00 which we will use to purchase playground equipment.

We would also like to thank the P&C who provided a free Sausage Sizzle on the day, Barooga Little Athletics for their donation of water and Adidas who supplied a free icy pole and thunder stick to everyone who participated.

This fundraiser was a great success due to the support of our whole school community.

Thanks again,

Mrs Noble and SRC

Community Notes

SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK ROADSHOW
4.30pm-7.00pm Wednesday 26th November
Cobram Football Netball Club
Warkil & Karook Street, Cobram

Social Inclusion Week Roadshow includes; meeting some of Melbourne Vixens players, skills and activity sessions, Netball exhibition match and Q&A with Melbourne Vixen athletes.

To register for the Netball Activity Stations please phone 9321 2211