STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jordon for inspiring everyone with his excitement over finding numerous patterns in Magic Squares and researching Magic Triangles on the weekend.

Dre for an excellent effort during BIG WRITE.

Ashley for his effort and determination to improve his skills in maths.

Zack for always trying his best, even when he finds this challenging.

Leticia for her watercolour landscape in Art.

Kevin for the ‘Ready for Learning’ behaviours he showed throughout the day on Friday. Great work Kevin!

Connor for working on his writing so it sits on a line, is the right size, it has ‘WOW’ words like magnificent and energetic.

Owen for a positive start to his grade 3 year!

Rex e for being very enthusiastic about his learning.

Calendar of Events

Fri 27th February
Red Balloon Day CFA Fundraiser

Wed 4th March
All preps attend

Sat 21st March
Family Portrait Day

Thur 26th March
• School Disco
  Prep-Yr 2
• 5pm-630pm
  Yr 3-6
  7pm-830pm

Canteen
Tues: M.L.S
Wed: Amanda Gooding
Fri: Amy O’Brien
From the Principal
Hello Everyone,

RED BALLOON DAY
Junior School Council have organised a fundraising event to thank the CFA for their work during the fire prone season. Some local businesses have supplied the school with balloons which each student will attach to our front fence on Friday morning after recess. Junior School Councillors are requesting students to dress in red and bring a gold coin donation. The Moe South Fire Brigade will visit the school at 2:00pm tomorrow to support the event. Families are welcome to join in.
Please encourage your child to support this great fundraising event.

Important Records Update (revisited)
Your child was given a copy of the current information we have on our records, last week. It is important that the school has current contact details as well as media consent. Please take the time to read through the information and make the necessary changes for the office staff to update your records. Please return the form to the office even if no changes are required. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Council
Our first school council meeting was held on Tuesday night. The office bearers were elected as follows- Al Kurzawa (president), Lee Shaw (vice president), Julie Murray (treasurer) and Sharon Waterhouse (secretary). Other councillors in attendance were Jacob Hall, Mary Ann Van Lambar, Cathy Curwood, Lindsay King, Karen Davies, Rachael Zealley, Kim Palmer, Deanne Zealley, Sally Taylor and myself. I would like to thank retiring councillors Paula Veenman and Stuart Levy for their commitment to school council.

Parent teacher Interviews 3rd & 4th March
By now you would have received your interview times for next week. The interviews are great opportunity for teachers to report back about your child’s current assessment results and work to date. Please ensure you adhere to your time slot to be fair to all. If a longer interview is required, this will be arranged by your child’s teacher for another day. If you have not received an interview time, please contact the office.

Community Garden Meeting
Our first community garden meeting will be held in the staffroom on Monday. This was attended by staff, Cathy Curwood, Jarrad Keddie, Mandy Mooney and myself as well as parents Linda Edwards, Karen Jones, Elisabeth Kurzawa, Lindsay King and Kim Palmer. Current and future developments regarding the community garden and sensory garden were discussed. Please note that each Friday at 9:30am Linda and Karen will be completing weeding and planting projects around the school. Parents and family members are most welcome to assist them. Please report to the office first. Gardening tools would be handy to bring if you have them.

Fundraising BBQ- Can you spare some time?
Paula Veenman is again coordinating weekend fundraising BBQs at Woolies in Moe. If you are able to spare a few hours on a Saturday, please leave your details at the office and Paula will contact you. Fundraising is an important aspect of our school community for purchasing resources to upgrade the library.

Monique Osborn

Family Portrait Day - Saturday 21st March (see attached flyer)
Albert Street will be holding a Family Portrait day on Saturday 21st March as part of its fundraising activities for term 1. Places are limited so be early to book your place. The family photo session costs $15 and includes a 20 minute photo session, photo selection time, an 8 X 12 print and a small bottle frame and print. Photos will be taken outside on the school grounds (weather permitting).
Bookings can be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter code VHSSV. Payment is to be made at the school office. If you can't access the website, bookings can be made by calling into the office.

*Fundraising Team*

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**Some of our 1/2 Students took it upon themselves to write some posters warning children against ‘candy drugs’**

**KIDS NEWS**
There has been candy drugs going around schools and “Stay Alert Children”

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**– Elise**

**KIDS OF ALBERT STREET**
There is a bad drug going around the schools and it is called strawberry quick.

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**– Shaun**

**KIDS NEWS**
All around schools there is drugs in schools. Don’t take candy off big kids even milkshakes. Be careful.

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**– Bridget**

**DON’T EAT OFF STRANGERS**
People all around Australia are selling drugs.

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**– Bridget**

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**Report on Sensory Gardens- By Wade Kuklinsky**

Hi, I’m Wade. I am the grounds reporter for this year. The Vertical Gardens are being dismantled. Any healthy plants will be transported and re-planted in the Cross Garden. We are planning to plant out silver buckets which will be hooked onto the bricks.

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**1/2 News**

**Volume Activities**
Over the last 2 weeks 1/2 Curwood and 1/2 Douglas have been measuring volume using a variety of containers and materials.

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**Mould Experiment**
Over the last week we have been looking at germs and how they are carried on our hands. Many thanks to Jakson Palmer’s parents for helping us set up an experiment using bread touched by our hands and watching to see what the germs from our hands do to the bread over time.

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**SCHOOL RELIEF FUND**
The total raised this week was $4.60. Congratulations to 3/4 Keddie who has won the trophy this week with a total of $2.40. Well done!
Wear Red & Bring a Gold Coin Donation For Red Balloon Day

Don’t forget to wear RED and bring a gold coin donation for the CFA Red Balloon Fundraiser tomorrow (Friday 27th February)

7 Tips To Get Then Out The Door On Time!

Most parents expect to offer lots of guidance for toddlers and pre-schoolers, but the expectation for older school kids is that they should move through the morning on time. Unfortunately, some children need remedial lessons for getting out the door on time without resistance.

When that first day of school arrives, it's time for mums and dads to become the getting-out-the-door coach. It’s part of a parent’s role to make sure that everyone in the family can move through the morning in a timely fashion and get out of the door on time, every time. So in between helping with socks and shoes, putting toothpaste on toothbrushes, handing each child his back pack and lunch box as he walks out the door, you need to give verbal and visual cues. Here are some tips for an easy back to school morning routine.

- The week before school starts, map out your own perfect morning routine. What time do kids need to be dressed by, fed by and then organised by? Young children need practice to get the hang of this. For some, a pictorial chart explaining each step can help.
- Start getting kids in bed early. Begin a week before school gets underway. You can’t force them to sleep, but you can see they’re snuggled in bed looking at books early enough to get a decent night's sleep.
- Get yourself up and ready first. All goes more smoothly those first days when you’re available to guide your children each step of the way.
- Give reminders. Most kids learn to move through the morning routine in a timely fashion. Others need reminders until they are 35 that they need to brush their teeth each morning. To avoid endless nagging, don’t forget to reward the good behaviours and organisation when you see it.
- State the obvious. "Your uniform is on, now put on your shoes." Later, give one-word directives. Just say "shoes," or ask, "What are you supposed to do next?" so kids can get the hang of getting ready independently.
- Avoid yelling and harsh treatment. Negativity can quickly become embedded in the routine. No parent likes sending their child out the door after a screaming match.

You want your children up and out the door on time so they can reach their academic potential.

Want to Save Money?

FoodCents is coming!

As part of our partnership with Healthy Together Latrobe we will be offering this program at school.

If you have any questions please contact Mandy at school on 5127 1966

I would love to be a part of the FOODcents program.

Name: .................................................................

Phone Number: .................................................................