As we sit here with snow in the air I realise what a unique little school Labertouche Primary School is. Reports were sent home yesterday and will show the growth of your children so far this year. If parents have any issues they would like to discuss about the school report, please ring the office to make an appointment for next term.

As stated in the letter that was sent home last week there are changes to our staffing for term 3. We hope that Chad has had a great break and we welcome him back as Acting Principal for term 3. Thank you for everyone’s understanding and support while he was been away.

We would like to say huge thank you and farewell to Kate van den Aker and wish her the best for her teaching career in the future. The students have learned a great deal from her and will miss her dearly. Thank you for the special events such as cluster days you have organised for our students and providing them with a safe exciting environment to learn in.

We welcome Brooke Robinson as the junior classroom teacher for the remainder of the year. The students are looking forward to getting to know her, and she will bring many positive attributes to the school.

Thank you to Linda and Micheala for providing school lunches for us, the children appreciate these days and look forward to them every second week, without your continued support our unique school wouldn't operate as such.

Don’t forget camp notices for grade 3/4 are due now.

Wishing everybody happy and safe holidays. I look forward to seeing everyone next term in sport and art. Peta Waterhouse

On behalf of the parents and staff, we would like to say a huge thank you to Peta for all of her support and guidance. Peta has gone above and beyond the call of duty and we appreciate all of your efforts over the past couple of weeks.
Dates to Remember

- Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} July - First Day of Term 3
- Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} to Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} August - 3/4 Camp at Coonawarra Farm Resort, East Gippsland

This Weeks Puzzle

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\textbf{TODAY IS GOING TO BE AWESOME}
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Cluster Day

On Monday the 20th of June our school hosted the cluster day for this term. Students and staff from Noojee, Neerim District South and Jindivick eagerly arrived for a jam packed day. All parties attending had an excellent day despite the wet weather. Our students displayed excellent school values and made new friends. It was a great opportunity for our 3/4 students to spend time with other students attending camp with them next term! Students participated in activities such as the Life Education van, music, team building and cyber safety to name a few. This term the school has had multiple opportunities to display what our school has to offer; we could not be more proud of our students for presenting the school in a way that reflects our school values and programs.
School Council

As some of you may be aware a few weeks ago I was elected School Council President. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the school community and explain a little about what School Council does.

School Council President – Wendy Cummins

I am currently a stay at home mum with 4 children, 3 boys and 1 girl, living in Drouin. Most of you probably know me as Owen’s mum. Our household also has a husband/dad. There is also a 17 year old who has been living with us for almost 18 months. I have previously worked in a government call centre at ASIC for over 10 years and am currently involved with running Drouin Playgroup. I hope my knowledge and experience will be useful in this new role and look forward to what the future of the school council holds.

Outgoing School Council President – Gavin Gillies

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of myself, the School Council and the school community as a whole to acknowledge the huge amount of work undertaken by Gavin Gillies while in the position of President. Gavin thank you for all that you have done so far and I look forward to working with you and the rest of the school council in the future.

What School Council Does

The role of School Council is essentially one of helping to set the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school’s operation. Running the school is the job of the principal but the School Council has an important role to play in determining the overall direction the school will take.

The functions of school council include:
- Establishing the broad direction and vision of the school within the school’s community
- Participating in the development of the school strategic plan
- Developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- Raising funds for school-related purposes
- Approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- Maintaining the school’s grounds and facilities
- Entering into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)
- Reporting annually to the school community and to the Department of Education
- Creating interest in the school in the wider community
- Informing itself of and taking into account the views of the community

School council may also be involved in the principal selection process if and when it becomes necessary.

Next School Council Meeting

The next school council meeting is scheduled for Monday July 18th at 3.45pm. We will be preparing the agenda for this meeting during the last week of the school holidays so if you have any items that you would like to have considered at this meeting could they please be forwarded to myself by Sunday July 3rd. The school council president email address is cummins.wendy.n@edumail.vic.gov.au. Please be aware that, so as to keep the meetings running smoothly, all items to be raised must be in the agenda so council members have the opportunity to consider them prior to the meeting. Also on occasion we may need to schedule items for later meetings so as to not overload council at the next meeting.

We hope to put some regular info and updates in the newsletter to keep you informed but in the meantime feel free to come and chat to me at the school gate or email me.

Wendy Cummins
School Council

Introducing our new Vice President Jo Janssan

Currently I am working mum, I run my own little Organic Veg business and work at Bakers delight in Warragul. Our family moved to Labertouche a little over 2 years ago when my partner Travis returned to working on his Family's farm.

You may know me as Big Cam’s mum, or Jensen's mum. Cam is now at high school, Jensen's a preppie & Tahlia is at kinder. I have enjoyed being a part of the School Council for the last 2 years and with 7 plus years at the school to come I'm excited to get further involved as Vice President.

I look forward to supporting and growing our amazing little school with the help of OUR Teachers, OUR School Council and most importantly YOU!! OUR Schools family's.

I'm always happy to have a chat. You can catch me at the school, via phone 0419995351 or email me at jaycanj@yahoo.com.

Jo Janssan

Prep/Grade 2 News

This weeks students had fun at constructing and creating foam people to expand literacy skills. Students enjoyed designing their own characters and creating adventures for them. Students spent time on team building exercises, different ways to communicate and enjoying the last week of term.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents and staff for welcoming me into the school and for all their support. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and have made positive friendships and memories. I wish all the students the very best for the remainder of the year and for their future.
The teachers and I would like to wish all families and students a safe and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing everyone for the commencement of Term 3. Thank you all for a wonderful Term!

Students enjoying some yummy hot carrot soup.

A big thank you to Mrs Smart, who cooked up a storm on Wednesday using the last of our carrots from the school vegetable garden. We also must thank Ms van den Acker who spent over an hour preparing the carrots to be cooked!

Jahman and Owen presenting their story to the group.

We have been enjoying some whole school activities during this last week of school. On Tuesday, the seniors paired up with a junior student and helped them to create a story using an online story make program. Ms van den Acker and I were very impressed with all of the creations!

I just want to personally thank Kate van den Acker for sharing the last six months with myself and the other staff. She has been such a wonderful teacher to work with and has made the school a fantastic place to work! We will all miss her very dearly.
Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

On Election Day, Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} July, Parents & Friends will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser at LDCC. If any parents are able to volunteer on the day, please speak to Jo Janssan on 0419 995 351 or leave a message at the office.

Time slots available to volunteers on the day are:

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We hope to see you all on the day!