Labertouche Primary School has enjoyed a smooth start to term three, with students slipping back in to the school routine very well. Our school values have been exhibited, in particular our value of respect, in combination with leadership behaviours that clearly demonstrate the progress of our students.

Other than all the staff of course, a big Thankyou should go to Jo Janssan for the Election Day BBQ and those that came and helped: Michaela and Gavin, Sandra and Trevor and Greg Harte we greatly your time and efforts that you voluntarily gave, we appreciate your contribution which does not go unnoticed.

The staff need an extra thanks for managing the cluster day, it was a horrible wet day and some kids from other schools arrived extra early.

Labertouche PS would like to welcome Miss Kate Howard on board as our teaching aide. At this point Kate will be in on a Tuesday and Friday, working with students and supporting teachers to improve student learning outcomes.

Kate is an ESS staff member at Bunyip Primary School and has worked with students and staff there over an extended period of time. Welcome Kate.

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Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} July - Book Club due
- Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} to Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} August - 3/4 Camp at Coonawarra Farm Resort, East Gippsland

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LABERTOUCHE PS HAS THESE FOUR VALUES

LEARN CARE RESPECT SHARE
On Thursday we had a visitor to the school: Sebastian Verbeeten. Sebastian was a former student at the school in the 1980’s before his family moved to the Officer area.

We managed to find a few photos of Sebastian in his Labertouche PS days and he kindly posed for a photo with our current group of students.

Sebastian at the front with the arm in the sling.

Current day photo:

Sebastian is placed next to Grace to show that students have always had the capacity to injure themselves. Sebastian tells the story of how the wooden fort at the time was a bit wobbly. Parent and friends saved some money to buy a safer version (I think the one before our current playground). The safer version was department approved, however a week or so after being installed Sebastian managed to slip off and shatter his elbow. After arriving at Warragul hospital there wasn’t anyone that could deal with the injury at the time and he was then driven to Traralgon. Fortunately a surgeon was present there and managed to rescue things, although Sebastian clearly still has a substantial lump on his elbow.
Welcome back to what will be an exciting Term 3!

Students have settled in well having fun and learning lots in our first week doing Mathematics and Literacy rotations. The rotations include writing, spelling and reading stations.
Senior Grade News

It has been great to reconnect with the students over the past few days and we enjoyed hearing about the highlights of their holidays. The students have enjoyed listening to the exciting things they have to look forward to during Term three – our inquiry theme on ‘Culture’ which will incorporate aspects of the Olympics, our science unit of work on ‘Forces and Motion’ and Grade 3/4 Camp just to name a few!

BUG CLUB

Yesterday we introduced ‘Bug Club’ to the senior grade as part of our literacy sessions. Bug Club is an award-winning, blended literacy program for reading levels 1-30 and it will help our computer savvy students to value reading as an activity, to find pleasure in books of all kinds - the ultimate aim is to get them ‘hooked on books!’.

Students can login to Bug Club at home and view the books allocated to them. Students can fill in their nightly reading diaries using Bug Club books. The students were very engaged and motivated using the program yesterday and the feedback received from them so far is very positive.

HOMEWORK

Consistent with term one and two, this term all students have the same regular homework requirements.

READING AT HOME DIARY

A daily home reading program using texts from a range of sources including personal library, class literature, Bug Club, or regional libraries is to be maintained. The Reading Diary is to be filled in every night, signed and returned to school to be checked and monitored by the classroom teacher.

SOUNDWAVES SPELLING/MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING

To be completed by Friday on a weekly basis.

Please don’t hesitate to see Mr Ingram or Mrs Blackley if you have any queries regarding students homework requirements.

Again, it will be a busy term in the senior grade at Labertouche. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting term with your children!