We promote our values of sharing, caring and respect actively at our school. This week the school has focused on learning centred around the 'I have, you have not' scenario. We have explored the feelings that can appear in students when someone, without meaning to, applies the 'I have this and you don't' approach to material objects such as special food, toys, digital technology and the like. Students are encouraged to bring school appropriate items into the school and we are working with everyone to promote the understanding around how to respectfully show, share and/or use these sorts of things. In particular, we want students to take responsibility for respectfully having the wherewithal to say firmly 'Could you please stop it', or 'That doesn't make me feel good, please stop', should they feel that another student is being disrespectful to them. Staff modelled and dramatised various scenarios and how they can best be approached in a share session with all of our students.

Although we live in a materialistic society, it was wonderful to see how receptive and understanding the students were around this sensitive issue. I am sure that by continuing to work with our students that we can have a lasting, positive outcome around this issue.

Thank you to Jodie Pharaoh and Geoffrey McPherson, who took the opportunity to come in to the school during the last school holidays. Our garden was in need of some TLC; their hard work resulted in a garden transformation almost worthy of a reality show. We would welcome any parent helping out with maintenance. No matter how minor the help seems to you, it is another job that someone else doesn't have to do. Any assistance is much appreciated.

Thank you to Michaela Whiting and all the parents involved in organising Lunchies. All of the students appreciate the end result and we value the time and care around the Lunchies process.
Dates to Remember

- M.A.R.C Van Wednesdays in 2016
- Sunday 8th May - Mothers Day
- Tuesday - Thursday 10-12th May - NAPLAN
- Thursday 26th May - Division Cross Country
- Tuesday 31st May - Long Kinder Visit
- Monday 13th June - Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- Monday 20th June - Cluster Day at Labertouche PS. Life Ed Van (cost included in school fees)
- Friday 24th June - End of Term 2 Students can be picked up from 1:30pm or 2:30pm finish
- Monday 11th July - First Day of Term 3

**DISCOVERY DAY**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 25th**

9am - 3.20pm

**DISCOVERY DAY – NEERIM DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Neerim District Secondary College invites students in the Tarago Education Community and interested Grade 5 & 6 students from other schools to attend a Discovery Day.

During the day, students will participate in a number of classes and explore the wonderful world of Science and Technology.

All students will experiment, make, and cook on the day.

If you are a TEC student or considering Neerim District Secondary College in the future, we invite you to participate in this day and experience learning at NDSC. Come and see why our students are Connected, Community Proud, and Globally Ready.

Please RSVP to the School Office on (03)56281455 by Friday May 14th to reserve your child’s place.

Parent information session will run later that evening (6.30 – 7.30pm)
Canberra Camp

Here’s a couple of photos of the students travelling to Canberra, everyone is having a great time and we can’t wait to hear all about the camp when they get back this afternoon!

This Week’s Puzzle

Use the words from the list on the right to finish the words on the left. Your completed words will all be subjects you might study in school.

1. Wri____g
cat
2. G____mar
din
3. Rea____g
hem
4. S____ish
log
5. Com____er Science
pan
6. Techno____y
put
7. Physical Edu____ion
ram
8. Hi_______
tin
9. Geo_______y
graph
10. Mat____atics
story
Small Jobs Around the School

Often it is difficult for families to participate in a working bee, we have given a bit of thought to this dilemma; perhaps we could ease the burden on the few by putting up a list of ‘little’ jobs that might take 10 minutes of peoples’ time to complete. This approach would allow everyone to contribute a little bit of time here and there to maintaining our school grounds.

Some of these jobs might include:

- Trimming back the bushes around the driveway.
- Plucking some weeds from around the school as you see them.
- Maintaining the vegetable garden.
- Picking up oak leaves when they fall.
- Using a ladder to clean a gutter out.
- Filling a hole in the driveway.
- Placing ant sand down if you see an ant hole.
- Watering the garden.

We don’t want you to hesitate to help out; believe me you will be helping out if you have 5 or 10 minutes to work on a small area. We are also not looking for major works to be done; a little initiative from our community will help us to provide our students with an environment that only assists them to learn and have fun whilst at school.

Labertouche & District Community Centre
May Monthly Function
Saturday 7th May
6.30pm onwards
All community members invited to come along.
BYO Meal & Drinks. BBQ’s available for your use. Free Tea & Coffee

Bunyip & District Community House
2016 Kids X-Factor
This is a call out to our young local talent, it’s time to
START PRACTICING!

We are looking for kids with talent to sing, dance and entertain us as an individual or group act.
Participants should be between 5 and 15 years.

Mark your calendar
22nd October 2016 from 2pm at the Bunyip Hall
For further information, Contact Davina on 5629 5877