Our school council would like more parents to become involved with our students and our school. Please contact our school council president, Wendy Cummins, to become more actively involved with the school.

In the last four weeks of term three Labertouche Primary School will be offering Bike Education to the students in place of P.E. Peta Waterhouse, our outstanding P.E./Art teacher, is preparing to provide students with the opportunity to learn about bike safety, road rules and bike maintenance. We would ask parents to begin to think about borrowing a bike for their child to use during this time if they don’t own one. All of the course and education will take place at the school – there will be no on-road segment for this year.

Friday September the 2\textsuperscript{nd} will see a Father’s / Special Person’s Day morning held at the school. We are planning to offer a 7.45am breakfast of toasted sandwiches with tea, coffee and juice for those special people that are able to make it, followed by rotational activities for those able to stay until recess. Students will make pizzas for themselves and any special people that can stay until recess; the pizza oven will be fired up for this. This morning will only be scheduled if enough special people are able to attend on the Friday. Anyone that can attend the breakfast and then has to head off to work is welcome; a lot of people cannot get any time off work, and a presence here for even a short time in the morning would be fantastic. Please let the school know, either by email, phone or dropping a note in, by August the 26\textsuperscript{th} if you can attend, so that we organise accordingly.

As part of continuous policy improvement we noticed a need to provide updated parent complaint information, please read the attached The Department of Education Parent Complaint process to further inform yourself should you ever have the need.
Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 17th August - NDSC Maths Day
- Monday 22nd August - Book Day. Parade after morning assembly
- Friday 9th September - Cluster Day at Noojee Primary School
- Friday 2nd September - Fathers Day Stall
- Sunday 4th September - Fathers Day
- Friday 16th September - End of Term 3

Prep/Grade2 News

This week in cooking we made pizza pinwheels. Students showed great team work skills, working in pairs to create the delicious snack.

The maths focus of the week was ‘doubles’. Students did a range of activities to consolidate their learning in this area. This included doubles bowling, making doubles creatures, doubling dots on lady bugs, a doubles memory game, activity sheets and more.

Our letter of the week was ‘J’. Students can be seen making J words out of playdough and practising writing their J spelling words in sentences.
Senior Grade 3/4 Camp

Combined with other schools in the Tarago Cluster, five Labertouche students attended this year’s 3/4 school camp, which was held at Coonawarra Farm Resort in Gippsland. The students participated in some amazing activities including archery, canoeing, bush walking, flying foxes, hut building, ropes courses, team rescue and the mighty giant swing! All of the activities had a strong emphasis on teamwork and it was great to see all the students putting their leadership skills and problem solving to work!

I think everyone agreed that Coonawarra Farm Resort was definitely a very exciting, albeit busy, camp. Although a bit weary at the end, our grade 3/4 students came away from the camp with lots of new skills, friends, experiences and stories to share.
Senior students practicing touch typing.

**Plastic Bottles Wanted Urgently**

Anyone who has 1.5 litre bottles, 2 litre bottles that have previously held juice or water and the smaller 500 ml or 600 ml drink bottles with the wide lids, could you please bring them to school on Monday and I will collect them then. They are for a Sustainability program project that I am doing. We are recycling these for watering cans and self watering mini seed gardens for city schools.

See below.

Watering cans 1 and 2 Seed garden made out of empty plastic bottles

Any questions call Ilana (Nir's Mum) 0427599090

I will even come and collect bottles. I need about 100 to 200.
Weekly Awards
Please find below details of upcoming Parentzone Gippsland parenting programs as well as information on how to access the current Parentzone Gippsland Newsletter.

Confident Parents, Confident Children – A parenting program that helps parents to learn new parenting strategies and build positive relationships in their family.

Thursday evenings for five weeks commencing 21st July in Inverloch
Mondays for six weeks commencing 25th July in Bairnsdale
Thursday mornings for five weeks commencing 28th July in Morwell
Monday afternoons for five weeks commencing 15th August in Warragul

Playgroup – for mothers and fathers or carers and their children aged under school age. Join us for a session of fun and play at a Supported Playgroup (during school term)Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings in Morwell
Wednesday afternoons from 12.30pm in Morwell
Friday mornings from 10.30am in Churchill

To find the Parentzone Gippsland Newsletter, please follow the below directions: Go to www.anglicarevic.org.au
Click on What We Do
• Click on Supporting Families then scroll to the bottom of the page to find the most recent Parentzone Gippsland newsletter or click on link to download the current edition https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Parentzone-Gippsland-Newsletter-Term-3-2016.pdf

Please feel free to contact the Parentzone team on 03 5133 9998 if you have any questions.
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Parent Complaints 2
When contacting the school
Any appointments to speak with school staff about a complaint should be arranged through the school office.

☐ Plan what you will say so you can clearly explain what the problem is. You might want to make some notes to help you.

☐ Have some ideas about how the problem could be resolved realistically.

☐ Talk about the problem with your child’s teacher/s by telephone or organise a face-to-face meeting. Most problems can be solved this way.

☐ If you still have a concern after talking to your child’s teacher/s you may want to speak to the Assistant Principal or Principal.

If the matter is not resolved by speaking to the Assistant Principal or Principal at your school, you can contact the community liaison officer at your regional office who will assist you and the school to find a solution.

North-Eastern Victoria
- General enquiries 1300 333 231
- Bendigo (03) 5440 3111
- Coburg (03) 9488 9488

North-Western Victoria
- Dandenong (03) 8765 5600
- Moe (03) 5127 0400

South-Eastern Victoria
- General enquiries 1300 333 232

When to contact the central office
If the matter remains unresolved after discussions with your regional office you can send your complaint, in writing, to:
Deputy Secretary, Regional Services Group
C/o Manager, School Operations and Governance Unit
GPO Box 4367, Melbourne 3001
E: community.stakeholders@edumail.vic.gov.au

Victorian Ombudsman
If, after all avenues for resolution of your complaint have been explored, and you are not satisfied with the way in which your complaint has been handled by the Department, you are able to contact the Victorian Ombudsman on (03) 9613 6222.
E: ombudvic@ombudsman.vic.gov.au

Further Information
If you would like further information about school policies you can visit the School Policy and Advisory Guide on the Department’s website at: www.education.vic.gov.au