Building works
The heavy rain had some interesting effects on the science building last week where it had been demolished, but this has now been rectified. I am sure all in the community welcomed the great rainfall, despite some inconveniences. The demolition is nearly complete and work continues on the new music space. I will be posting a date and times for a school “garage” sale, as we prepare to empty the next of the old buildings ready for asbestos removal over the holiday break.
We took delivery on Friday of a container to be used for Drama costume storage, closer to the drama room.
Privacy Policy:
I remind parents of the Department of Education privacy policy. It can be found at: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx
Schools hold a variety of information about students. All school staff can, and must, share information about a student with other staff who ‘need to know’ that information to enable the school to:

1. **educate** the student (including to plan for individual needs or address barriers to learning)
2. **support** the student’s social and emotional wellbeing and health
3. **fulfil legal** obligations, including to:
   • take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm to the student, other students, staff or visitors (duty of care)
   • make reasonable adjustments for a student’s disability (anti discrimination law)
   • provide a safe and secure workplace (occupational health and safety law).

We share information for these purposes, and within these guidelines. As parents, you need to be aware that this occurs, but also that we operate within strict guidelines. If you have concerns that information has been misused, you should contact myself at school. If you still have concerns after this, you should contact the Department of Education.

School Council – Student Elections:
I have had a few nominations for students council members. There is one position available, and students will be required to attend the 8 council meetings held throughout the year. If there are any students who still wish to be considered for nomination, please see Ms Broom ASAP.

School Council – Parent Elections:
At this stage, we will not be required to run a ballot, but I am keen to still take nominations. The council AGM will be held on Monday 16th March at 6pm. All are welcome to attend the AGM.

FAMILY SUPPORT
We experienced a period of unprecedented bushfire and extreme weather events across Victoria. Many members of our community have been impacted by the bushfires in different ways.
Support is being offered to help those of our students affected by the bushfires in the Local Government Areas of Alpine, Indigo, Towong, Wangaratta and Wodonga, to return to school at the beginning of Term 1 2020.
Families that have been impacted during the current bushfire season can receive assistance for each student family member to cover the cost of uniforms including school shoes, books and stationery, and other essential school items.
Support is available to all students whose families have been impacted by:
• Loss of family home - $1200    OR
• Loss of income through volunteering to fight bushfires - $500    OR
• Loss of livelihood/income caused by bushfires - $500.

**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund - bushfire affected areas payment**
$5 million in funding will be used to extend the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to all eligible primary and secondary government and non-government school students living in one of the three most-affected local government areas - Alpine, Indigo, Towong, Wangaratta and Wodonga. The funding will provide $375 to all students in these areas.
Support will be available without means-test criteria for the same three reasons as above. Access for the local government areas (LGAs) below will be based on the same clear and targeted eligibility criteria as the three reasons above.
If you have been impacted, please complete the appropriate support request form and return it to the school. Please note that families will be asked to confirm their eligibility for this support.
With kind regards,
Patricia Broom - Principal
GETTING KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL – STATE SCHOOLS’ RELIEF

Students in families impacted by volunteering or loss of income

Every government school student whose family has been financially impacted during the current bushfire season can receive assistance with the cost of their return to school at the beginning of Term 1 2020.

This support covers uniform items including school shoes, books and stationery, and other essential items for school. The amount of this support is $500 for each student.

Families have a choice of one of the following two options for receiving this support:

Option 1: uniform package to the value of $500 OR

Option 2: uniform items to the value of $250 plus voucher for school items to the value of $250

SCHOOL CONFIRMATION OF CFA MEMBERSHIP OR LOSS OF INCOME IS REQUIRED

Parent / guardian request

Name:
Address:
Contact number:
Email address:

Choice (please tick one option)

Option 1
Option 2

Student(s) details

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Parent / Guardian

Signature:
Date:

To be completed by school: CFA membership or loss of income has been confirmed

School
Principal

Signature:
Date:
House Swimming Carnival

Well done to everyone for their participation and effort at the House swimming carnival. Overall the winning house was Bogong, with Buffalo second and Hotham third! Congratulations also to our age group champions. It was a fun day!

Age Group Champions

13Yr Female Champion - KLIMPSCH, Mia BOGO
13Yr Male Champion - TAYLOR, Billy HOTH
14Yr Female Champion - TAYLOR, Matilda HOTH
14Yr Male Champion - COX, Tyson BOGO
15Yr Female Champion - ROCHOW, Jasmine BUFF
15Yr Male Champion - SAVAGE, Logan BUFF
16Yr Female Champion - CROPLEY, Arwen BOGO
16Yr Male Champion - EATON, Liam BUFF
17Yr Female Champion - JAMES, Erica BOGO
17Yr Male Champion - DUNKLEY, Travis HOTH
Our Yr 9 Woodwork class have been busy working on their latest project - bird boxes for the fire affected areas. A lot of researching and planning went into designing the type, shape and size of their boxes for their chosen birds. Bird Life Australia will now collect the boxes to distribute to the different areas. Well done Yr 9! We are sure the birds will appreciate their new shelters.

**Yr 9 Woodwork**

Our two dragon boat teams: Api Naga (junior team) and The Instructables (staff team) took to the water at Gateway Lakes last weekend to get in some much needed practice before the Brave Hearts Community Regatta on the 22nd of March. It didn't take us long to get the hang of paddling and timing before we started to make the boat really fly. If you would like to come and watch us battle it out against other community teams we would love a cheer squad! Thanks to the Brave Hearts Dragon Boat Club for helping us out over the two days. We can't wait for race day!

**Dragon Boat Training**


REGENERATE

OPEN MIC + WOODFIRED PIZZA
FUNDRAISING MONEY FOR BLAZE AID

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ALL AGES, FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

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For further info email regenerate3747@gmail.com
Fully supervised, drug/alcohol/smoke free event
RAINBOW BALL

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18.04.20
5PM - 10PM
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When: Tuesday 16 March, 6.00pm
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or phone 04 6024 9727
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BIKE DECORATION COMPETITION

The Committee of the Beechworth Golden Horseshoes Festival invites all Community Members and visitors who own a push bike to decorate it and enter the competition.

Sunday 12th April is the date of the competition.

There are two groups in the competition:-
Child (up to 15 years)
Adult (15 years +)

Prizes for each group:
$100.00  Best decorated bike
$ 50.00  Runner up
$ 30.00  Encouragement award

SPONSOR: M.I. Freeman Stores.

Email: horseshoesfestival@gmail.com for an entry form to be emailed to you.

Golden Horseshoes Festival Committee

Breakfast Club Volunteers!

I am looking for some enthusiastic Breakfast Club student volunteers to help out every now and then on a Thursday morning before school. The main roles would be: cooking toasties, preparing the fruit boxes, making hot drinks (during the colder months) and cleaning up at the end.

There is a sign up sheet in the library (just ask the friendly library staff) so please write your name down and be a part of the awesome breakfast club team :)

Sarah Williams - School Nurse