Dear Families,

On Monday Frau Stoffel and 6 students (Henry, Sam, Haylee, Angus, Kaylee and Paddy) headed into Stawell for the T20 cricket blast. We combined with Great Western (and formed the Great Gaspers!) They did a fantastic job and made it to the grand final. I think they surprised themselves. Overall it was a really successful and enjoyable day for everyone.

Within the last week we have also had visits from the Ararat 800 choir – who were fantastic and are a very talented group of students and the Halls Gap and Pomonal Play Group. Both of these groups were also treated to a small preview of a GREASE performance and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Busy times are ahead! We have lots going on so please ensure you update your diaries and keep your eyes on the weekly newsletter.

This Friday students are having a full run through of our production of GREASE. Please ensure that everyone has all their costumes and other bits and pieces so that we can make the most of the opportunity to see where we need some final adjustments.

Next Tuesday we are heading to the recording studios in Ballarat. We will be leaving school at 8.30am SHARP!!! Please have your child/ren at school well before that. At this stage we are unsure about our finish and return time so we will update you as soon as we have that information. Please note there will be no Active After School on Tuesday 19th November.

Ja-San Trimble
Principal

As promised; here are a couple of reports about the Sovereign Hill excursion.

On Friday our class went to Sovereign Hill and it was fun. We had to get ticks. Then we had a look at the home then we went to look at a man who makes horse shoes. Then we had a look at the candle shop. Then we were at Sovereign Hill we stopped at the river then we had playlunch.

By Mackenzie
HEAD LICE
Please remember to check weekly.
It has been reported that we have had head lice – please check and treat immediately.

PLANNING FOR 2014
While 2014 may seem a long way away, we are already beginning to plan for transition, class structures and calculate staffing requirements. If you have information regarding possible enrolments of Preps and any other students we would appreciate being forewarned.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Photo day is approaching on **Thursday 28th November**. Please remember each child must have their own separate envelope with them, at the time that their photo is being taken. **Please ensure students are wearing school uniform**.
If anyone would like a family photograph, we have separate family envelopes that can be collected from the office.

Please note that Wednesday is lunch order day. If your child arrives after the bell has gone and they have a lunch order – please drop it over to the bakery.

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**OTHER DATES FOR THE CALENDAR**

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**SCHOOL VALUES**

- **Honesty**
- Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers
- **Persistence**
- Being confident, resilient and optimistic when striving to meet challenges
- **Humour**
- To enjoy and celebrate with others
- **Initiative**
- To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership
- **Commitment**
- Being dedicated to do your very best
- **Teamwork**
- Working with and sharing with others to enhance learning for everyone
- **Respect**
- Treating self, others and your environment with care and respect.

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THE GREAT GAPSTERS

ARARAT PS PERFORM
Discover Sailing Day - FREE EVENT

Discover Sailing Day is a National program designed to offer a sailing experience to the public. A day where anyone can come along and try their hand at sailing. The Stawell Yacht Club, serving the Grampians region, is based at Lake Fyans. They will be holding their Discover Sailing Day on the 17th of November. Commencing at 10am and concluding at 4pm. Any novice or experienced sailor will be welcome to the club, and should be able to either come for a sail with one of our members or take a training boat out for themselves after some instruction.

The club will be running a gold coin donation BBQ and soft drinks will be on sale. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch if the weather is co-operative. Anyone who has visited Lake Fyans recently will know that we are currently blessed with a good supply of water, and with spring weather starting to take effect, young children will love the sandy beach directly in front of the club rooms.

When:- Sunday 17th November 2013 starting at 10am until 4pm
Where:- Stawell Yacht club, Lake Fyans
What to bring:- Shorts, Wind jacket, old tightly woven woollen jumper, sun hat with a cord. Life Jackets will be available.
Cost:- Free Note: Parental Supervision will be required on the day for all participants younger than 18 years of age.
For more information please contact Tony Hillier on 5352 5760 or email stawellyachtclub@yahoo.com.au or visit our website at www.syc.sailing.org.au
The Stawell Yacht Club is located on Mokepilly Road on the north side of Lake Fyans, situated 500 metres beyond the Lake Fyans Holiday Park.

STAWELL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Come and vote for your favorite Christmas Trees, Decorated Christmas Mistletoe & Handmade Christmas Wreath.

Stawell Entertainment Centre
Saturday November 23rd (10am-1pm) Sunday 24th (10am-1pm)
Saturday 10.00 am - 12 noon: Kids Craft Workshop
Saturday: 5 pm Carols with the STAWELL BRASS BAND.
Sunday: 1.00 pm: HORSHAM HANDBELL RINGERS
and KALEIDOSCOPE.

Waterway Rules Information Sessions
Information sessions will be held for the community and users of Lake Lonsdale and Lake Fyans to discuss the proposal for permanent waterway rules for the lakes to:

1. Establish an area for unrestricted boating within each lake
2. Introduce a five (5) knot speed restriction zone around the perimeter of each lake
3. Establish a five (5) knot speed restriction at low water levels

Mr Geoffrey Swanton from Transport Safety Victoria will be in attendance to discuss the proposal and to answer any questions, along with officers from the Northern Grampians Shire Council.

WHEN: Monday 18 November, 2013
WHERE: Lake Fyans Holiday Park, 650 Mokepilly Road, Lake Fyans
TIMES: Session One - 4pm Session Two - 6pm
For further information please contact Tony Dark, Acting Manager Community Sustainability; Northern Grampians Shire Council on (03) 5358 8700
www.ngshire.vic.gov.au