



Middle Indigo Primary School

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FRENCH LAUNGUAGE LESSONS



French language lessons started last Thursday. Madame Heather had the students engaged from the very first 'Bon Jour,' to 'au revoir.' French lessons will take place every Thursday for the year. Language is a mandated Victorian Curriculum subject as well as being a terrific skill and challenge for young learners.



Welcome to School BBQ

A great turn out for our annual Welcome to School BBQ. Parents, siblings and friends were treated to a knock up BBQ and plenty of opportunity to catch up or meet new community members.

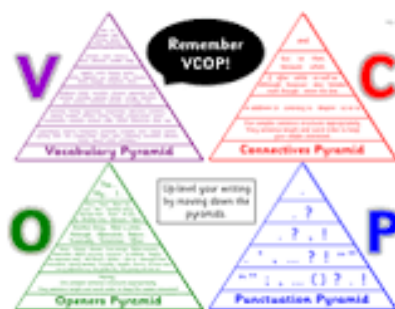
Big thanks to the JSC students and to Cooper and Tristan for organizing the games. Cooper was particularly happy to have the loud hailer in his possession again and Tristan was very good at being the umpire.

LUNCH ORDERS

NO LUNCH ORDER THIS WEEK

Due to Swim Program

Next Week – Chicken Wrap



Learning

VCOP – Every two weeks the students sit down and write on a topic/genre chosen earlier in the week. The writing session is a quiet, uninterrupted writing task. The students will have spoken about the topic earlier and had time to discuss it and plan for it. As well as focusing on the genre-specific writing features, they are encouraged to always focus on four core targets - Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (V.C.O.P.).

The writing is then marked in line with the Vic Curriculum standards by the teachers but also the students have the opportunity to grade themselves against a student rubric. This allows the students to gauge their own learning goals in relation to writing.

A VCOP Writing Topic



Dates to remember

- March 4th to 8th Swimming Lessons - \$1.40
- March 6th First Wednesday for Preps
- March 14th Working Bee – 2:00pm – 5:00pm
- March 22nd Yackandandah folk Festival Parade
- 6:30pm Meet at Yack Library opposite Yackandandah Primary
- April 2nd Beechworth Explorers Excursion

MIDDLE INDIGO - RURAL LIVING LEARNING AND BEYOND

Swimming Lessons

The swimming program has begun for 2019. Swimming lessons are mandated for primary schools across Australia. This year we are back at the Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre.

This week tends to pretty well exhaust the junior students not to mention meddle with our regular work program. We recommend that parents make sure their children get plenty of rest and maybe a bigger than usual lunch to compensate for the extra activity.

Feel free to come and watch the lessons if you wish. 12:15 to 1:00pm each day this week.



Yackandandah Folk Festival – Students have begun work on their costumes for the Yack Folk Festival. Our Art teacher Ms. Burston has cut out some large bird wings for the students to decorate and we have material for each student to make a ‘wing set.’ Added to this the students created their own feathered masks in art class to go with the costume.

The parade only takes 30mins, then the students and families are free to wander and take part in the bush dancing and activities on the night. We encourage all families to come along and enjoy the night and watch Middle Indigo in the ‘Big Parade.’

Students should be dropped off outside the Yackandandah Library with the teachers. From there the teachers will escort the students to the start point outside the CFA. The parade will travel up the main street behind the band and will finish back at the library. A drum performance will finish the parade and parents can then pick up their children at the Library.

Bush dancing, music performances and stalls will then open along the main street and families are encouraged to join in the festival. The Friday night is traditionally the local communities’ celebration time.



Flamboyant Feathers

Working Bee – NEXT WEEK THURSDAY

Our first working bee for the year will take place on 14th March. The working bee will kick off at 2:00pm when the students will begin the jobs. We ask that families join in as they are able to, as the afternoon progresses. This gives the students an active role in the jobs and we hope, doesn't put pressure on the parents to do all the work. We understand that not all parents can make the working bees. No pressure.

Some jobs on the list include

- Spreading rock around the bus entrance
- Snake net reset
- Chook run clean out
- Library tidy
- Oil the decks (Terry)
- Wood chips to playground and spread out
- Garden clean up
- Trim bushes around the tanks
- Flag pole reset and freshen up
- Clean 3 -6 windows (remove paintings)

We need to move the woodchips from the front gate over to the playground. A trailer may be handy?

