At our staff meeting yesterday, we continued our discussion about parts of the new Victorian Curriculum which will commence in 2017. Along with the “normal” Learning Areas such as English Maths, Science, Art, Phys Ed, etc. four capabilities are being introduced. These capabilities are considered important skills and knowledge that students need and use in everyday life. Therefore they will be taught and practiced across all learning areas.

The capabilities are:

- **Critical and Creative Thinking**
  ~ Questioning and possibilities, Reasoning, Meta-Cognition, Analysing, Evaluating
- **Ethical**
  ~ Understanding concepts, Decision-making and Actions, Consequences, Choices, Right from Wrong
- **Intercultural**
  ~ Awareness of Cultural Practices & Cultural Diversity
- **Personal and Social**
  ~ Self-awareness and management, Social awareness and management.

When we were discussing these points yesterday, it was interesting to acknowledge that many of the skills are already being taught and practiced either as part of our classroom lessons or part of our school values.

Regards,  
Jeff Blackley (Principal)

Thought for the week:

“Through others we become ourselves.”
**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**RSL Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to all our families and students who supported the RSL Poppy Appeal. We raised a total of $241, which has been donated to the RSL.

Thank you to Ms Robertson and her 1/2 class for a wonderful job selling the Poppies each day.

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**PREP – 2 NEWS  ACTIVITY EVENING & SLEEPSOVER**

- Every year students from Prep and One participate in an activity night at school and students from Year 2 participate in a sleeperover. These activities are part of our “camps and excursions” program with the aim of encouraging students to participate in different events outside of normal school hours, in preparation for the more “formal” camps in Yr 3-6.
- The Pr-1 Activity Night will be held next Thursday 24th November. The Yr 2 Sleepover will be held next Friday 25th November.
- A more detailed note was sent home this week.

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**UPCOMING END-OF-YEAR_EVENTS**

Here’s an overview of school activities coming up over the next few weeks as we finish off the school year. New families to the school may be particularly interested in the dot points below. Over the next few newsletters, and, at times, in separate notes, further details will be provided.

- **School Council and Parents & Friends End-of-Year Dinner (Monday 5th Dec):** Final meeting of School Council and dinner afterwards
- **Orientation Day (Tuesday 6th Dec):** Yr 6 students spend a day at their Secondary Colleges in preparation for next year and Kinder students visit us through to 1.30pm as their final session before starting Prep next year.
- **Thank-you luncheon (Monday 12th Dec):** parent helpers and community volunteers are invited to a luncheon in the Multi-Purpose Room at 1.30pm as a thank-you from the school for their support during the year.
- **End-of-Year Reports and 2017 Classes (Tuesday 13th Dec):** Reports and a note outlining your child's class, teacher and room for 2017 will be given out
- **Yr 6 Graduation (Wednesday 14th Dec):** A graduation ceremony for Yr 6 students, and their families and friends, will be held at the Secondary College Hall that evening
- **Pool Picnic (Thursday 15th Dec):** To celebrate the end of the year, all classes will head to the pool for some pool activities and sausage sizzle. This will be an out of uniform day and proceeds will go to the Red Cross to support them over Christmas
- **Yr 6 Family BBQ, Final Assembly, Santa visit (Friday 16th Dec):** This will be the last day of school-wide organised events and a chance to farewell Yr 6 students etc at our final assembly for the year.
- **Last day for students (Monday 19th Dec):** This will be spent in classes, packing up, etc
- **Pupil-Free Planning Day (Tuesday 20th Dec):** Staff planning for 2017

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**TOWN LIBRARY**

We are fortunate to have the town library just “across the road”, and a number of our classes take advantage of this great facility. We thank the librarians who welcome our students for their regular visits.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rainbow Yoga
Children 5-12

What are the benefits....
• Better Health
• Have Fun
• Relieve Stress
• Increase Focus
• Get Flexible

Where: In the Moment Yoga
Court House Numurkah

When: Friday's 25th November,
2nd & 8th December

Time: 4:15pm -5:15pm
Cost: $45 for Three Week Program

Limited Places Available
Register in studio or email details to:
contact@inthemomentyoga.com.au

Show Us Your Wheels Colouring Competition

Colouring sheets were sent home with every student on
Tuesday 15th Nov.

If students would like to enter please return completed
pictures to the school office by Wednesday 30th November.

Yr 3-4 SWAN HILL CAMP PHOTOS ..........so far
WEEK ENDING 11/11/2016 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep S  Annabella Boscottti  For persisting with the daily run and an overall positive attitude to school.
Pr/1H  Riley Clark  Wonderful participation in the Big Write.
1/2R  Patrick Carlisle  For putting in a great week of responsible learning.
1/2S  Rylee Duggan  For brilliant focus and an amazing attitude when working with Mrs Riordan.
3/4T  Alayah Parker  Respectful – Well done Alayah for writing a song which was inspired by the visit to Numurkah War Memorial. A very respectful thing to do.
3/4W  Harrison Crocker  Ripper opening sentence in your Cold Write this week. I am impressed!
4/5H  Jake Beggs  Excellent improvement demonstrated in your Cold Write this week.
5/6I  Nakia Broad  Being a fantastic learner in the classroom. Consistently on task, trying your best and producing some excellent work.
5/6S  Amity Hollands  For showing great organisational strategies and leadership as you effectively manage the junior students' reading activities.