PRINCIPALS REPORT

On Thursday the 27th of October we had a very successful Walk To School day.

Assessment and testing for all students is in full swing in preparation for reports. This period simply provides staff with an opportunity to gather some evidence of the learning that your children can demonstrate to this point in time. Learning continues beyond this assessment period, however it is important that some testing takes place, for comparison to test information gathered earlier in the year. Testing is only one measure of how students can show that they have made progress and reports will reflect on the child as a whole, not just in terms of academic progress and testing data.

My congratulations to Brendan Dawson on his provisional appointment as Principal at Willow Grove Primary School. I am sure that this thought is echoed by the Labertouche community. The School Council, under the guidance of Deborah Harry and Rob Juratowitch (SEILs – Inner Gippsland Region), will begin the process for the advertisement and appointment of a principal at Labertouche PS. This process will take some time, however concerns that parents may have can be directed to our school council president, Wendy Cummins, or directly to Deborah and Rob.

Thank you to our wonderful Lunchies ladies, Michaela and Linda. We continue to recognise how fortunate we are to have their support.

Thank you to Julie for spending time on the garden and looking at ways that it can be improved. Many parents are spending time to help Julie out; please ensure that we maintain our Child Safe standards by obtaining a WWC certificate if you intend to help out at the school in a capacity that is not under direct supervision of a teacher. This ensures that the students are in the best possible, and safest, standard of care whilst at Labertouche PS. For more information please follow this link: https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/onlineapplicationhome.doj

Our Transition Program will begin next Tuesday the 8th of November from 9.15 to 11.30. It will be a pleasure for all to welcome the preps for 2017 into the school, and have the Year 3 students for 2017 spend some time in the senior room.
HALLOWEEN MONDAY

Monday started off with a fright, with most of the students coming in Halloween costumes! The students looked fantastic, thank you to the parents / guardians for helping to create these creepy costumes. We continued the Halloween theme throughout the day and ran a spooky timetable. Activities included making Halloween masks and cup cake decorating. Thank you Jenny for pre-making all of the cupcakes for the students.

PREP / GRADE 2 NEWS

COOKING

Last Friday in cooking we made honey joys! The students are becoming very confident in reading recipes and using the stove. A big thank you to Jodie McPherson for helping out in the kitchen.

SUSTAINABILITY

For our term theme ‘Sustainability’ the students have read the book and watched the movie The Lorax. They will be completing some follow up activities based on this story in class. They have also started to brainstorm ideas for their task - creating something new out of something old. Ideas range from creating practical things to use such as a pen holder, making musical instruments or even artwork. Students need to bring recycling or unused items from home to school on Monday to begin construction.
This week students have been completing term four literacy and numeracy assessment and testing activities. The assessment tasks allow students to demonstrate their achievement and growth in learning outcomes. It has been terrific to see those students who have been concentrating hard all week.

**COOKING**

This week students made delicious Shepherd’s Pie during our cooking session. Students were allocated into new groups and most worked well in their teams, allocating roles and assigning jobs. It was great to see the students take responsibility and ensure their cooking areas were clean at the end of the session. Then they were able to tuck in and enjoy their fabulous pies!

**‘WALK TO SCHOOL DAY’**

Our Sports Teacher Mrs Waterhouse organised a walk to school day last Thursday. We had a fabulous turnout with 21 students participating. Well done everyone!

**Reminder**

Just a friendly reminder that all report folders need to be return to the office please.