Dear students, parents and friends

Creativity was certainly in the air yesterday with wonderful book character costumes on display. The variety of characters was amazing with popular favourites to more obscure characters, making an appearance. One of my favourites for the day was Catherine dressed up as Miss Trunchbull. She had the costume nailed perfectly but as we all know she is way too nice to really pull off the character. The lengths some students went to in order to get their characters just right was impressive. Days like yesterday are a great reinforcement of the enjoyment reading and books can bring.

The visit from Claire Saxby was also a highlight of the day with all students listening to some of her works and hearing about the process she goes through to write. The students asked many insightful questions about her craft and were amazed to hear the lengths she goes to, to get her writing just right. For example, she has one book that has been worked on for over 16 years and is still not quite right despite being rewritten many, many times. She also has a page of corrections and revisions for one, 4 word sentence! Claire also reinforced the idea that a great idea for a story can come from anywhere on the years of research that Claire undertook to write one of her latest books ‘My name is Lizzie Flynn’, which retold the story of a young convict girl who was deported to Van Demon’s Land.

Following our parade of costumes yesterday we were treated to the reading of wonderful writing produced by amazingly talented student authors. We will be sharing more student writing at next week’s assembly, so if you can make it along you’re sure to be impressed.

Parents are reminded to observe correct parking procedures along Quayle Rd both before and after school. Particularly, if you park on the opposite side of the road, you must escort your child across the road when dropping off and picking them up. It is not safe for children to wait between cars on their own before crossing to a waiting car. It is difficult for parents reversing to see children waiting behind a vehicle. Nor is it safe for staff to escort children across the road. In recent weeks there have been a few near misses and I am sure we all agree that the stakes are too high for parents and children to risk it.

Don’t forget…

- Swimming notices are due back asap so we can confirm numbers with the pool. If you’re not swimming please let the school know in writing.
- As per School Council policy, parents volunteering in the school (including excursions, driving, classroom reading, canteen days, etc.) need to have current working with children’s check which is available at [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/)
- End of term dismissal will be at 2.30pm on Friday 16th September.
- All students need to wear a hat whilst outside starting Term 4.

Have a great weekend.

Trevor Vass, Principal
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

TASHA T. 4/5M
Tasha, this outstanding achievement award is not for one single, isolated achievement. It is for all the times you persevere with your learning, all the times you give 100% to your learning, all the reading you have done this year, all the encouraging words you say to your classmates, all the times you’ve asked someone to play, all the times you’ve cared about someone. Tasha, you make outstanding achievements every single day, sometimes without even knowing it! You are an outstanding example of our school CARING values and should be very proud of your achievements. Congratulations.

Photos From Book Character Day and Author visit. See our Facebook page for more photos.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL & THE ENVIRO SQUAD LOVE MAKING MONEY FROM NOTHING!

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL say thanks for your empty aluminum cans!
Remember, you can bring your aluminum cans to the ‘can bin’ outside Mrs McC’s room. Farmer Rob will recycle them and donate the money to the Royal Children’s Hospital. Too easy!
ENVIRO SQUAD say thanks for your used stamps!
Bring your used stamps to the box in the office and we’ll deliver them to the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater. They’ll recycle them and sell them on, using the money to help run their office.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE – Ends this Friday
Well done to all challengers, and congratulations to those students who completed the challenge. Mrs McCracken will verify all finished books this Friday so please ensure you’ve updated your list by 5pm.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our schools website or the link below