As Term 2 flies by here are a couple of thoughts about the school at the moment. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students were positive about how they performed on the NAPLAN testing; this is in no small part due to the learning taking place in the school currently, and affirmation of the work undertaken and overseen by teachers in the past. Most encouragingly this confidence is more indirect evidence that student outcomes and needs are being addressed from a whole person perspective, not just academically.

In any school of any description, issues between students will crop up; this is almost an unwritten rule. As a school we hope that we are responding to the needs of the students and families in ways that both support and develop our students as informed citizens. Sometimes this growth takes time, however we are mindful that students don’t always learn things straight away. Consistency of approach and clear expectations are important support mechanisms for our students.

We have introduced a cut-off section to our newsletter this week. Parental concerns and issues can be anonymously brought up and placed in a box in the office. This box with a slit in the top will be located on the top of the bookshelf closest to the entry/exit door. We hope this makes raising an issue easier, and that personalities and emotions can be minimised, allowing us to focus on what matters the most, the students.

Any parent or family that would like to help out around the school, we would like to encourage you to do so. Please understand that we want more families to feel as though they can actively contribute to the school, no matter how small the assistance appears to you. For example at the moment some of the hedges need a bit of a trim and some of the paths a little bit of weed killer applied. We will look to clean the gutters in next week or so. Please remember that any job you help with reduces the load on someone else – don’t hesitate to jump in if you can.

Thank you again to our Lunchies organisers, Michaela Whiting and Linda Ketteringham.

Book club due back Thursday 26th May. Thanks everyone.
Dates to Remember

- M.A.R.C Van Wednesdays in 2016
- Thursday 26th May - Division Cross Country
- Monday 30th May - Pie Drive orders due back
- Tuesday 31st May - Longwarry Kinder Visit
- Thursday 2nd June - Open Day
- Friday 3rd June - Student Free Day
- Monday 6th June - Please return student folders for reports
- Wednesday 8th June - Bunyip Kinder Visit (Group 1) 10:30-1:00pm
- Friday 10th June - Bunyip Kinder Visit (Group 2) 10:30-1:00pm
- Monday 13th June - Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- Thursday 16th June - Region Cross Country
- Monday 20th June - Cluster Day at Labertouche PS. Life Ed Van (cost included in school fees)
- Thursday 23rd June - Reports to be sent home
- Friday 24th June - End of Term 2 Students can be picked up from 1:30pm or 2:30pm finish

Anonymous Concern Section

I acknowledge that simply filling in this slip does not constitute a request for direct action nor mean that my concern will be dealt with immediately. Specific details are always preferable to general and/or vague descriptions. Concerns should be addressed to the Principal (and can be about the Principal) but should not be accusatory nor derogatory; this process is aimed at building a better, stronger school and improving student outcomes.

Concern:

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This week order forms were sent home to families for our Pie Drive fundraiser. Please share these with family and friends! Forms and payment are due back by Monday 30th May. Orders will be distributed in June. Please keep your eye on the newsletter in upcoming weeks for the distribution date.

### Trivia Questions

1. Which is the largest ocean?
2. What is the capital of Australia?
3. What is the first letter on a computer keyboard?
4. What activity other than jumping are kangaroos good at?
5. How many prongs are there on a fork? 
6. How many events are there in the decathlon?
7. Where is the smallest bone in the body?
8. How many colours are there in a rainbow?
9. Which is the only mammal that can't jump?
10. Which planet is nearest the sun?
11. What colours make purple?
12. What's the hardest rock?
13. How much does a litre of water weigh?


### 3 Tips for Preventing Germs in School

**Washing hands:** One of the most common ways to spread colds is by rubbing the nose and eyes. Hands should be washed with warm water and soap for about 20 seconds to get rid of germs, especially after using the bathroom and before eating.

**Being cautious of germ ‘hot spots’:** Places such as drinking fountains, toilet seats and sinks are known to contain lots of bacteria. Make sure you wash your hands after touching these and avoid putting your mouth on drinking fountain taps.

**Keeping backpacks clean:** Bags can get quite dirty from time to time so it is important to clean them regularly to get rid of germs. Use a wet cloth or wet wipe to clean the inside of the backpack and get rid of any spilled food or other mess.


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2016 Open Day

Thursday June 2nd

Here are just a few reasons to experience the difference that Labertouche Primary School can make for your family:

- As a small school we have the advantage of knowing all of our students, and their learning needs, very well.
- Our facilities include an indoor sandpit, extensive playground, multipurpose football oval, synthetically surfaced basketball court and a four-bay stainless-steel kitchen designed for student use.
- Technological learning is part of both our future, and present, with newly purchased class sets of Ipads and netbooks for student use.
- The school assessment schedule indicates that significant student growth is taking place in the key areas of literacy and numeracy.
- Our students all have Individualised Education Plans that personalise each students’ journey
- Specialist programs include P.E., Art, Chinese, Science, and the MARC Van.
- Programs used to enhance learning include: Mathletics, Joanne Dooner / Soundwaves, VCOP approach to writing, Peer-to-peer Reading, Literacy Circles, Quick Maths
- We are only ten minutes from Bunyip, ten minutes from Longwarry, 15 minutes from Drouin and a twenty five minute drive from Pakenham.

As Labertouche PS continues to evolve we would love you to become part of our journey.

Call the school to arrange a tour or drop by the office to have a chat with our staff.
Please check our website for more information about the school.
Senior Grade News

It’s hard to believe we’re more than halfway through the term already! The senior grade has been having a busy time and we’re looking forward to lots of great events coming up in the next few weeks. As part of our science unit, ‘What’s the Matter?’ last Friday students worked in groups to make ‘Exploding Sandwich Bags’. This investigation helped students to identify that when you mix vinegar and baking soda, a chemical reaction takes place producing a gas called carbon dioxide. This gas takes up space because the atoms or molecules are not bound strongly together. Gases spread out and fill the container that they are in. It was wonderful to watch the student’s faces as their bags filled up with gas!

Students have also been busy working on their projects for this term, researching their chosen form of digital technology and addressing the discussion points listed on the project question sheet. A reminder to all students that this project is due next Friday, 27th May.

Second Hand School Jumpers

If you are after another jumper for your child with the colder weather on the way, we have a large number of size 10’s. Please call into the office or see Jenny if you are interested. They are selling for $2 per jumper.
This week our grade put on our chef and builder hats for cooking! We made yummy snacks from fruit and vegetables constructing critters, vehicles and more. We trialled different methods to hold our pieces together and used our imagination to create some fun treats. It was great to see students using teamwork, sharing ideas, resources, helping others and having fun!

**General note:**
As winter approaches outside conditions may cause muddy or wet clothes for active students. It is recommended a spare pair of socks or full change of clothes come to school for your child to change into and keep dry. Please note school guidelines recommend that students have a spare set of dry clothes. Students can sometimes become unexpectedly saturated and/or muddy. For health reasons students need to change into dry clothes or run the risk of being sent home until dry clothes can be obtained. Slippers for inside and gumboots are optional footwear.
$5 KIDZ FLIX
EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MORNING AT
PENINSULA CINEMAS
CHECK YOUR LOCAL CINEMA FOR DATES AND TIMES
*Excludes School Holidays

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)