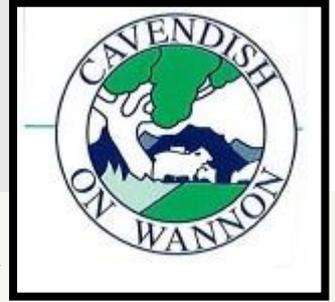


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www.cavendishps.vic.edu.au***Principal's Notes:***

Dear parents and friends,

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the organisation of last Friday's bingo and games evening in the Hall. A number of families were unable to attend but contributed prizes to assist with the running of the night. The evening made a profit of \$395.00.

Miss Purnell and Ms Ferrier have been very busy with their involvement in the Professional Learning Community training program. This has provided them with additional skills to analyse and respond to student learning data. Monday's final session saw them present a PowerPoint presentation to a group of other schools to explain their project work on building the students' capacity to use adjectives in their writing. They both did an amazing job and have learnt a lot through this training.

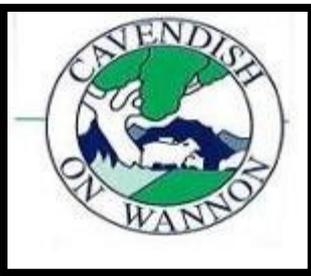
Our 'Walk to School' month is drawing to a close. We have been doing our regular walks each morning and hope families are taking the opportunity of warmer evenings to go for an additional stroll as well.

We have had Judy Hill come to school twice this week to teach very basic violin lessons to the children in all classes. On Tuesday she explained the parts of the violin and measured the heights of the students to ensure a correct match for their instruments. Today she commenced preliminary work on carrying and holding a violin, as well as covering essential care of the instrument. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to extend our musical skills. Thank you Judy. She will return next Tuesday to give the students their first lesson on the instrument. These violins are Judy's property and won't be allowed to go home.

Next Monday and Tuesday the teachers will be leaving school as soon as all the students have departed for home. They will attend two sessions of CUST - cultural understanding and safety training—at Hamilton North Primary School, from 4pm to 6pm.

We are rapidly approaching that time of the year when we commence end of semester assessments with the children and start writing reports. We shall endeavour to spread these out so they don't become too onerous (for both students and staff!)

Please remember that Melbourne Cup Day holiday is a scheduled public holiday for our school.



CAVENDISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2018 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Teaching staff at PLC presentation day	23	24	25 MARC	26	27
28	29 Staff CUST training	30 Staff CUST training	31			

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Melbourne Cup— Student Free Day	7	8	9 T20 Blast cricket—Yr 5/6 Fleece & Flower Show	10
11	12	13	14 Kinder kids 9am -12 noon Parents info morning	15	16 Special Treat Day to Horscham for whole school	17
18	19	20	21 Kinder kids 9am—1pm	22 Prep/1/2 Camp—Halls Gap	23 Prep/1/2 Camp—Halls Gap	24
25	26 Swimming starts 11:45—12:45	27 Swimming 11:45—12:45	28 Swimming 11:45—12:45	29 Swimming 11:45—12:45	30 Swimming 11:45—12:45	

Thank you for all the early returns for the Year P/2 camp. Having the forms in makes our medical, dietary and travel arrangements easier to manage. Please contact Tammy or me if you wish to make a payment plan.

It's only two weeks until this year's Fleece and Flower Show at the hall. The children are putting the finishing touches to their art work and writing pieces in readiness for the display. There are also plans afoot for some school-operated stalls. There is a note requesting assistance with providing some prizes for one of our stalls in this newsletter.,

Please remember to complete the permission notes for the special treat event to Horsham as soon as possible. This will be a very exciting day for our whole school to enjoy together.

Our senior cricketers have started their training for this year's T20 Blast Cup. We have entered two senior teams and aim to take all the Year 5/6 children (and maybe some Year 4s if we need a back-up). I realise the date clashes with the Fleece & Flower Show so I would appreciate an early return of all notes so transportation can be arranged.

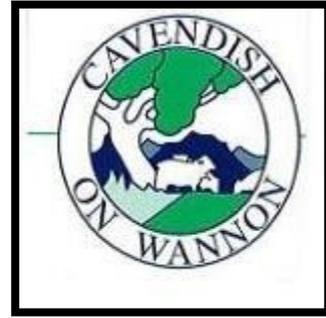
Notes will be sent home in the next couple of weeks for our swimming program for 2018. We have ten lessons booked at HILAC in late November and early December. Children who have been swimming at HILAC previously will have their swimming levels recorded but new swimmers will need to indicate any obtained levels. If children have had additional lessons outside HILAC, we will need information on their current standard. During our two week's of swimming, we will also provide four sessions of table tennis for all children as part of the Sporting Schools program. These will take place on the Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please keep a regular check of your children's heads for lice. We want to keep on top of any outbreaks and early detection and treatment is our best course of action.

Please remember to let the school know on the morning of an absence so we don't have to chase up on missing children. A message on the answering machine or a text is an easy way to let us know your child is away for that day.

Have a great weekend

Anthony Hill



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nikaila Glenn: President

Michael Todd: V/President

Lisa Ferrier-Secretary

Jackie McShane :
V/ Secretary

Sally Purnell: Treasurer

Simon Thomas

Alicia Lewis

Mark Freeman

Cathy Norris

Anthony Hill

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Samuel Price & Indianna
Freeman - School Captains

Madeline McShane & Emily
Crawford - Presidents JSC

Cody Glenn & Ruby Cordy—
Music Captains

Hammish Shipcott &
Ben Packman - Wannan
House Captains

Emily Crawford, Madeline
McShane & Hannah Lewis -
Glenelg House Captains

Cameron Gribbin, Hannah
Lewis, Ruby Cordy & Eddie
McShane -Bus Captains

PARENTS' CLUB

President Tammy Crawford

V/Presidents Trish Hurley &
Kate Thomas

Secretary Nikaila Glenn

Uniforms Heidi-Lee Freeman

2018 Annual Calendar of Events

October: (Walk to School Month)

November:

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, 6th | -Melbourne Cup holiday |
| Friday, 9th | -Kanga 8s cricket tournament—Pedrina Park, Hamilton for Year 5/6 |
| Friday, 9th | -Cavendish Fleece & Flower Show |
| Wednesday, 14th | -Kinder transition 9.00am-12noon |
| Friday, 16th | -Trip to Horsham—Ten Pin Bowling & Inflatables |
| Wednesday, 21st | -Kinder transition 9.00am-1.00pm |
| 22nd&23rd | -Prep/2 camp—Halls Gap |
| Monday, 26th - | -commencement of swimming program
(26th Nov - 7th Dec—two weeks) |

December:

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|------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, 11th | -Statewide Orientation Day—Year 6s at secondary school |
| Thursday, 13th | -Kinder transition (all day at school) |
| Friday, 14th | -Swimming carnival—Balmoral |
| Wednesday, 19th | -Presentation Night at Cavendish SM Hall |
| Wednesday, 19th | -school reports sent home |
| Thursday, 20th | -Last day of formal classes |
| Friday, 21st | -Clean-up day |



The Student of the Week Award Winners for the week were:



Holly Lewis - superstar maths

Jack Quinn - amazing tennis skills during sport

Imogen Thomas - excellent spelling

Blitz Awards

Lexi Thomas - coming up with the new Blitz theme

‘Saying nice things’.

Maddie McShane & Max Wright - always speaking kindly to others

Heath Baker - thoughtful when speaking to others

Hammish Shipcott - always helping out and looking after younger students

Notices distributed at school this week:

- **P/1/2 camp note**
- **Office 365 information—all students**

School Mission Statement: Cavendish Primary School provides a warm, friendly and caring environment that enhances and challenges learning, personal growth and well-being of students. The school has high expectations for staff and students and aims to create a stimulating and supportive environment for all its students to excel in their learning and personal growth.

Violins with Judy





Reading our MARC books in 3/6















SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS

MINE-THON

If you love building in Minecraft,
Southern Grampians Shire Council has an event for you!

FREE EVENT,
LUNCH INCLUDED

We are looking for creative builders, aged between 10-14 years to play and compete in our virtual Southern Grampians Minecraft world.

WIN great prizes in the following categories:

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Recreate real world man-made structures from the town

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Recreate a real feature from our incredible natural environment

MY DREAM

Create something you would like to see in your neighbourhood

**Sunday 28 October & Sunday 11 November,
9am – 3pm**

Greater Hamilton Library, 105 Brown Street, Hamilton

Register at the Greater Hamilton Library or online: www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au
Registrations close, Friday 19 October

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CHRISTMAS BOXES

Thank-you to all Cavendish PS families who packed boxes for underprivileged children overseas. This year, with the support of a number of local groups, as well as our school community I delivered a record number of 63 boxes to the drop-off point in Hamilton. Also thank-you to those individuals who donated money towards the cost of postage for the boxes. This is always a very helpful support for the project.

All the boxes are now on their way to Melbourne, where they will be checked, packed and then sent to Sydney. In Sydney they are delivered to the wharves where they await a suitable ship to take them to countries either in South-East Asia or the South Pacific Islands. They will then be distributed to needy children for this Christmas. For many of the children, this will be the first present they have ever received in their life.

So thank-you for taking the time to help bring a little joy into the lives of children less fortunate than those in Australia.

Fleece & Flower Show stalls

We require some assistance with two of our planned stalls.

1/ any unwanted books to go on our second-hand book stall.

2/ for each family to provide at least one ‘mystery jar’. These are to be a sealed glass jar filled with lollies, rubbers, balloons, stickers, treats, etc. which will appeal to children. The jar then needs to be wrapped in paper so the contents remain hidden. These jars will sell for \$2 to give you an idea for the value of the contents. These jars can be left at school when ready.

We appreciate your support.

Gastroenteritis

health

Emergency department factsheets

General

What is gastroenteritis?

Gastroenteritis (often called 'gastro') is a common infection of the bowel that can cause diarrhoea (runny faeces or poo), vomiting, or both.

Gastroenteritis can cause *dehydration* (loss of water), which sometimes results in a loss of sugar and salts that the body needs to work normally.

Gastroenteritis often settles without treatment. It is more common in winter and affects people of all ages.

What causes gastroenteritis?

Viruses are the most common cause of gastro. There are many kinds of viruses, so gastroenteritis can occur more than once.

Viruses that cause gastroenteritis are found in human faeces.

Bacteria and parasites can also cause gastroenteritis, and are usually found in contaminated food or water (food poisoning). Food poisoning usually occurs six to 12 hours after eating spoiled food.

How is it spread?

Viral gastro is spread easily from person to person. When a person vomits or has diarrhoea, small droplets containing the virus can contaminate surfaces such as taps, toilet flush handles, children's toys and nappies. People with gastroenteritis can spread the virus up to 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped.

Bacterial gastroenteritis is spread through poor hygiene (especially not washing your hands after going to the toilet or after cleaning vomit or dirty nappies), spoiled food, polluted water supplies and handling pets and animals.

What are the signs and symptoms?

Gastro may cause some or all of the following symptoms:

- nausea and vomiting that may last a day or two
- diarrhoea which usually lasts one to three days, but can last up to 10 days
- stomach cramps and pain
- fever (temperature over 37.5°C in adults and over 38°C in children)

In bacterial gastro, the symptoms are similar but the fever is often higher, stomach cramps are worse and diarrhoea can have blood and mucus in it.

Symptoms of more severe gastro include failing to keep down any fluids at all, not passing much urine and feeling faint while standing up. If you have any of these symptoms you should seek urgent medical care.

Diarrhoea that is black is not gastroenteritis – it can indicate bleeding in the large intestine (bowel) and requires urgent medical treatment.

Treatment

Gastro is often mild and treatment will depend on the type of gastro.

- Solutions such as *Gastrolyte* or *Hydralyte* help replace the water and salts lost by vomiting and diarrhoea. They also come in icy-poles, which entice children to keep their fluids up. Follow the instructions on the packet.
- For mild diarrhoea your doctor may advise taking an agent such as *Imodium* or *Lomotil*. Follow the instructions on the packet. These medications are not suitable for children.
- For moderate to severe diarrhoea avoid anti-diarrhoea agents as they may make the diarrhoea worse.
- Anti-nausea medication may be prescribed for nausea and vomiting.
- Antibiotics are only needed if the gastro is caused by bacteria or parasites. A sample of your diarrhoea may be tested for this.
- Some people may need *intravenous* (into the vein) fluids if they are very dehydrated.

Home care

- Drink small amounts (sips) of clear fluids such as water often (every five to ten minutes). The fluids will not stop the vomiting and diarrhoea but will stop you getting dehydrated.
- Eat if you feel hungry. Start with bland foods such as crackers, rice, bananas or dry toast. You should be back on normal fluids and diet in 48–72 hours, even if diarrhoea continues.
- Get plenty of rest.
- You should return to your doctor or hospital if you are unable to keep down enough fluids, feel dizzy on standing or have a significant worsening of symptoms.

Hard at work in P/1/2!







Our weekly blitz is:



Saying nice things

We can show this by:

- **Saying friendly things.**
- **Saying encouraging things.**
- **Looking for the positives.**
- **Thinking before we speak (Is it kind? Is it helpful? Is it positive?)**

Treating and controlling headlice

health

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.

Catching head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to **look carefully to find them**.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

- Step 1** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
- Step 2** Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.
- Step 3** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 4** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 5** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

Treating head lice

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under 'finding head lice') every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully. The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person's eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

Testing resistance

Head lice products belong in one of the following categories depending on the active compound they contain:

- pyrethrins
- synthetic pyrethroids (permethrin, bioallethrin)
- organophosphates (maldison or malathion)
- herbal with or without natural (non-chemical) pyrethrins.

Insecticide resistance is common, so you should test if lice are dead. If they are, treat again in seven days using the same product. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and the lice may be resistant to the product and all products containing the same active compound. Wash off the product and treat as soon as possible using a product containing a different active compound. If the insecticide has worked, the lice will be dead within 20 minutes.

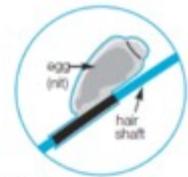
Any head lice product could cause a reaction and should be used with care by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, children less than 12 months old and people with allergies, asthma or open wounds on the scalp. If you are unsure, please check with your pharmacist or doctor.

Head lice combs

Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be used.

Head lice eggs

Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will 'pop' when squashed between fingernails.



Dead eggs have crumpled sides and hatched eggs look like tiny boiled eggs with their tops cut off.

Regulations

According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school or children's service centres after treatment has commenced.

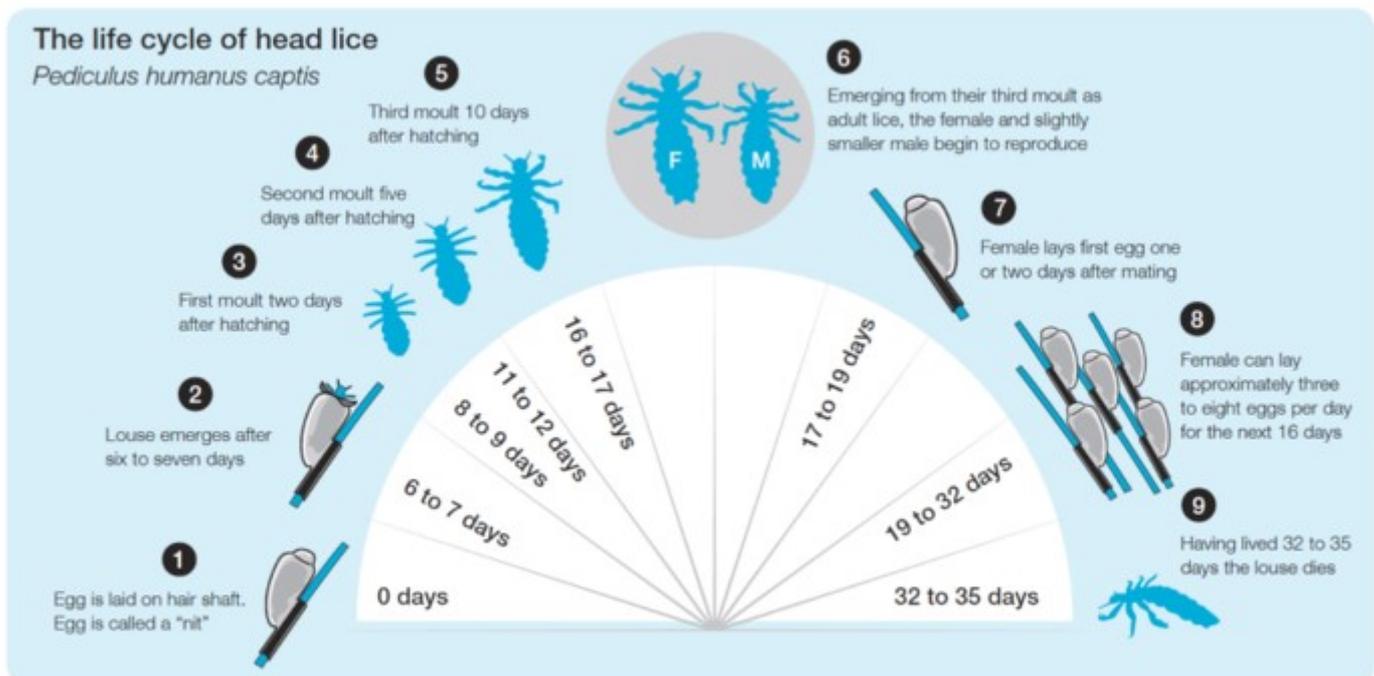
The department recommends a child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school or children's service centres the next day, even if there are still some eggs present. There is no need to miss school or child care because of head lice.

Preventing head lice

Check your child's head regularly with comb and conditioner. There is no research to prove that chemical or herbal therapies can prevent head lice.

Further information

The following website offers further information:
www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice



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About head lice

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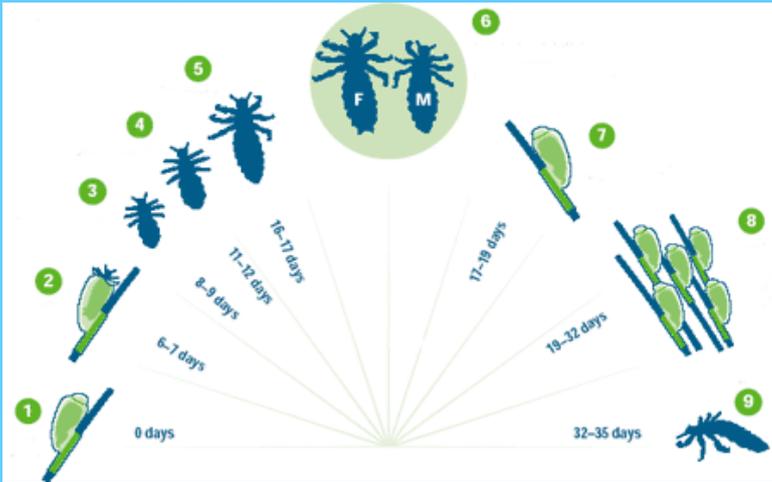
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Life cycle of head lice



1. Egg is laid on hair shaft. Egg is called a nit.
 2. Louse emerges after six to seven days.
 3. First moult two days after hatching.
 4. Second moult 5 days after hatching.
 5. Third moult 10 days after hatching.
 6. Emerging from their third moult as adult lice, the female and slightly similar male begin to reproduce.
 7. Female lays first egg one or two days after mating.
 8. Female can lay approximately three to eight eggs per day for the next 16 days.
- Having lived 32 to 35 days the louse dies.

Treating head lice

- Concentrate on the head - there is no evidence that you need to clean the house or classroom.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications seven days apart.
- If you are using lotions, apply the product to dry hair.
- There is no need to treat the whole family, unless they also have head lice.
- Only the pillowcase requires specific laundering; either wash it in hot water (at least 60 degrees centigrade) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.
- There is no product available that prevents head lice. Using the conditioner and comb method once a week will help you detect any head lice early and minimise the problem. Tying back long hair can help prevent the spread of head lice.

Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be used.

CAMP RECOUNTS

Camp was incredible!! It was @ Cave Hill Creek. (the best place ever!!) We were glamping. On Tuesday we rode mountain bikes in the very heavy rain. We got SATURATED!! On the track there was an enormous puddle and I soared through it, I got Mr Hill a bit wet, actually saturated.

Riding was fun but low ropes were way better because you have to hold a rope and walk across wire and wobbly logs and stuff like that.

I was in a tent with Ben Packman, Samuel Price, Cody Glenn, Kaidyn Roberts and myself. It was awesome!! We slept in bunk beds. I was on a top bunk. It was the best thing ever!! It was so good that I could do it again, but with technology.

Best camp ever!!! By Codi WALMSLEY

On the first day of camp we went low roping and mountain biking. We were in two groups. One was the Echidnas and the and the Kangaroos. I was in the Echidnas group and our first activity was low roping. There were lots of hard obstacles that we had to get passed in a group.

In my group I was with Caitlyn and Kaidyn. There was one important job. It was the spotters. The spotters is where they had to make sure that the person that was on the ropes didn't fall off.

Then there was mountain biking. Sure the Echidnas went mountain biking, well we went mountain biking in the pouring rain! The track was really, really long and as soon as we had finished we had to do the whole thing all over again! Except we had to go the way that we came. When we finally finished I was relieved and ready to head to my tent. My tent buddies were Ruby C, Imogen, Sydney, Mia, Indi, Caitlyn and myself.

On the second day we had bouldering and abseiling. First for the Echidnas was bouldering. It was really hard. In this we also had to have a spotter. My spotter was Caitlyn. She was really fast.

When I had my turn I pulled a muscle. Then we went up a steep mountain to go abseiling. I didn't go all the way down. Abseiling is where you walk backward down a rock while feeding out the rope. It was a really, really, REALLY long way up and down. Next we had a delicious lunch, after, we had two more activities. Bush cooking and mapping.

My group went bush cooking. We cooked damper over a camp fire. Damper is just four mixed with water. To cook damper, you just find a long stick get a hand full of dough then you curl the dough around the end of your stick make sure cover the end so you don't burn it then you cook it over the fire. Cook until perfect then enjoy!

Then we went mapping. For mapping we had to be in a team. Your team had to gather all the letters so you could figure out the code. In my group I was with Ben and Logan.

The next day we went to Sovereign hill. It was really, really, REALLY busy. We went on a shopping spree. I bought a swirly lolly pop, a fan, two heart soaps and two marshmallows covered in chocolate.

Finally, we went home. I was exhausted! By Holly Q

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH—OCTOBER

The Southern Grampians has again been fortunate to receive a VicHealth grant to deliver the Walk to School program in 2018!

Walk to School month runs from the 8th October to the 2nd November, when all students are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot either all or part of the way to school as frequently as they can. For many of our pupils, this is impossible. We understand that for bus travellers or those who live too far for safe walking distances from school, it is an impossibility. We therefore concentrate our efforts into building our walking into our huff and puff program following morning assembly. We will walk as a whole school around the school grounds. This allows all children to participate (and to be in the running for spot prizes!).

Make sure you take the opportunity to do some additional walking together as a family throughout this period.



At the conclusion of our 'Walk to School' month, we shall draw out names for some lucky spot prizes. We have three travel umbrellas and all the children have their hopes up to win the Garmin vivofit junior.

Keep on walking!

Welcome to the Kinder to School transition program for this year. Merryn and Ms Ferrier have organised times for our program to begin. Initial visits will be with both Merryn and Alicia attending.

Term 4	
Wednesday November 14 th 9am-12pm	Children will eat play lunch here and stay for recess and play with the school children. Parent Information Session with our Parents Club.
Wednesday November 21 st 9am -1pm	Children will eat play lunch and stay for recess.
Thursday December 13 th 9am -3.30pm	A full day session. Children will require their fruit, play lunch and lunch food.

Can you help?

**For our Science/STEM classes this term Miss P is needing cardboard paper rolls/tubes. If you can start collecting them and send them in it would be greatly appreciated
(no toilet rolls thanks!!)**

FACEBOOK

We have been continually working on our school's Facebook page and checking with other schools for advice on their settings and policies. Our Facebook page will not replace our newsletter or website for key information but will simply be an additional source of information about what the children are doing each week.

The following is our introduction to our facebook page. We welcome families and friends to share our page but draw everyone's attention to our introductory message.

“Welcome to the Cavendish Primary School Facebook page. As the purpose of this page is for sharing information with our school community, staff will not respond to any questions or comments that are posted here. If you need to contact a staff member for any reason, please use the school phone number on 03 5574 2282 or our email - cavendish.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Please be mindful that all comments posted on our Facebook page are monitored and any that are inappropriate including private conversations between posters, abusive or offensive will be deleted and the poster may be removed from our page.”

Bushfire At-Risk Register - Schools



School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and/or SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.

- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days, families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website <http://cavendishps.vic.edu.au/> and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan. Immediate contact can be made through the school's phone number prior to any Code Red Day on (03) 55742282 or directly to the principal's mobile on 0402526258.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic))
- Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

Families are reminded that we have fresh chooks eggs for sale from our school chooks. \$3 per dozen or \$2 for a 1/2 dozen.



Birthdays for October

**Emily, Sam, Harry,
Millie, Justin,
Caitlyn & Mietta**

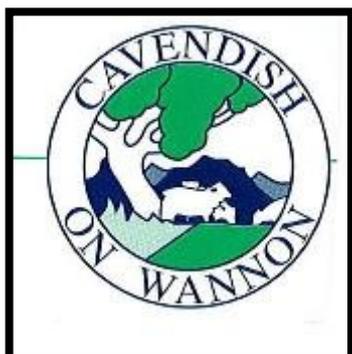


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Coates Electrical, Landmark-Hamilton, Hamilton Produce, LA Walkers Mitre 10, Coles Supermarket, Dunkeld & District Community Bank ®, Lions Club of Cavendish, Bunyip Hotel, Bridge Café, Toyworld, Cavendish Community Service, Tops n Tails and Catch of the Day

The Website **Catch of the Day** has generously given the school some vouchers as sponsorship. Logon on to catch.com.au to check out their specials.

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You can access our newsletters and look for upcoming events.

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