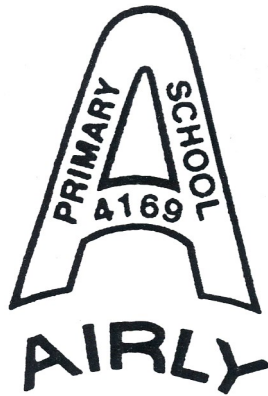


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SCHOOL EVENTS - NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 19TH

SWIMMING SESSION 6 AT AQUA ENERGY, SALE

TUESDAY 24TH

NO M.A.R.C. VAN

WEDNESDAY 25TH

PREP ORIENTATION (FINAL SESSION)

KITCHEN GARDEN LUNCH

THURSDAY 26TH

GIPPSLAND WATER INCURSION

SWIMMING SESSION 7 AT AQUA ENERGY, SALE

Do More With Less Sustainability Conference

Kylie Broadbent and Miss Carter drove eight students to Bairnsdale Primary School last Friday to attend the 'Do More With Less' sustainability conference. Maddie, Declan, Kane, Adam, Matilda, Axle, Shaun and Tayde were outstanding in representing our school with a presentation about how we use our resources smartly. Their audience included students and staff from St Brendans, Gippsland Grammar, Marlo, Clifton Creek, Nungurner and Bairnsdale, as well as several related organisations.

Staff and students participated in a range of hands on activities exploring different types of energy and how to use less of it. Miss Carter was flabbergasted at the amount of coal it takes to light a bulb for one hour.

Maddie Connors took the opportunity and led a rotation activity about pollution.

Everyone had a go at blocking the solar panel to stop the flow of water.



Swimming

Parents are asked to be prompt in collecting students from the pool tomorrow as our teachers need to travel to Alberton for a School Wide Positive Behaviour meeting immediately after school.

Christmas Concert

Our school Christmas concert will be held on Monday, December 14th. All families and friends of our school community are invited.

Performing Arts

Thanks to the parents who have returned the Arts Survey. Results so far show that people are happy with this program and the variety of performances our students have experienced. We have already booked in for 'The 52 -Storey Treehouse' next April and an accompanying workshop for late term 1.

Seaspray PS will join us for these events and we encourage many parents to be involved as we will be using a large bus for the excursion.



The day ended with students thinking about a way to save resources at school. As we have a large amount of food scraps and a kitchen garden, there was talk of chickens.



Professional Development

Yesterday our teachers attended a writing assessment workshop. They learnt about a writing criteria which will assist in identifying specific strengths & weaknesses in each child's writing.

Advice for Parents for addressing children and young peoples' responses in relation to traumatic events such as the terrorist attacks in Paris

- It is wise for you to monitor your child's exposure to television coverage, print media and social media.
- Some children and young people will want to talk about the tragic events and try to make sense of what they have both seen and heard.
- Other children will avoid any discussion around the events and will be reassured by routine and normality.
- Remember the importance of routine, sleep, exercise and healthy eating.

There is a range of things you can do to assist your child during events such as this, including:

- Acknowledge that the event was distressing
- Reassure children that they are safe
- Look for signs of distress (e.g. some children/young people might be scared)
- Normalise responses - typical response will range from anger to general upset or sadness
- Maintain a normal routine - keeping the structure at home or at school in place
- Allow children to express feelings as they arise
- Telling stories about how people manage during difficult times can be helpful.
- Separate fact from fiction e.g. children may express fears about unrelated events.
- Plan relaxing activities before bed – talk your child through a gentle relaxation, this might include using soothing music and talking them through relaxing tension in their body or simply reading something to them that induces relaxation (i.e. a favourite book).
- Speak in hopeful terms – children and young people will often take their cues from their parents' reactions; if you are honest, calm, compassionate and open they will be much more able to trust that they will be okay.
- Always remember the value of doing something with children that they like to do such as playing, exercising, being outdoors - have a time during your day to share time with your child.

(Prepared by the Emergency Management Division, DET, Nov 2015)

Social Inclusion Week



COME AND TRY Story Time
MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
9.30 – 11:00am
Sale Combined Kindergartens
114 Market Street, SALE

*ENJOY AN EXTENDED MORNING TEA WITH
STORY TIME FRIENDS !
All children 0-5 welcome*

Sale Rural Cluster

The new Cluster logo has been finalised and Mrs Talbot has been proudly wearing it. The logo is available from JSM Embroidery in Sale if families are interested in having this put on garments. The Airly PS logo is also available from there.



TERM DATES FOR 2015

Term 4

October 5th to December 18th

TERM DATES FOR 2016

Term 1

January 28th (Students) to March 24th

Term 2

April 11 to June 24th

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at 9.00am. **Students do not need to be at school before 8.50am.**

Morning recess is from 11.00 to 11.30am.

Lunch is from 1.00 to 1.45pm.

School finishes at 3.15pm.

PARENT CLUB

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Families are asked to donate items for our annual Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the school concert (Dec 14).

Donations may be left at the school office.

Attached to the newsletter is a book of raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle. Please return tickets and money to the office by Tuesday December 8th.

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY 27TH OF NOVEMBER



Regards

Brenda, Geri, Kerrie, Alison and Deb