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Our Purpose
To provide programs, plans and policies that lead to our students being literate, numerate, confident, empathetic, inquisitive and resilient.

Our Strategic Plan Goals 2008-2011
To improve student learning in mathematics and writing;
To improve student relationships;
To enhance student transition to, through and from school.

P-2 English Assessment
Our prep –2 students are about to begin a new State wide assessment program. This is a new initiative that has been devised by the Department of Education and will involve students working one to one with their class teacher to complete an online assessment. This assessment combines many of the assessment tasks normally delivered by teachers at the end of the year and so has the potential to save a significant amount of time. It will also provide teachers with a clear direction for each child as we head towards the end of the year. The implementation of the testing program is quite intense and it does mean that some timetable changes need to be made to allow teachers release time to deliver the assessment. If you have a child in P-2 you will notice some changes over the coming weeks.

National Assessment (NAPLAN) Results for Grades 3 & 5
If you have a child in grade 3 or 5 and he or she participated in the NAPLAN assessment in May you are now able to catch up with your child’s teacher to collect the results. It is important to meet with your child’s teacher so that the reports can be explained. The meeting should be a very brief 3-5 minutes. Please contact the teacher concerned to make a time to catch up.

P-2 Melbourne Trip Parent Helpers’ Meeting
There will be a meeting for parent helpers attending the P-2 Melbourne trip next Wednesday 14 October at 3.45 in the library. The outline of the day, the expectations and safety procedures will be discussed and any questions will be answered. If you are unable to attend please let Liz Luby know and we will try to catch up with you before the trip.

2010 Planning
We are beginning planning for 2010 and are considering school structure, teacher placement, student placement etc. If you would like us to know of any social or emotional concerns or issues we need to consider in the placement of your child, you are invited to let us know in writing by Friday 30 October. Your concerns will be considered but we cannot guarantee any specific outcome in terms of your child’s placement. Please do not request to have or not to have a specific teacher as these requests are not able to be considered.

Holiday Works
Our school is looking great after the painting, new deck and basketball courts have been re-asphalted over the holidays. We are also very excited about the new interactive whiteboards that have been added to five of our classrooms. We are looking forward to learning to get the best from this fantastic teaching resource.

Steve Schulz—Artist in residence
We have had a fantastic time this week working with Steve. He has worked a miracle in getting the whole school to perform a percussion extravaganza. What a great job!

Please keep in mind that we have three students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products.

Keep watching for the date of the Star Gazing night

Lunch orders need to be in the box by 9.30am.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE.
AASC will commence next Monday 12th October and run until December 3rd. We have a few vacancies left if you would like your child/children to participate please contact Gayle in the office for enrolment forms.
Rachael and Gayle

Adventure Club
The Uniting Church Adventure Club final term starts on Sunday 11th October with the skipping competition presentations. This terms adventure family picnic will be at Clarkeville Railway, Lake Victoria Road, on Sunday October 25th (11:30—2pm) cost $10 per family or $5 per child, which includes a barbecue lunch and unlimited rides. Further inquiries: Keith Young 5156 0352 or Jackie Freiberg 5156 7343

DRAWING COMPETITION.
Submissions are due Monday 12th October for the recipe book front and back cover. Please talk to your child/children about making it nice and bright. Don’t be late getting it in it would be terrible to miss out.
Best of luck

KIDS STUFF MARKET
SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2009
TIME: 8:30am—12:30 noon
AT: Nagle College
Presentation Hall Lindenow Road Bairnsdale
ENTRY $2.00—KIDS FREE
All proceeds are funding local playground Equipment

Bobs your uncle

TAKE HOME AN INTERNATIONAL BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER.
Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend your local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

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