Dear All,

**A BIG THANK YOU** - What glorious weather we had last Friday for both our K-2 Sports Day and Cross Country! It was great to see so many people helping out at both events. I know all the students enjoyed having someone cheer them on from the sidelines! Both days were very successful and I have received many comments about the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship shown by our students. These events are also successful due to the extensive planning by the organising committees and I express my congratulations to all staff involved.

**PHOTOS** - Yesterday and today our students have looked splendid in their winter uniforms for their 2014 photos. Thank you for ensuring your child had the correct uniform and shoes. If you missed out on ordering class or individual photos please contact the photographers directly on 03 5881 3436. The photographers have also commented on the excellent behaviour of our students which is always great to hear.

**GARDENING BEE** - You would have noticed how bare our front garden, along the David Street fence, looks after our gardening bee last Sunday. Many thanks to the parents/carers and students who attended and helped pull out the shrubs and trees. A huge thank you to one of our Kindergarten fathers Andrew Mitchener, from Enviro Tree Care who mulched everything with his chipper.

**GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY** - Next Wednesday our Student Councillors and House Leaders accompanied by Miss Brooker will be attending a GRIP Leadership Day. The conference provides practical ideas to help support and encourage student leadership.

**LEAVING THE GROUNDS** - A reminder that students and parents/carers, except cyclists, should not be entering the school or leaving the school grounds via the large gate near the hall, in Smollett Street. This is to ensure your safety as we often have delivery trucks using this entry. In the afternoons, students must walk in front of the hall to collect their bike from the bike cage. There are still a number of bikes not being locked each morning. I encourage you to lock your bikes.

**REVIEW MEETINGS** - A reminder that the annual review meeting for parents/carers of students who receive Funding Support is being held tomorrow, Thursday 22 May. All parents/carers involved would have received a letter stating the time of their appointment. Please phone the office if you are not sure of your allocated time.

**P & C MEETING** - The next P & C meeting is next Tuesday 27 May commencing at 7:30pm in the staffroom. I encourage all parent/carers to come along and find out about what is happening in the school and have input into how the P & C can support your child and the school. It's also a great way to meet some other parents. We would love to see you there!

**MAKE A PAYMENT** - It is now possible for parents/carers to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting $ Make a payment. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions and excursions. Items that cannot be paid for include sport fees, P & C and canteen payments.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
* the students name, and
* class and reference number OR * the students name, and
* date of birth.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
K-2 SPORTS DAY - WOW! What a fantastic day we had on Friday. The weather was fine, we had lots of spectators and our students enjoyed a day out of the classroom. Thank you to all the parent/carers who volunteered and gave of their time to help with the smooth running of the activities. Thank you also to Mrs Baker and Mrs Porta for the yummy lunches from the canteen. Many thanks to the students for their display of good sportsmanship and cooperation. A great day was had by all. Jenny Boehm and Karlee Nolan.

SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY CARNIVAL- The weather and track conditions were perfect for our 2014 school cross country carnival last Friday. The students participated enthusiastically and we witnessed some fantastic efforts from many of our runners. Below you will find the top three results in the four age groups. The beautiful weather meant we had a good turn-out of spectators who came along and cheered on our runners. Thanks to the many parent/carer volunteers who manned the course and those who rode the course ahead of the runners. A big thank you must also go to Mr Mark Neil and our General Assistant Mr Ian Pantling who spent many hours setting out the course and preparing the event centre prior to our arrival. The Sport House captains also deserve praise for the way in which they cheered on their runners and organised their house areas.

8/9 Boys 1st Caleb Clemson 2nd Zac Williams 3rd Austin Harper
8/9 Girls 1st Brielle Pedler 2nd Eliza Mooney 3rd Lily Lamond
10 Yr Boys 1st Jake Cooper 2nd Kynon French 3rd Theo Tatsiopoulos
10 Yr Girls 1st Ava Tuksar 2nd Lara Butlin 3rd Bridgette Gay
11 Yr Boys 1st Will Haberfield 2nd Harry Carmody 3rd Will Clarke
11 Yr Girls 1st Emily Wills 2nd Ella Riches 3rd Mia Harding
12/13 Yr Boys 1st Charlie Byrne 2nd Owen Sowden 3rd Bailey Clemson
12/13 Yr Girls 1st Natalie Gibbons 2nd Laura Gillard 3rd Lauren Antonello

The runners who finished in the top 7 of their age group are eligible to represent our school at the Zone Cross Country Carnival being held at the Albury/Wodonga Equestrian Centre next Thursday 29 May. These students will receive their permission notes today. Please ensure the note and payment is returned to the front office promptly. Any student who is unable to or does not wish to participate needs to let me know asap so that I can arrange for another student to take their place.

Dylan Clift, Cross Country Coordinator.

PSSA TENNIS- Charlie Hargreaves and Charlie Byrne, both in Year 6, need to be congratulated for their excellent performances in Newcastle at the State Tennis Championships. Charlie Byrne said he was very pleased with his efforts and looks forward to another opportunity next year. Charlie Hargreaves was also very excited to learn that she has been selected as the first reserve to attend the National Championships to be played in Darwin at a later date. An absolutely amazing effort by both students. Shelley Merritt, Tennis Coordinator.

VALUE- Week 4- Fairness being committed to the principles of Social Justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

AWARD WINNERS- 3-6:- Hayley Coulter 3CM, Mackenna Robson 4LB, Aylish Jorgensen 5LN, Mary Bruce 6ACP. K-2: Anton Engedal KWS, Daisy Tuksar 2MC and Isla Smith 1MH.

DRAMA AND MUSIC- Next Friday 30 May at 1:00pm in the School Hall Year 6 students will be presenting a short performance showcasing some of the skills they have been working on during Term 1 this year. The workshop production will consist of three presentations of the same script, each presented in a different theatrical style. All parents and students are invited to attend. A gold coin donation would be appreciated and will be collected at the door. The money collected will be put towards refurbishing the hall to improve its suitability for musical and theatrical presentations. The contributing classes will be 5/6AB, 6AP and 6ACP. Ross Sewell, Coordinator.

YEAR 5 - MELBOURNE / BALLARAT EXCURSION – 2014-Just a reminder that the Year 5 Excursion to Melbourne and Ballarat is fast approaching. Your final payment is due on Friday 30 May. All medical notes should have been completed and returned to your class teacher. If there are any outstanding medical notes these must be returned by tomorrow. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.
Thank you to all the people who helped on Friday with the K-2 Sports and 3-6 Cross Country lunches. There are still a few gaps in the Roster. Please call in or phone us.

Thank you, Rachael and Ali, Ph 6021 2370.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER GARDEN PROGRAM- We would like to thank the following people for contributions to our Kitchen garden program thus far:- Sally Morris for her kind donation of a pasta machine, BOC Wodonga for the donation of some very stylish garden gloves (Thanks Leanne Schifferle for organising these) and Howlong Nursery for their very generous contribution of seedlings for our winter crop (Thank you Lou Newman for arranging these). If you would like to contribute to our program, either through donations or volunteering, please contact the school as we’d love to have you on board. Lynda Joyce ~ Stephanie Alexander Garden Specialist.

PLEASE NOTE - ASSEMBLY CHANGE- 5AB and 3CM. Please note 5AB’s assembly will now be in Week 6 (5 June) and 3CM will conduct the assembly in Week 8 (19 June).

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY - FRIDAY 23 MAY.
If the weather is fine on Friday there will be a “walking bus” departing from outside The Gardens Medical Centre at 8:30am. You can join the “bus” at any point along Smollett Street. Mrs Boehm and Mrs Clements will be walking with the group. All students must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver due to public liability and child protection regulations.

P & C NEWS- The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 May at 7:30pm in the Staff Room - all welcome.

FAMILY FUN FAIR- Jacqui Vaughan and Marie Bucher are very kindly coming to the Grind cafe in Olive street at 11:00am on Friday 23 May. They will give us a “handover” from the previous school Fairs in which they have been involved. From their wealth of information, it will be a great way for us to move on with our plans for 2014’s Family Fun Fair. We look forward to seeing you there. It is also a good time to start looking through your cupboards for disused toys and books (in good condition) for our white elephant stall. Think about any donations that you could make either via goods or vouchers for the spinning wheel prizes. Remember also pots for the plant stall.

Regards, Kate Preston, President.

GARDEN WORKING BEE- A BIG thankyou to Pete & Eden Arkins, Andrew Mitchener, Stuart Howsam & Scott Howsam, Nicky Bruce, Helen Wilson, Kate Preston, Carolyn Howard and Pip Newman, Tom & Alex Newman for their fabulous help at the garden working bee on Sunday. The time and effort they volunteered on their Sunday morning is greatly appreciated. It was quite a big job that was made a lot easier with the use of Andrew Mitchener’s chipper. Although it looks a bit bare at the moment it will soon be planted out with lomandras by Year 4 as part of their gardening classes with Ms Joyce.

Lou Newman, P & C Committee Member.
IMH has read the book ‘Nog and the Land of Noses.’

We created our own nose and wrote about its special use.