It was absolutely fabulous this week to see almost every student in the school dressed up as their favourite book character for Book Week. There were an endless variety of characters from fairy tale favourites such as Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and Snow White to more modern characters such as EJ12, and Roderick from Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and just about everything in between. We had Thing 1 & Thing 2 running around creating mischief with Max, the king of the Wild Things, while the Cats in the Hats directed all sorts of mayhem. Wendy the builder was on hand to help out Bob and Bruce everything in between. We had Thing 1 & Thing 2 running around creating mischief with Max, the king of the Wild Things, while the Cats in the Hats directed all sorts of mayhem. Wendy the builder was on hand to help out Bob and Bruce.

Another highlight of our Book Week celebrations was the wonderful presentation given to all students by Coral Vass, who is a published children’s book author. Coral discussed the process of getting from an idea to a completed story and shared some great ideas and writing techniques to encourage and inspire the older children in their writing and did some performing and dramatization with the younger students. It was great for the students to have their learning in class reinforced by a ‘real’ author who uses some of the strategies that I know are being taught in the school.

Congratulations to the 1s and 2s who had a fabulous day at the Hooptime event last week. From all reports I have heard, the students all participated to the best of their ability with a real can do attitude. Once again we must acknowledge and thank Rachael Harrison for volunteering this year to coordinate all of the hoop time days.

If you are heading up Warburton way soon, make sure you drop in to see the Upper Yarra - My Place, My Community photograph exhibit, and in particular look out for a beautiful photograph taken by Jack M who won the under 18 category for his photo, Winter Rainbow. Congratulations Jack, you obviously have a creative flair and an eye for a great shot.

Trevor Vass
Principal
## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

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**APRIL D. P/1M**
Well April you have certainly given us a taste of your performing arts talents this term! Not only have you shown yourself to be quite an accomplished script writer and author of imaginative narratives but you have also treated us to witnessing first-hand what an organised, confident and enthusiastic public speaker you are. Both teachers and students were most impressed by the presentation of your Goosey Goosey Gander story that you volunteered to read at our P to 4 assembly. You had obviously practised your reading many times at both home and school. We really appreciated the way that you paid particular focus on using both a clear and expressive voice in your delivery. We can't wait to see you show more of your dramatic, singing and dancing talents at our up and coming school concert. Keep shining April. You are a star!

**TALEA M. 2/3M**
This pint sized package has made some giant sized learning leaps recently! Talea is starring in so many ways. She is a determined mathematician, practicing all the strategies we have learned to solve challenging problems. She puts time and effort into learning her spelling words, with terrific results and she is a champion reader, rarely missing a night of reading. Lately, Talea has revealed hidden talents as an actor. She delivers lines with such expression, projects her voice beautifully and really becomes the character she is portraying. Congratulations Talea. Your hard working approach to learning is really paying off for you.

**JOEL P. 3/4K**
Here is a boy that could receive this award every week of the year! Joel's happy, easy going nature and positive approach to all that he does sees him achieving so much success in his learning. He challenges himself in maths, is an avid reader and always presents his work beautifully. Joel is a true friend to all and is well respected by his peers. He consistently displays the qualities of a good team mate, both in the classroom and on the sporting field. Joel is respectful and inclusive of everyone, and willingly shares his skills and knowledge. Joel, your thoughtfulness and kind ways are noticed by everyone. You are a champion, both on and off the playing field. Congratulations!

**LACHLAN M. 5/6S**
Lachlan, it has been a pleasure to witness your all-round growth this year. You are now a far more resilient boy who deals with problems in a mature fashion. It has been impressive to see you focus this term on beginning learning activities as quickly as possible which has resulted in the quality and quantity of your work improving dramatically. 5/6S thoroughly enjoy the passionate stories you tell us on a regular basis as you have the ability of bringing stories to life. Keep up the hard work Lachie, you're a superstar!

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**THURSDAY 28th AUGUST – ENERGY FREE**

Next week is Environment Week - a chance for us to reflect on the way we live and to reduce our energy usage.

On Thursday, The enviro squad have taken the challenge to reduce the amount of energy we use in our classrooms to zero. That's right, zero energy use in classrooms next Thursday. That means no electricity! So, no lights, no heaters and no computers.

Please dress warmly in your school uniform and be prepared.

**CONCERT DVD**

Over the last few years our School Concert has been filmed and produced by Garry Byrne who has always done a fantastic job at very minimal cost to parents. Unfortunately Garry's grandchildren have all moved on to high school so we are now looking for someone new to take over the reins of this very important job. If you are interested in filming and DVD production or know someone who could help us, please contact Theresa Myring at school. If we are unable to find someone to help us out, we may need to look at "Professional" companies to produce our DVD. The costs of the DVD's would then have to increase unfortunately.

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**FUNDRAISING FRIENDS NEWS**

**Wandin Community Market**

*This Saturday 23rd August 9am-1pm at Wandin Shopping Centre.*

**ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT**

*Thursday September 11th 2014*

**Committee Meeting**

The next concert meeting is on Thursday 28th August at 3.40pm. We need lots of helpers to make this another fantastic production. If you are interested in helping please come along.

**Raffle**

Fundraising Friends will again be holding a raffle on concert night. We're looking for donations of goods/vouchers for our hampers. If you can donate in any way or have contacts for businesses that may help us out, please contact the office.