PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Term 4 and lots to do. There are a lot of new things happening within the Department of Education and schools in general. Staff are busily working within the new National Curriculum which provides for uniformity across the country.

Our curriculum is now known as AusVels – Australian (Victorian) Education Learning Standards. In 2014 we will be using a range of texts that provide both the curriculum content and sequence into which they are to be learned. This will involve each student working through a text in the area of:

- Mathematics; Spelling; Grammar and Writing.
- So parents may plan: These texts will incur a cost to parents as we introduce the new standards for AusVels. Parents can expect that the total cost of texts will be approximately $60.00 per student. We have charged nothing for student supplies since 2001 but rising costs and diminishing budgets will mean “user pays” for some items. Initial supplies – pens, pencils, exercise books etc., will still be provided by the school.

New Website:

We will have a new website by the start of November and this will link to the Harston BLOG. Information will be added regularly to the BLOG and parents will have easy access.

Pupil Free Day and Melbourne Cup Day:

A reminder that Monday Nov 4th is a PUPIL FREE DAY. This is when staff spend time working through assessment and future planning. Tuesday Nov 5th is the MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY. The school will be closed on both of these days.

Zone Sports:

Congratulations to Shane, Narrandera and Georgia who all qualified for the Zone Aths day on Monday 14th Oct.

2013 TERM DATES

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

16th  Library 3-6
17th  Library P-2
22nd  Art P-2
23rd  Art 3-6
30th  Library 3-6
31st  Library P-2

NOVEMBER

4th    Curriculum Day, No school for students
5th    Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
6th    Art 3-6
12th   T20 Cricket
14th   Yachting

BUS PHONE NUMBER:

Paul 0419 764 102
**Hats:**
Must be worn during terms one and four.

**End of Year Presentation:**
As for last year. This will be held at the Ballantyne Centre, Tatura on Thursday December 19th commencing at 7.00 pm. More information later.

**Absences:**
Parents are requested to provide a written reason for student absence. Data entered on our computer system must be accompanied by a reason for absence.

**CRICKET:**
Tuesday November 12th
Notes are being sent to families of children participating. Permission forms must be returned to school by Thursday 31st October.

**SAILING FOR GRADES FIVE AND SIX:**
Thursday November 14th
9.30 AM – 11.00 AM. Bus departing at 8.45 am
At Victoria Lake, Shepparton. Transport by bus. Cost for sailing and transport is $40.00 per student.
Notes are being sent to students attending. Permission forms and payment must be returned to school by Thursday 31st October.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL:**
NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER. BOOKLET TO BE SENT OUT VERY SOON.

**MEETINGS:**
I have quite a lot of meetings over the coming weeks as new government policies are “rolled out”.
Bree OR Megan will be working with the children on these days.

Looking forward to warm weather and an exciting rest of term.

Regards
Owen