



GRAPEVINE NEWS

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SCHOOL VALUES: *Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Safety*



Friday 9th SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



CALENDAR DATES

AUGUST

Wednesday 7th Gymnastics

Friday 9th School Council Meeting

Wednesday 14th Last sessions of Gymnastics

Friday 16th Rural School Athletics—SALE

Gippsland Tech School

Part of a Grant we received was to connect with the Gippsland Tech School in Morwell to get some hands on experience for using our new equipment and to have some skills to bring back to school so we can continue on back here at school. The grades 3,4 & 5 students went to Morwell for the day and had exposure to the 3D printers and designed a keyring in Tinkercad (tinkercad.com) and printed their designs on the 3D printer. They also made designs that we etched using a Laser cutter and started designing a cardboard house that could later be cut out back at school using our laser cutter. This year's grant will pay for the transport to the facility and a number of video conferences with the staff as well as a 3D printer and associated consumables.

The Gippsland Tech School is a high-tech learning environment, with innovative education programs linked with local industry delivering real world learning to students. Students from eight participating schools in Gippsland are able to access the Tech School throughout the year for specialised programs. The Gippsland Tech School emphasises the skills needed for the 21st century including vital science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics skills (STE(A)M). It enhances the programs schools provide and helps give students the skills they need for the jobs of the future. We again thank ESSO for their generosity and opportunity to access this state of the art facility.

**TREE
PLANTING
at
DUTSON**



Loch Sport Primary School students helped plant native trees at Gippsland Water's Dutson Downs property last Friday, in an effort to reduce the organisation's carbon footprint and combat climate change. For more, turn to page 7. Photo: Liam Durkin



Loch Sport Primary School students and staff helped plant native trees at Gippsland Water's Dutson Downs property on Friday. Photos: Liam Durkin

Getting grubby to go green

CHILDREN from Loch Sport Primary School delighted in doing their bit for the environment on Friday, assisting Gippsland Water at its Dutson Downs property to plant trees for the nationwide Schools Tree Day.

The young botanists were given a crash course on a variety of tree species, before putting on a pair of gloves and getting to work with buckets, spades and hand planters to help reduce Gippsland Water's carbon footprint.

The trees planted will still be standing in years to come, in what will be a strong visual representation of what their generation did to combat climate change.

Loch Sport Primary School principal Damian Lappin said the school was happy to support environmental initiatives.

"Last year we helped with the New Holland mouse count for Gippsland Water, and then they invited us to help with the tree planting because we showed an interest in conservation and land care," he said.

"Connection to the local community is important, we drive past this land [at Dutson Downs] every day so we want to know what's going on here.

"We're trying to plant our own trees [at the school] so this is a good way to get some insight effectively." Gippsland Water plans to plant 92,000 native

trees in total at the Dutson Downs property, before the end of August.

So far, more than 45,000 of the 92,000 individual trees are in the ground.

Its contractor, Indigenous Design, along with subcontractors from Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, have been planting native flora since the start of July.

The variety of trees to be planted include black wattles, silver banksias and Gippsland red gums.

Gippsland Water managing director Sarah Cumming said it was pleasing to share the company project with the next generation.

"They will benefit most from the carbon-reducing programs we implement," she said.

"As they continue to grow, these trees will absorb carbon from the air, reducing the level of greenhouse gases that reach our atmosphere.

"This carbon offset project is just one of the ways we are reducing our overall carbon emissions to reach our goal of a 24 per cent emissions reduction by 2025.

"Another project, as laid out in our Energy Management Strategy, is the installation of more than 1800 solar panels across three of our sites. This project is currently underway."

Current contractors are planting 500 trees each day at the Dutson Downs site.



Loch Sport Primary School students Hamish Vandrunen and Caleb Mijarese helping out.

Our students were just great. They listened really well, as well as working a lot quicker than expected which meant we finished a little earlier than expected. We received a number of comments from the staff on how well the students behave and work together. The staff at Gippsland Water are already thinking of other ways they can connect with the school and work together.

Gymnastics

We are half way through our Gymnastics program and the kids are loving it. Maffra Gymnastics do a great job catering for our different age groups as well as the ability levels. This week during our warm ups we had a chance to climb a rope... (when I say "we" I definitely don't mean me!). I was amazed at how many of our students actually made it up to the maker, then had to climb down again. We used the balancing beams, the tramps, the rhythmic gymnastics equipment and the foam pit is always a hit!

Video Conferencing Training

Today Friday Meaghan and I attended a Cluster Training day to learn to effectively use the new Video Conferencing equipment the government has supplied to each state school in Victoria. Later this term we will be involved in a Science Pilot Project where we will be hosting the teacher for about 5 lessons and the other schools will tune into us for the introduction and directions and then work at their schools to do the hands on component of the sessions. The aim of the pilot is to develop an effective model where we can connect with other schools and organisations to access the curriculum in the most effective mode. We will be trialling various electronic tools to share our learning and discussions with the other students in the other participating schools. At this stage there will be about 70 students and 8 teachers involved with the pilot.

100 days of school.

Believe it or not our Foundation students have completed their first 100 days of school. We will be celebrating on Monday with a number of Maths based hands on activities that celebrate the number 100.

Book week- Monday 19th August

Book week is quickly approaching and that means we'll be having our book character dress up day on **Monday 19th August**. The idea is to pick a character of a book you have or have borrowed from the library and dress up as that character. Please don't go out and buy a costume, just use anything you have around the house. **Please bring along the book the character is taken from.**

Rural School's Athletics

Our Cluster Athletics Day is Friday 16th August in Sale. We have been training fairly hard and the kids are looking pretty good. We will be getting a bus in and we will finish at Sale at about 2:30 so the bus will be late getting back to Loch Sport. We will send a text message as we are leaving to confirm but we imagine we'll get to school at about 3:15. Parents are more than welcome to attend (and help out) and a note is attached to this newsletter. Please have a think about whether you will be taking you child/ren home from Sale and note it on the permission form as we need to let the bus company know what size bus to use.

Meetings with the teachers

Please remember that if you have anything to discuss about your child's progress or school life you are always welcome to make an appointment on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon where Tracy and I are happy to sit down and go through anything that's concerning you. Of course chatting with us in the carpark is always welcome for those little messages that need to be passed on.

Thank you to those parents who let us know when your child is absent. Just ring the school and leave a message or text the school phone on 0499 338 692.

Damian Lappin



Steven Bradbury
Winter Olympic Gold
Medallist

Holly Whitford
Collingwood FC

Jonathon Kendall
Media Personality

Live Music

AIRLY PRIMARY SCHOOL FARMING FUN FAIR, CAKE AUCTION & PATCH TO PLATE CONTEST

When: Wednesday 11th September
1-3.30pm

Where: 226 Airly Estate Rd, Airly

Who: Early Years Centres, Kindergartens, Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, TAFE Gippsland Hospitality Students, Community Garden Groups or Adult Centres with Community Gardens across the Shire of Wellington are all invited to attend and enter the inaugural

Patch to Plate Contest

What: Students are invited to enter plates of cooked food made from their learning centre or community garden. To be judged by local chefs, health experts and competition cooks.

Also on the day, there will be a fun fair with face painting, billy cart races, stirrup toss, art bombs and plant sales. Landcare, Wellington Shire, Central Gippsland Health representatives will also be there running gardening and food activities. Airly's annual harvest afternoon tea and cake auction events will also be running.

For entry and prize details please visit <http://www.airlyps.vic.edu.au/>

For further information please contact Sarah Pearce on 5149 8251

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