PRINCIPALS REPORT

It has been my absolute pleasure to have been able to spend some time at your school. With the absence of Chad the Department asked me to be available to fill in. My background is some 50 years with The Department—30 of those as a school principal!

Labertouche is quite an amazing school. Great facilities, friendly and supportive parents and happy students. What has been even more rewarding for me has been able to see such a committed and professional staff who work extremely well as a team who strive to make Labertouche a place for successful learning and engagement.

With the absence of Chad at this time of the year there are a number of arrangements for the end of the year and the commencement of the 2017 school year which I need to bring to your attention.

As you are aware, there is a process in place for the selection of a new principal for Labertouche Primary School. There is a timeline for this process and even though interviews may occur next week the release of the name of the successful applicant may be unknown until some time during the school vacation. This is unfortunate but the process needs to follow the guidelines and regulations to the letter.

2017 DATES:

Originally there was a proposal for the first two school days to be pupil free days (like other schools in this cluster), however staff have agreed that this would not be in the best interest of Labertouche. The first day of the school year is a mandated pupil free day. The school has another three days available and would much prefer to have these days in discussion with the new principal.
PRINCIPALS REPORT CONT.

All students (including new preps) will commence school on Tuesday 31st January

Preps will then NOT attend school on Wednesday 1st but will come to school on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd.

For the remaining weeks in February prep students will attend every day EXCEPT FOR Wednesdays.

Please note the last school day for 2016 is Tuesday 20th December and students will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

Please accept my best wishes for a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Darell Blewett

CONCERT UPDATE

A reminder the annual concert is on the 16th December at the hall. Students need to arrive by 6pm for a 6.30pm start time.

ALL STUDENTS PREP TO 6 NEED TO WEAR ALL BLACK TOPS AND BOTTOMS

Families are reminded if they could please bring a plate to share. Thankyou.

REPORT FOLDERS

Could all report folders please be returned to school no later than Tuesday 13th, Thankyou.

EXCURSION

The grade P-6 excursion to the Casey Race is this Monday (11th). Students must be at school before 8.30am.

The bus will return by 3pm and students may be picked up at this time.

A reminder the following items are required; bathers (and tops if desired), sunblock, lunch, snack/s, towel and a drink (no glass please).

CFA EXCURSION PHOTOS

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

ALL STUDENTS WILL DISMISS AT 2.30PM.

There will be a special break-up lunch for students on the last day which will commence at 12.30.

Staff are providing chicken and chips and parents are asked if they could please supply a small salad and/or a sweet to share.

MARC LIBRARY

Hi everyone! It’s the time of the year for finding and returning those lost or hidden MARC Van books. I will visit all schools on Tuesday 13th December to commence STOCKTAKE.

Where books are lost or damaged a minimum fee of $10 will apply. A more substantial fee may be incurred for more expensive stock.

Best wishes for your Christmas/Summer break and safe travelling to holiday destinations.
CFA EXCURSION

Students were lucky enough to have a presentation from Fireman John last Friday at the Labertouche CFA. John taught them about some basic fire safety procedures, and talked about the differences between good fires and bad fires. The students were lucky enough to get to have a go on the fireman’s hose, hop on the truck and hear the sirens! A big thank you to John for taking the time to educate the students on fire safety. Also, thank you Peta Waterhouse for organising the mini excursion.

This week in class we have been focusing on The Gingerbread Man. Students have done a range of activities based on this book. The students enjoyed following the Gingerbread Man’s clues around the school to find some hidden treats. The whole school was speculating about what book the fox character was reading in The Gingerbread man, so they worked in pairs and created the book they thought he was reading. It was fantastic to see the junior and senior members of the school working so well together. The junior class have also been working in 2 large groups to create a play based on the book. Each group is led by a student director and every student is working hard to try and learn their lines.

CONCERT

Concert rehearsal is going really well with students doing their first rehearsal down at the Labertouche hall on Thursday. The students are doing a great job of remembering all of their moves and are trying their hardest to learn all of the song lyrics. A big thank you to Lorraine Box for opening the hall for us! A reminder that junior students need to be in black clothes for the night.