Principal’s Report

Our school had a very successful District Cross Country this Thursday the 26th of May at Chairo Christian College. Our students, although running very well, weren’t quite on their game on the day, and won’t progress to the next round. Congratulations to our students for representing Labertouche PS exceptionally well, on a day where the cold and persistent rain seemed to have an impact on student behaviour from other schools.

Thank you to Sally Cook-Whiting and Carolyn for once again helping out to transport our students to the venue. Sally and Janelle Box helped look after our students and assisted staff with official duties. Janelle was so impressed with the way that our students behaved that she organised a little ‘treat’ for the students afterwards. We are fortunate to have such wonderful parents. Thank you to Mrs. Waterhouse for organising and preparing our students for the day.

Thank you to Gavin Gillies. Gavin has procured and prepared the replacement library door and works very hard to support the school. Gavin has also brought in some of the supplies for the upcoming Kinder visits. Your help is much appreciated.

Thank you to Brendan Ketteringham for making the time on the weekend to clean up the majority of the autumn leaves. Apparently it was a job that perhaps lasted a little longer than first thought….we appreciate your effort.

Welcome to Joseph Collins. Joseph will be completing a year long placement as part of his university teaching degree. He will be here every Tuesday.

No Lunchies forms this week – next Friday will be the staff Report Writing Day. This is a student free day. Speaking of Lunchies, it was remiss of me not to mention Sally Cook-Whiting for her willingness to again prepare food for Lunchies. Thank you.

Students participating in an activity during the Discovery Day at Neerim District Secondary College.
Dates to Remember

- M.A.R.C Van Wednesdays in 2016
- Monday 30th May - Pie Drive orders due back
- Monday 30th May - School Council Meeting 3:45pm
- 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.

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Division Cross Country Photos

Colouring In
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.
Discovery Day Neerim District Secondary College
Senior Grade News

Due to our wonderful vegetable patch and the excesses of lovely carrots currently growing, last Friday the students made use of these and cooked up some very tasty carrot cupcakes with cream cheese frosting. They were delicious!

As part of our Term 2 theme on ‘Communication’, on Thursday the senior students took charge of a whole school activity where they had to help guide the junior students to write a message using code. Each team then exchanged messages and had the fun task of deciphering the secret message. It was interesting to watch the students exchange information using this method of communication.

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 in P-2 we have been keeping active inside during the cold, wet weather. Students have been exercising with Gonoodle to keep active and keep warm! Students were very excited to have a new classmate starting this week too! All new students have settled straight in and are demonstrating great school values already. Students were busy filling pizza orders this week working on simple fractions and have created great recounts of a very funny clip called “Lifted”. Students are very excited to be student leaders next Tuesday when we have Longwarry Kinder come to visit!

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.
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.