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Dear students, parents and friends,

Last Friday saw students from Wandin Yallock experience very pleasing levels of success at the cross country with 11 students finishing high enough to progress through to the next round of competition in particular Zoe F who finished 1st in her age group. Good luck to Joel P (Yr4), Madison, Kiera, Collan, Sophie, Blake, Zoe, Hannah, Holly, Cameron and Joel P (Yr 6) as you compete at Yarra Glen next month. Friday was also a great day for the F-2 students who had a wonderful time finding their way around Maroondah Dam. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and thankfully no one managed to get themselves lost.

Yesterday afternoon, the F/1 classroom was chock full of people as they threw open the doors and welcomed in parents and friends to join the class in their learning. Mr Shaw and his students took the parents on an amazing race around the classroom looking at all the learning they have been doing over the last few weeks.

Tomorrow, the 5/6 students head off to Yarra Junction to join students from 13 other Valley schools as they participate in a range of sporting activities that they might not otherwise get the chance to experience. Activities include, hip hop, badminton, archery, kayaking, yoga, lawn bowls, breakdown, squash, hockey and juggling, just to name a few. It’s always a great day.

The Department of Education and Training has released an app which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The app, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year from F to 10 and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS - the Australian Curriculum in Victoria – as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day. Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

I encourage you to download and use SchoolMate. As SchoolMate is the first app of its kind, the Department would appreciate any feedback you have, which can be sent to online.comms.unit@edumail.vic.gov.au. More information is available at: www.education.vic.gov.au/schooman.

Don’t forget that next Friday 5th June is a pupil free day. Staff will be at school all day updating their first aid qualifications. Monday 8th is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday. Have a great week.

Trevor Vass

Maths Challenge

The answers to last week’s maths challenge: Can you unscramble these words to make maths word?

- angel - angle
- dod - odd
- cagedon - cagedon
- site - team
- estimate - estimate
- lib - lion
- billion - billion
- bart suction subtraction - bart suction subtraction
- prime - tree
- perimetre - perimeter

This Week’s Math’s Challenge

1. In the first paddock there are men and horses. All together in the first paddock, there are 11 heads and 36 feet. How many men and how many horses are in this paddock?

2. In the second paddock there are also men and horses. All together in the second paddock, there are 16 heads and 54 feet. How many men and how many horses are in this paddock?

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**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS**

**ALLANAH M.**

This girl has enthusiasm, energy and smiles by the bucket load. It’s no wonder that she earned the “Always smiling” award at Sovereign Hill Camp. Allannah’s cheerful and happy nature sees her enjoy every minute of the day. She is a positive role model to all and is inclusive of all those around her. Allannah tackles every class activity with enthusiasm and is always determined to do her very best. Congratulations, Allannah! Keep on smiling!

**JACK M.**

Jack would have made an excellent miner back in the 1800’s. I’m sure his never give up attitude would have seen him digging for gold with his one arm! Jack never lets his broken arm get in the way of participating in any activity. He consistently displays determination, persistence and patience. Whether it be gold panning, weeding in the farm, working through a maths problem or writing a story, Jack is always there doing his very best. Keep up the great work, Jack.

**FARM REPORT**

April & May

Over the past two months all grades have done farm maintenance work, including digging, weeding, composting, planting seeds and seedlings of a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers.

We have harvested the last of the tomatoes and raspberries and have crops of cos and mignonette lettuces, kale, beetroot, onions, spring onions, leeks, potatoes, silver beet and rainbow chard all growing strongly. We only managed two good sized pumpkins and once again we have struggled with carrots and parsnips.

Our mini golf course, while not yet finished, is planned to be a living, growing play / farm space and will have a full nine holes by end of term.

Grade F/15 - have done an impressive yard tidy, collected and classified weed types, hand watered seedlings they have planted, played mini golf, planted out yuccas and pansies for Mothers’ Day presents and are to complete a cooking unit later this week. We still need to finish landscaping around their very special fish pond / lake and a carpentry unit is coming up soon.

Grade 2/3K - have also done garden maintenance, helped to empty one of the compost bins with its new soil for our garden beds, composted, played mini golf, planted out seedlings, and are completing red-back spiders, owls and metal robots as mobiles. These robots involved spray painting metal cans (with appropriate safety gear and gloves), but we still need to embrace ‘less is more’ as a paint theme; some beautiful rainbow-coloured robots ended up as drab khaki! Cooking has involved the Grade Twos and Fives while the Threes were on camp. Delights included pancakes, baked cinnamon apples and chocolate caramelised bananas.

Grade 4/5M - once again have done general farm and Big Green Shed maintenance, helped with maintaining the mini golf course and playing a round or two; topping up garden beds, re-lofting the chooks’ nests, some carpentry work, some cookery and making a dye from a 40mm block of rough sawn pine. The block had to be hand sanded smooth and each face value drilled with a cordless drill and the dots inked accordingly. While rough sawn pine. While grading work, some cookery and making a dye from a 40mm block of rough sawn pine. The block had to be hand sanded smooth and each face value drilled with a cordless drill and the dots inked accordingly. We only managed two good sized pumpkins and once again we have struggled with carrots and parsnips.

And Lake Wandin Yallock it sure fitted snug.

The task it was far from easy.

With the wind and rain - fairly breezy.

But our lads battled until,

The new Lake it would fill,

And rocks covered ground so greasy.

This engineering marvel of three days,

Through Mother Nature’s worst haze,

Was delivered on cue.

By these noble few,

And Prep / 1S delivered a new craze.

These amazing rainbow coloured fish,

Were traded for prizes most "delish!"

The lake builders were chuffed.

The fish they were stuffed.

A million bucks for our engineers! ... You wish!

**All Awards which include a Certificate, a hand tool and a $10.00 Bunnings voucher were made at this week’s Assembly.**

Now I am not sure if my poem helps to portray the challenges faced by our intrepid builders, but it is included here.

Many thanks.

Farmer Rob

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These boys of Wandin Yallock school,

Had plan to install a fine fishing pool.

A lot was at stake,

For Mr Shaw’s Lake,

But our fine lads were nobody’s fool.

They planned and they deeply dug,

A new home for the Prep’s fishing bug.

Rich red soil was excavated.

The boys they were simply elated.

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