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Dear Parents/Grandparents,

Welcome everybody to a new year of learning and enrichment in 2020!!

We have had a busy start to Term 1 both in and out of the classroom. The Life Education Van visited in Week 2, with all students participating in lessons about developing and maintaining strong relationships and healthy lifestyles. Week 2 ended on the Friday with two students travelling to Yarrawonga with Mrs H and Lea and participating in the combined small schools' swimming carnival. We are very proud of both Hunter and Declyn for having a go and putting in maximum effort; Declyn even signed himself up for more races on the day! "Blue Earth" has recommenced as of last week, with students totally engaged in games and physical activity. The school chaplain, Jono, will be commencing after school activities with the students two afternoons per week; he has some excellent and engaging activities ready for the students to enjoy!

Staff and Changes

This year we continue to have the wonderful support of both Margaret Fullarton, teacher, Leanne Bentham SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) and Jono Wright, chaplain. And of course Karen Cottrell continues as our extremely competent SAM (School Administrative Manager). The vacant temporary teacher role has been advertised across the state, with applications closing on Friday 21st February; hopefully we shall be able to engage another enthusiastic and reliable teacher to support our well deserved students. Last year we also had the support of a Literacy and Numeracy Instructional Leader, however again this position is vacant at present, but has been advertised locally with applications closing on 21st February. I shall keep the community updated as to when and by whom these positions have been filled.

In the Classroom

Students have leaped into space this term! They have been investigating our solar system, constructing models of our solar system and researching space travel. Throughout the term they will be investigating the phases of the moon, stars and the apparent rising and setting of the sun. On March 4th, students will be participating in a video conference on "Stars and Planets" with Fizzics Education; throughout the conference students will be constructing hands-on science experiments. We are all looking forward to this! Parents/carers are more than welcome to come along and be involved. As part of the space theme, Year 4-6 students have been studying the novel *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeline De Engle and K-2 students have been studying various picture books around a space theme and completing writing tasks in response to them. During Geography, students are participating in a unit titled "Contemporary Land Use", in which they are learning about the various allocations of land such as for residential, commercial and recreational purposes.

Thanks to all who attended the presentation of Captain's badges to Reyen Smith and Hunter Bell and the following morning tea! It is wonderful to have the support of the community at these events. Congratulations Reyen and Hunter! I am sure you will be fantastic role models and a great support to staff in 2020!

Anita Houldsworth

Principal

SCHOOL CAPTAINS BADGE PRESENTATION



On the 7th of February 2020 we went to a swimming carnival in Yarrawonga to participate in five races. I did freestyle and back stroke and Declyn did freestyle, back stroke and butterfly. We had a great time and tried our best. After that we had lunch and got on the bus. We stopped for an ice block in Mulwala and then headed back to Urana. We dropped Declyn off at his place on the way and then Mrs Houldsworth dropped off Lea and I.

Hunter Bell, Year 6 Captain



Bluearth session

With Kelsey Leaver which covered self umpiring, teamwork and awareness.



COMING UP

BLUEARTH— 27th February
12th March
26th March
9th April

Musica Viva—18th March (at Morundah)
a note will be sent home about this.

Orienteering— 17th March
23rd March
1st April

After school program with Jono every
Tuesday and Thursday 3pm—4pm