10th Jump Off Day
11th Recognition Ceremony
10:30am for new building
Mothers Day stall 2:15pm
Final day to hand in Book Club
21st 3-6 Cross Country at Eildon

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Our School Values
Respect, Empathy, Collaboration, Creativity, Integrity, Persistence

A word from Debbie
Grade 5/6 Camp - Allambee
Grade 5/6 camp to Allambee was challenging for our students who were faced with outdoor activities that required courage and determination to conquer. These activities were not just designed for primary aged students but are used by tertiary and secondary students as well. We were very proud of the efforts of all our students and the team work and support they demonstrated during the week. The manager of the camp and the cook both commented on the good manners demonstrated by our students all week. We were also challenged by the weather as it rained heavily from Wednesday. We managed to continue with many of the activities and Nikki our camp leader took the students for many great games in the Rec Room. Tracey Ukosich spent many hours organising our students, the activity program at camp and liaising with Meagan from Highlands PS as eight of her students attended camp. I would like to thank Tracey Ukosich, Chris Cummins who was a fantastic support and Meagan Calander for being prepared to be away from home for a week to give your children such an experience.

Office for the next two weeks
Kylie Fountain our wonderful business manager has taken two weeks leave for a well deserved break with her family. Melanie Ukosich will be in the office each morning until 10.30am and in the afternoon from 2.30 – 3.30pm. Kylie has all financial business up to date and any money given to the school in her absence will be kept in the safe. Melanie will put together the newsletter and answer the phone for us. We very much appreciate her support.

Front Garden
The front garden beds are looking superb. Amanda Jolly, David Lucas and Kay Granter have put in many hours to weed, lay grass, gather and spread mulch and lay pebbles in the seating area. The turf off-cuts were given to the school by Nicholas Behm which we really appreciate as it finishes the edge and has covered up the muddy dirt.

It is great to see the little seedlings beginning to grow and the magnolia trees have had some flowers which have a lovely scent. Terry Redding has been busy with additional cleaning so that the school will look great for the opening on Friday 11th May. We are so lucky to have some parents who are willing to give up their time to support our school.

Cross Country
All students have been training for the Cross Country event, which years 3-6 will be participating in, to be held at Eildon PS on the 21st May. We are running every Monday and Wednesday and already many students are able to run further than at the beginning of term. Please ensure your child is wearing runners that can be done up firmly and are secure around their ankles.

Uniform Shop
We do not have any second hand size 8 or 10 tracksuit pants in the uniform shop. If you have any that your child has grown out of please consider donating them to the school.

Lunch Orders
There will be no lunch orders this week; we are currently negotiating with another provider and will send home a new menu when available. Elmer’s Restaurant has provided lunches on Fridays for some time and we thank them for their service.

Solar Panels
The installation of the solar panels began on Monday and we are looking forward to the benefits this will bring financially to our school. On weekends and holidays we will be putting a lot of power back into the grid.

Recognition Ceremony
We are looking forward to this ceremony on Friday 11th May at 10.30am. It will be great to have so many people who represent many eras of the school together to share their memories and enjoy the new buildings, gardens and playground areas. All families and friends are welcome to attend the ceremony and share morning tea afterwards.

With thanks
Debbie George
Wanted
Does anyone have a basic hat stand that we could borrow or have for our Developmental Curriculum Investigations area in P-2? Please contact Lou Fillmore 1/2F.

Expressions of Interest
We were lucky enough to receive the donations made upon entry to the Art Show at the Autumn Fest and it is now time to put the money to good use. We have decided that we would put the money into creating a gorgeous garden and outdoor learning environment outside the P-2 rooms in the new building. We have several ideas but are seeking someone or a group of people to help make a plan and put the ideas into action. If you are keen to help or lead the project please contact Lou or Sal in P-2.

Book Club
Due to the 5/6 camp the due date back for Book Club will now be Friday 11th May.

Jump Off Day
Weather dependent we will be holding our whole school Jump Off Day this Thursday 10th May from 2pm until 3:15pm. Students are encouraged to wear runners and appropriate uniform for skipping. There have been some very keen students who are still raising money for the Heart Foundation and this can continue until Monday 14th April when all the money is due (this date has been extended).

Book Fair
The Book Fair will be run in the Multi Purpose Room (in the room next to the office) from Monday 4th June to Friday 15th June. I am looking for volunteers to help set up the Book Fair on Wednesday 30th May and pack up on Monday 18th May. I would also love some helpers during the morning and afternoons of the stall. If you are able to help in any way please contact Beth Turvey 5797 2168.

Mothers’ Day Stall

This Friday, 11th May we will have gifts available for the children to purchase for their mothers. Gifts are from $3.00 — $5.00 and are fantastic so please send money along with your child this Friday.
FREE

Tuesday 15th May 1pm-3pm
Alexandra Primary School: (Multi Purpose Room)

Does your child struggle with reading, spelling or writing? Do they mix up letters or jumble their sentences? If so, they may suffer from a learning disability such as dyslexia.

A learning disability can severely undermine your child's learning and enjoyment of school, leading to low self-esteem, anxiety or even depression. Approximately 2-3 children in every class in Australia are dyslexic, and it is also highly probable that a dyslexic child will have at least two other disabilities such as autism, ADHD, dyspraxia, processing impairment, etc.

All parents, and other interested people, are welcome to attend a Dyslexia information session presented by Karen Starkiss.

About the Presenter:
Karen has over 20 year's primary classroom teaching experience. In England she was principal of one of the top performing primary schools and employed to work in “failing” schools to improve standards of teaching and learning. An earlier management role was Special Needs Consultant, she also lectured nationally about integrating children with dyslexia into mainstream classrooms. Since she has been in Australia Karen is a consultant in her own business – Dyslexia Support Services; she has continued to assess and advise a number of adults and children with dyslexia and has run courses throughout Melbourne for teacher and classroom assistants. She has also appeared in articles in The Age newspaper concerning her work with children and adults.

Please contact Jill McLean at Alexandra Primary School if you will be attending- to ensure we have sufficient handouts. 5772 1006
RSVP: Monday 14th May