Dear Families,

We are at the stage of the year where most of our prep students are starting to become very independent. Our aim for the rest of the term is to encourage them to take this independence one step further by getting themselves into and out of school without parent or teacher support. We would like to see them entering and exiting the school grounds carrying their own bags, organising their readers at the start and end of the day and setting up and packing up their tables and belongings (including those jumpers!!!) without any encouragement or prompting from parents or staff. We can do it!

With many new students and families at the school since our school council elections I thought it might be important to re-introduce our school councillors.

President – Gjalt Erkelens
Vice President – Dannielle Hutchins
Finance – Poll Ripper
Finance – Aidan Leahy
Grounds – Mandy Noble
Grounds – Stacey Hewitt
Fundraising liaison – Angeline Martin
Teacher – Sam Stoffel

We have school council meetings on the third Thursday of each month (noted in our calendar) and if you have any items you wish to add to the agenda please let Gjalt or I know by 4pm the day before the meeting. Due to camp next week our school council meeting has been moved to this Thursday.

Some students may have already mentioned to their parents but I am taking leave for the first seven weeks of next term. I will be back for graduation and the concert. Wouldn’t miss it for anything!

Paddy, Archie, Jaala and Isobel are definitely heading to Stawell for Black Ranges Division athletics this Friday. All the best, guys ……. Again! 😊

Grades 4-6 camp to Melbourne is very close now!! Woo Hoo!!

Ja-San Trimble

Principal

NEXT TERM IS A HAT TERM – NEW STUDENTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A HAT
**LITTLE RED IN THE HOOD — JUNIOR STUDENTS**
Friday, 9th September 2016

Our Junior students are all very lucky as they will be heading off to watch *Little Red in the Hood* A live theatre performance presented by Stawell Regional Arts.

Permission slips have been sent home today, if you can please complete and return by tomorrow.

This is so very exciting for our junior students and Frau Stoffel has some great activities planned, we are looking forward to hearing all about it.

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**GRADE 3-6 MELBOURNE - SCHOOL CAMP UPDATE!!**

12th September until the 15th September 2016

Only a couple more days to go and then were off on our Melbourne adventure!!

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**PLASTIC SUPERMARKET BAGS NEEDED....**

Do you have many, only a few, lots and you don’t know what to do with them?

Well here is your answer 😊

There is a group who wants all the supermarket shopping bags they can find.

They make sleeping mats for the homeless out of them!!

Please bring your unwanted bags, your family’s, your friends and any other unwanted bags needing to find a home to the Petrol Station here in Halls Gap for Belinda to collect 😊

To find out more see Belinda or simply have a look at their Facebook page

[http://www.facebook.com/groups/PlasticBagSleepingMatsForTheHomeless/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/PlasticBagSleepingMatsForTheHomeless/)

Only clean and dry bags can be used.
We thank you for your support!
Training Begins
For New & Current Members
Tuesday the 13th and Thursday the 15th September
Juniors (Primary school age) 5:50-7:00pm
Seniors (Secondary school age and above) 6:50-8:00pm
INTERESTED SWIMMERS WELCOME TO ATTEND 3 COME AND TRY SESSIONS
(*Swimming club is not swimming lessons*)
Min requirement for new members is 2 laps of outdoor pool of 2 recognized strokes
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**Grade 3 -6 Melbourne Camp**

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