Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

Preparations are fully underway for the Arts camp to be held at Camp Clayton from Wednesday 12th March until Friday, 14th March.

Thank you to parents and carers who have recently returned signed permission slips and payment.

Whilst our school applied for an Artist in Residence project and was successful in receiving Department of Education funding, this will only support the purchase all the art materials plus the two artist's wages for working 10 days at each campus including at Camp Clayton.

Staying overnight at Camp Clayton for students and staff is a very valuable and rewarding experience. The students are able to participate in a range of activities that aren’t generally available within their own home environment and the expectations of sharing and co-operating, listening, eating together and having fun in a new environment away from school and home helps everyone to become resilient. Mums and dads have a night to relax!

Early Childhood Day Program – Wednesday, 29th October

The kinder and prep classes from both campuses met together with teachers and staff at the Mooreville Road campus to enjoy their own special ‘arts’ experience!! After recess, the students and staff made paper mache puppet heads and also participated in ‘messy’ play! What fun they all had!

In the afternoon, a spontaneous music session led by Jacqui Astley with all students actively taking part and singing their favourite nursery rhymes – ‘Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star’, ‘Humpty Dumpty’, Five Little Ducks’, ‘Rock a Bye Bear’, ‘I’m a little teapot’, ‘Little green frog’ and ‘Five cheeky Monkey’s’.

Outside play and a special dinner prepared by the two Senior class teachers, Michelle Williams and Jaime Bradley and senior class students completed the day’s program.

I would like to extend a sincere thankyou to all the staff who volunteered their time to stay at school until 5pm. We are so fortunate to have staff members who are so truly dedicated to our students and school.
What’s happening on Friday 14th November?
As I explained in last fortnight’s newsletter, our themed focus for the Arts camp is on Asian and other Cultures. We wish to invite parents, carers and friends to attend a concert at Camp Clayton commencing at 11am on Friday, 14th November. Items at the concert will highlight the dance sessions undertaken by Lynette Butler – ‘The Italian Tarantella’ with the girls dressed in colourful skirts and the boys wearing colourful T-shirts as they dance and play tambourines. There will also be items featuring Japanese and Chinese music and dance incorporated with the use of long streamers, fans, cymbals and bells. A special feature will be the ‘dragon’ dance! Students will also be showcasing their puppets in the form of a puppet show!! At the conclusion of the concert, you are invited to attend a barbecue lunch for students, staff, parents, carers and friends that will commence at 12 noon after the concert at Camp Clayton.

Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month:
Zac and Nathan.

Kind regards,
Grace

Sick Children
A reminder that if your child is unwell it is your responsibility to keep them at home to stop the spread of germs. If your child arrives at school unwell you will be asked to come and collect them.

Student Absences / Late Arrivals / Early Departures
- If your child will not be at school for any reason, it is the parent/carer responsibility to phone the bus company Phoenix on 6427 7626. You must also let Phoenix know if the bus does not need to pick up your child for any reason.
- You must also contact the school office before 10am to inform us. It is NOT the responsibility of the bus aide to pass the message along.
- If your child is arriving late (after 9:30) or leaving early (before 2:30) then you must sign them in/out at the school office.

School Hats
A reminder that we have school hats available at the school office for $10. It will soon be time to start wearing hats again.

FORMS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL:
- Major Excursion Permission and medication forms (NO FORM = NO STAYING OVERNIGHT)
- Camp payment
Early Childhood Arts Camp
Nathan's Coffee Art

Work experience at Five Figs Café, Latrobe.

Cassie says he makes the best tasting coffee!!