This week staff have started the process of updating Independent Learning Plans (ILPs) for each student. Some students have already reached goals in certain areas, and others are still working towards achieving a particular target. At Labertouche Primary School we value the learning journey as much as reaching a given target; in the end all we do is set another target that demonstrates student progress on the learning continuum. Teaching student skills that help students learn, like problem solving, creative thinking, analysing and evaluating, are just as important as absorbing new content. The 2017 Victorian Curriculum emphasises a broader approach to education that does not rely solely on content.

Our classroom reading practices at both the junior and senior level are supported with the digital use of Bug Club, an internet based reading comprehension program available at school and from home. Students have been provided with their user names and passwords, and a selection of ebooks suited to their current reading level. We would like to encourage all students to read at home and Bug Club provides another opportunity for parents to become involved with the learning of their child, or children. Alternatively, Bug Club can be used by students without direct parent involvement.

Physical Education

Welcome back to a busy term.

The Lions Club of Drouin made, delivered and donated a park bench for our school and several in the district. The students have designed and are currently painting the buddy bench with our school colours, logo and values. Pictures to follow when this project is completed.

Sport is always hard to run this time of year in between the rain. We have managed to have a few sunny moments and taken the advantage to get out between the showers. We have been learning about the Olympics and participating in modified sports such as boxing, archery and torch relays.

Thankyou
Peta Waterhouse

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th August - 3/4 Camp at Coonawarra Farm Resort, East Gippsland
Welcome back for term three from Mr Bucknall and Rick Reader. Middle and senior students have been researching migratory habits of birds, animals and some insects such as the Monarch Butterfly. Migration of birds was graphically explained in Jeannie Baker’s new Non-Fiction picture story, ‘Circle’. This great story tells the amazing tale of the Godwit which annually flies between Australia and Alaska. Some middle school students explored the value of friendship, which was illustrated in Cate Whittle’s ‘Trouble and the Missing Cat’.

Junior school students were great listeners when P. Crumble’s ‘The Cat Wants Custard’ was read to them. This book is most engaging and is a great way of introducing thought bubbles as a writing tool. The book also illustrates to the reader in a really clear way that what you have, is maybe better than what you can see or want. Well done everyone!!

Philip Bucknall
MARC Teacher/Librarian

Prep/Grade2 News

This week in literacy we have been focusing on the letter ‘V’. The students enjoyed making and writing about our volcanic eruption that was made out of vinegar and bi-carb soda.

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 week 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.
In Mathematics we have been learning about ‘grouping’. Students have been doing a range of different hands on activities to consolidate their learning on this topic. Some of the activity stations included making different ‘groups’ with hula hoops and bean bags, using dice and play dough to create groups and using the I-Pads. The students are working well as part of their small teams for these activities; it has been great to see students using initiative and helping each other when needed.

Meet Super Monkey, our class take home toy. Each week he will spend the weekend at a different student home, joining in with your daily life. Students get to take photos and write about all of the things they do with Super Monkey. Super Monkey will come to your home with a camera, writing supplies and a book to write in. I am able to help with printing any photos you have taken.
Senior Grade News

LITERACY

During Literacy this week students have participated in a variety of VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectors, Openers and Punctuation) activities to help with their sentence construction and with their weekly Big Write.

They also looked at the components of a narrative and how we can use Question Starters such as ‘Who, What, When, Where and Why’ to help students structure their writing and make it more detailed. The topic for their Big Write was a stimulus picture of a frog holding a leaf to shield itself from the rain. There sure were some interesting and creative stories written from this writing prompt! Make sure you ask your child what their story was about!

NUMERCY

During maths this week students have been consolidating their knowledge of fractions, with the Grade 3’s working on a fraction wall to help them to visualise how many parts make a whole. The grade 4, 5 & 6’s undertook a competition on whether the girls ate more pizza than the boys, adding up different sized ‘slices’ of pizza. The girls won by 1/16! We also worked on how to add fractions with different denominators. As fractions are always a tricky topic for students to tackle, students can reinforce their learning at home on this topic using Mathletics.

Last Friday the senior students worked in groups to cook Chicken Korma, a traditional Indian curry, as part of our themed unit on ‘Culture’. The students really loved the flavour of the spices and it was a great introduction to a milder dish (a vindaloo may not have been as popular...) common to Indian cuisine.