

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017**

### February

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Parent/Teacher/Student interviews

### March

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** - Principals' Forum, Horsham. Mr Fiedler away.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** - School Council AGM (TBC) 4:40pm

- School Family Get-together 5:45pm.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** - Principals' meeting, Horsham. Mr Fiedler away.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Year 6 overnight excursion to attend a Student Leadership Day Melbourne Convention Centre**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** - End of Term 1. School finishes 2:15pm.

### April

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Term 2 Commences

### May

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Dandenong Ranges Ukulele Festival (Whole School Camp)**

## Principal Ponderings

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, the School Council held its first meeting for the year. As part of the meeting the following three activities were endorsed:

- Year 6 overnight excursion to Melbourne to attend a **leadership training day** (27<sup>th</sup> March) at the Melbourne Convention Centre
- Whole school camp to the Dandenong Ranges (19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May) to attend the **Dandenong Ranges Ukulele Festival**.
- Year 6 students join with the Minyip PS year 5/6 students for a camp in Melbourne November 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>.

The leadership training day, organised by the Halogen Foundation, is for upper primary school students and it aims to 'inspire & influence a generation of young people to lead themselves and others well' (quote from its website <https://www.halogen.org.au/shop-event.php?intid=581>). Over 23,000 students attend this event around Australia annually (it is held in the major capital cities).

The Year 6 children along with myself and a parent volunteer will travel to Melbourne on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March and return on Monday night. An approximate cost per child to participate in the excursion is \$120.00.



The whole school camp to the Dandenong Ranges is being organised so that students can participate in the Dandenong Ranges Ukulele Festival. Matthew Fagan, who visited the school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February to give a ukulele workshop, started the festival several years ago. The festival will offer opportunities for our students to mix and play with other musicians, perform, and develop their music skills through attending workshops. The venue for the event is Emerald Primary School. Parents are encouraged to attend. We will leave for camp on Friday morning 19<sup>th</sup> May and return Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The accommodation will be at the **Stringybark Lodge Camp** which is located in Gembrook approx. 55 mins from Melbourne CBD. It has dormitory style accommodation and is situated on 27 acres. As well as attending the ukulele festival, it is hoped that other camp activities will be organised. The cost for attending the camp is yet to be decided.



Stringybark Lodge

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, following the School Council meeting, we had our first School Family Get-together for the year. The children presented very well and the BBQ tea afterwards was great. It was fantastic to be able to have the BBQ tea under the school's new shade structure. The shade structure was completed only that day and was a result of a grant that the school applied for through the School Shade Grants Program. It was one of two shade structures erected at the school. The other one is located at the swimming pool. I would like to thank **Mr Peter Cameron** for all the time he volunteered as the representative from School Council responsible for helping organise the grant requirements and overseeing the project.

I would also like to thank the Navy Blues for its donation of funds towards the project. The shade structures are fantastic and will benefit children for many years to come.



Our new shade structures.

**Grant Fiedler.**

## **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

# **ALEXA CAMERON**

## **FOR**

**HER SCHOOL CAPTAIN LEADERSHIP DEMONSTRATED AT THE SCHOOL FAMILY GET-TOGETHER PRESENTATION, ACHIEVING FULL MARKS FOR HER SPELLING TEST, WRITING CREATIVE AND WELL-CONSTRUCTED RECOUNTS AND COMPLETING ALL OF HER HOMEWORK.**



*Alexa with her award.*

## **School Notices**

### **Copies of the Christmas Concert DVD and 2016 School Highlights DVD**

Each child received a free copy of the Christmas Concert DVD and the 2016 School Highlights DVD . If families would like additional copies, they are \$10.00 each.

### Garden Roster

Jobs include mowing, watering, weeding, sweeping and general maintenance of the school grounds, including mowing in the pool grounds.

**Please mow the lawn at the front of the school each week during the warmer months.**

**As a reminder, if the dates that you are rostered on don't suit, please swap with someone.**

### Garden Roster

**13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb CAMERON**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Feb – 12<sup>th</sup> Mar PLASENCIA**

**CAMARGO**

**13<sup>th</sup> Mar – 26<sup>th</sup> Mar DUXSON**

**27<sup>th</sup> Mar – 9<sup>th</sup> Apr FIEDLER**

**10<sup>th</sup> Apr – 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr ZIELINSKI**

### Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

<b>Wednesday 22.2.2017</b>	Meeting with Miss D	Meeting with Mr Fiedler
3:30 pm	Brodie	
3:45pm	Emily	
4:00pm	Matilda	
4:15pm	Hamish	
4:30pm	Alejandra	
4:45pm		Ayrton
5:00pm	Olivia	Xander
5:15pm	Xyrus	Cody
5:30pm		Alexa

## Community Notices

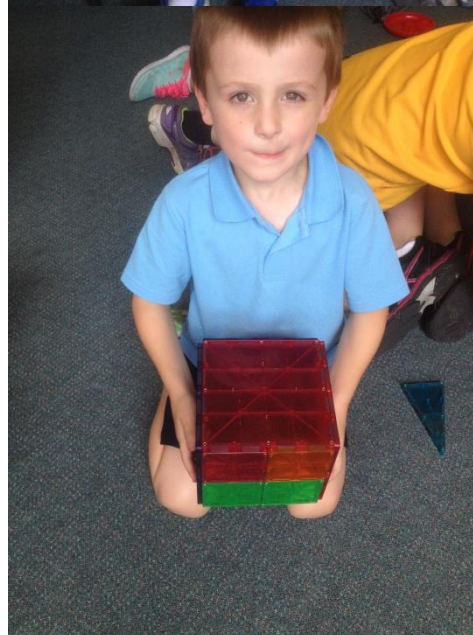
### Portsea Camp

The Rotary Club of St. Arnaud is again organising to send children aged 9-12 years of age to Portsea Camp from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The cost is \$327.00 per child.

Please see Mr Fiedler if you would like further information or a camp application form.

### Photo Gallery



*Enjoy the rest of the week!*