**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**SILVAN WAR MEMORIAL**

A new Silvan War Memorial is going to be built outside the school grounds on the corner of White St & Monbulk Rd. Wandin Rotary have been instrumental in making this happen after Ray McAllister presented his great Grandfather’s WW1 story to them last year.

The project will commence on Tuesday 22nd March and hopefully be completed by ANZAC day Monday 25th April upon which there will be an opening ceremony at 10.30 am. More details about this later.

Attached to the newsletter are further details concerning residents of Silvan who served, suffered & died in the First World War (1914 -1918). Our new memorial will have a major focus on two notable service men Vice Admiral Sir William Rooke Creswell & Major William Charles Scurry.

**PLAYGROUND MULCHING**

If there are any available parents over the next few weeks able to donate 1hr of their time to help replenish mulch under & around playground equipment please see Mr T.

**COOKING WITH MRS KELLER**

This week Mrs Keller focused on how to safely use the oven. Students prepared and baked biscuits. Please remember to supply an apron and container so that your child can bring home samples of their cooking.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our next School Council meeting is on Wednesday 23rd March 6.30 pm.

**HOME EC LEVY**

Letters regarding the Home Ec Program were sent out last week, including a request for payment of the first term levy - $20 for first child, $10 for each subsequent child.
SCHOOL CAPTAINS & HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016
Office Bearers for 2016 are:

House Captains
Parker: Bronte Passingham
Wiseman: Aaron Trewavis
Chapman: Zane Sudholz
Anderson: Wynee Keller

JSC: Alexander Boucher
JSC: Amelia Bohacik
JSC: Ben Trewavis
JSC: Danielle Heerings

Last Friday the Deputy Premier James Merlino attended a Special Assembly to award our senior students with their badges.
**EARTH HOUR**

As part of our work in Biodiversity, all students have been studying and discussing what Earth Hour means to them.

Earth Hour began as a grassroots movement of concerned individuals who wanted to voice their concerns about global warming and its effect on the Earth. Since 2007, it has become a global movement.

In Melbourne, Earth Hour will be celebrated on Saturday March 19\(^{th}\), with the symbolic switching off the lights from 8:30pm - 9:30 pm.

At Silvan PS, we are planning to switch off our lights from 9:00am - 11:30am, on Thursday March 17\(^{th}\). On this day, we are planning to walk down to the Silvan Reservoir Park, to have a BBQ lunch, as part of our celebrations. If you are able to join us, that would be great. The BBQ lunch will be offered to students instead of their weekly cooking classes. We will be leaving school at about 11:30am and returning well before 3:30pm.

In 2016, the theme of Earth Hour is to reflect on Places we Love and the impact this has had on our well-being and our sense of wonder and beauty in the world around us. The children have been reflecting on which places they love and how they feel when they are there. They have shared many stories. I would like to create a display of their thoughts and reflections. I have encouraged them to bring an image of themselves (and/or their family) in an outdoor place that they love. I would love parents to participate in this display also, by sending their own images to school. All teachers are participating also! If it is difficult to bring an image of yourself in a particular setting, just an image of a location you enjoy, is fine.

I am looking forward to creating this display and reading your reflections!

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**HOUSE SPORTS DAY**

Thank you to all the students who participated in the House Athletics day yesterday. Congratulations to Chapman House – 4 in a row.

Thank you to all parent helpers and staff for ensuring the day run smoothly. Well done to the muscle team -Wiseman on winning the Tug of War this year.

Finally thank you to Mrs Hughes for making sure all our students were suitably trained & prepared for the day and also primed and ready for next week’s District Aths........,’Oh Mrs Hughes you’ve done it again!!’
SPORTING SCHOOLS
There is no softball this Monday with the Labour Day holiday. Our final softball afterschool session for the term will be on 21st March 2016.

THURSDAY EARTH DAY LUNCH ORDER
To help prepare for our picnic lunch next Thursday 17th March please fill in the order below. There is no cost for the picnic BBQ.

Student name: ______________________
No. of sausages in bread: ______
Vegetarian: Yes ____ No ____
B.Y.O drinks

Artwork by students from both classes is being displayed in the BER building. Please visit either in the morning or after school to view their wonderful artwork.

Hughes News

Diary Dates
Collingwood Player Visit
Wed 16th March
- Whole School
District Aths Day Friday 18th March
- Grade 3/4/5/6 students

Art
Grade P/1/2/3 students studied artwork by Wassily Kandinsky, and created their own using oil pastel. Students in 4/5/6 studied the art style of De Stijil and then designed shoes using De Stijil attributes.

Phys Ed
This week Grade 3/4/5/6 students practised Athletic events in preparation for The House Sports and District Athletics.
Grade P/1/2 students fundamental motor skill ‘vertical jump’ was assessed. Then they used throwing and catching skills in a game of Throwball. Danielle was the winner.

On Wednesday 16th March a Collingwood player will visit the school in the afternoon. Students may wear their footy gear. Only the back of jumpers will be signed by the player. Photos with students and the football player be taken by the teacher on duty. Students will be given a copy of their photo on another day.

House Sports Day
What a terrific day. The House Sports were won by Chapman again!!!!! A four year winning streak. Congratulations.

Many thanks to Staff ( Mr T, Mrs P and Mrs Swankie), Parents ( Mark, Kim, Sarsha, Emma and Lisa) and ex Silvan student Liam who assisted on the day. Also a big thanks to Max, Ben, Ellena, Wynee, Rekik, Aaron and Ella who assisted in setting up early in the morning.

ICT
Grade P/1/2/3 students created a picture by using shapes and colour. Some students used the app Art Set on the iPad and others used Word. Students in Grade 4/5/6 designed their own De Stijl style building using 3D shapes in PowerPoint.

German
This week both classes did revision.

Ex Silvan Student
This week I had the pleasure of attending The Mt Lilydale College Special Persons’ Morning. I was invited by former Silvan student Alisha. It was a privilege to be there as she sang acapella along with another 9 students.

Mrs H’s Awards
Art- Ben, Tara
Phys Ed- Amelia
ICT- Jesse and Alexander
$1,000 LEADER LOCAL GRANTS

Silvan Primary School has applied for a $1,000 Leader Newspaper Local Grant. Now, we need your help to spread the word far & wide & encourage all your friends & family - both in the real world & on Social Media - to Vote for our idea.

How?  Simply visit the leader local grants website, register to vote, and then look up the Silvan Primary School idea and give it your vote!

Voting starts this Monday & closes 1st of April, with Winners announced on 9th of May.

Please spread the word and vote for your school's idea. Here’s the link.

– go to step 3, click ‘register here’