



## Issue 37

November 20, 2014

### Dates to remember:

**Friday, November 21, 28**

Prep Orientation 2.15pm

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Sovereign Hill for Grade KC

**Monday, December 1 to**

**Friday, December 12**

Swimming Program

**Friday, December 5**

Prep Orientation & Parent Information Session 2.15pm

**Tuesday, December 9**

Grade 6 Orientation Day  
Newcomb SC & Geelong High

**Wednesday, December 10**

Grade 6 Orientation- Geelong High only

**Thursday, December 11**

Grade 6 Graduation Night

### **Principal**

**Mr Barrie Speight**

### **School Council**

#### **President**

**Mr Eric Welsh**

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# News

## **IMPORTANT - End of EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance)**

As of 2015 the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) will no longer be provided to parents or schools by the state government to support disadvantaged students. Instead, funding will be provided to schools based on the schools SFO Index (Student Family Occupation). Whittington Primary School's SFO means we qualify for some funding. We have been informed that this change was made so Victoria would qualify for funding from the Commonwealth government's Better Schools (Gonski) program. We are awaiting advice from the Department as to how to manage this situation. We will inform you as soon as we have been advised ourselves. The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

## **Assembly Change — Strings Performance**

Next week, on Friday 28th November, the school assembly will be starting at 9.15am. A special performance is planned by the students from our 'Strings' program. Students will play a few pieces they have been practicing on their violins and cellos. All families and friends are welcome to come along to enjoy the performance.



## **Enrolments for 2015**

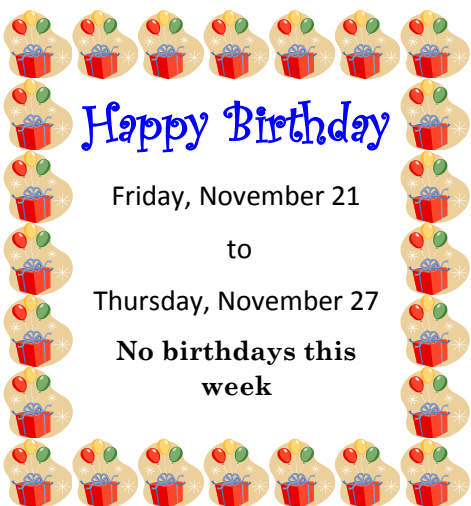
New enrolments are still being accepted at this stage for next year. If you or any family or friends are yet to enrol students for 2015, please encourage them to make contact with us as soon as possible. Parents, family and friends are welcome to arrange a tour of the school to see our fantastic program, facilities and students at work.

The next Prep transition visit is tomorrow afternoon from 2.15—3.15pm.

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# Newsletter



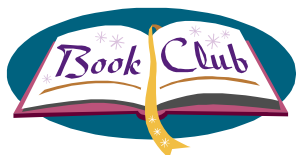


## Happy Birthday

Friday, November 21  
to  
Thursday, November 27  
**No birthdays this week**

### Book Club

Orders are due back by tomorrow, Friday, November 21.



### Swimming Reminder

All parents are reminded that swimming permission notes and money are now overdue. If you haven't yet returned your child's note and money (\$15), please organise this with the office as soon as possible. It is important that all students participate.



### Active After School Program Term 4

Monday-Multi Sports

Tuesday-Wheelchair Sports  
(not in wheelchairs) with  
Richard Coleman

Thursday- Just Brass Band  
3.15pm-5.30pm

### Reading Award

Congratulations to all of these students from Grade HD for their great effort in reading for many nights.



### Attendance Award



Grade JM won the Attendance award for the week. Randall and Luok received the awards.

### Principal's Award

Congratulations to Ryan Zahra who was the winner of the last weeks Principal's Award. Ryan received his award for consistently displaying the three school values and always trying his best in everything that he does.



### End of Year Activities

**Big Day Out @ Barwon Valley Fun Park** - Wednesday 17th December

**Cupcake Fundraiser** - information and order forms for delicious chocolate and vanilla cupcakes will be sent home soon

**Christmas Hamper Raffle** - donations are being collected at the office

**Whittington Market Day** - Thursday 18th December 12.00 - 2.30pm - includes a family BBQ and free coffee van

**Christmas Carols @ the Final Assembly** - all classes will perform a Christmas Carol at the final assembly for the year straight after the Market Day BBQ.

