PRINCIPALS REPORT
The end of Term 1, and we haven’t had time to scratch ourselves.
What a fun action packed term it’s been, with much diversity;
Swimming Sports, Foster show, Choir singing, Aths Sports, World Prayer
Day, Tennis, Leadership Conference and Great Southern Portrait Painting (happening this week).
Congratulations to everyone involved in this week’s Athletics Sports. I
am extremely proud of the school spirit and support that is generated
by this sporting event. The sportsmanship demonstrated by each of
our participating students, not only for their team mates but support
for students in other houses, is commendable.
Thank you to our staff members for your dedication and support of the
Athletics sports especially Ali Wogan-Browne as Sports coordinator.

Last night the AGM of School Council was held. The office bearers for
2012 were elected. The Finance policy, Investment policy and Annual
Financial Commitment Statement were endorsed. School Council
acknowledged 2011 had been a busy, productive and rewarding year.
The school wishes to thank retiring Council member Mr Danny Jenkins
for his support over the last year and also welcome the new and
ongoing members to school council for 2012.

School Council 2012
President: Tracey Van Kuyk  Vice President: Kathryn Brown
Secretary: Kerry Corcoran  Parent Reps: Kelly Koolen, Tania Cook
Parents’ Club Rep: Kathryn Brown
Department Reps: Kerry Corcoran
Co-Opted Community Member: Marzia Maurilli
Executive Officer: Barb Purvis

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM - NEWS
Our Student Leadership met this morning to evaluate Term 1:
• Leadership Conference at Korumburra was a great experience to
get ideas and learn things about leadership.
• Athletics Sports was fun. Everyone did their best and achieved
highly with ribbons and teamwork. Leadership team are very
proud of our school behaviour at the sports. Everyone was a
good sport. Leadership team feel disappointed that not every
student attended the sports.
• Foster Show was great with lots of Artwork on display from
students of our school.
• It was great to have the leadership speeches and elections
completed before the end of Term 1.
• “Buddies” provides opportunities to get to know younger
students better.
• Tennis workshops were really good, with students able to gain
valuable skills.

2012 CALENDAR
March
30th   Out of Uniform Day - gold coin donation
30th   Term 1 Ends

April
16th   Term 2 starts
19th   Auskick Clinic Prep-Grade 3
20th   Central District Squad Athletics –SGSC
25th   ANZAC Day holiday

May
15th-17th NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5
25th   District Cross Country

June
08th   Curriculum Day - Pupil Free
11th   Queens Birthday Public Holiday
12th   Division Cross Country
26th   Parent Teacher Interviews
29th   Term 2 Ends

School Office Hours
8.30am—4.00pm (Wednesdays unattended)

Absences - Phone the office or write in your Child’s
communication book

Lunch Orders
Every Wednesday - order must be in by 9:15am

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Last Day of Term 1 – Early Dismissal
The last day of Term 1 will be Friday March 30th. A
whole school assembly will be held at 2.15pm in the
project space with students being dismissed at 2.30pm.
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This is an area of great frustration for all involved! We have had reports of head lice in our school community again. The only way that we can really get on top of this problem is if everyone checks their children's hair at the same time, and treats the problem if lice are found. The school holidays are a really good time to do this. Please do your bit and ensure your children return to school lice free in Term 2.

STUDENT FUNDRAISING LEADERS LAUNCH STRAIGHT INTO AN EASTER FUNDRAISER
Our Fundraising leaders are running a student raffle with 5 prizes - tickets 50c each. They are also running two “Guess the number of eggs/lollies in a jar” - 20c per guess.

Students are invited to purchase tickets or guess right up to Friday 30th March. The prizes will be drawn at our final term assembly Friday 30th March.

OUT OF UNIFORM / CRAZY HAIR/ HEADWEAR DAY
Friday 30th March will be an out of uniform day for all students with a crazy hair or headwear theme. This is a student fundraiser and will be a Gold coin donation.

UNIFORM ITEMS
The following families have Uniform items awaiting collection from the school office:

- Benton, Rip
- Tanner, Guligo, Paola, Hewson and Brewer

The next uniform order form will go home in the first week of Term 2. Orders MUST be accompanied by payment before we can order items.

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Korumburra Swimming Sports
I swam as fast as I could to catch up, my team mate’s cheering was not heard over the sound of my heart pumping with adrenalin. My heart was still pumping a million miles an hour as I got out of the pool, we didn’t win but we still tried our best.

My first race was an excellent race because my whole relay team tried their hardest and we got a position. We started off as people that didn’t really have any idea of how good we all were but it all worked out in the end.

My second race didn’t go so well but we still tried our hardest.
Overall the day was excellent and I hope to go again!
By Ashley Hewson

The Swimming Sports
One Thursday 1st March, Ashley Hewson and I went to Korumburra. We had to swim for Toora School. When we got there it started to rain. When I started to race I had butterflies in my tummy. When my team mate came down I swam my little heart out. My team came fifth.

It was the best day.
By Brittany Viney-Walker

THANK YOU GRADE 2/3 STUDENTS
The students of Grade 2 & 3 spent some time on Wednesday collecting sticks and stones from around the school fence-line so that mowing contractor Les Osborne, could mow closer to the fence. Well Done Grade 2/3

They are pictured below with their HUGE stack of sticks.

MEET OUR NEWEST ADDITION
At the student Leadership Conference held at Korumburra last Thursday, Elli Clavarino’s name was drawn as a winner of one of the lucky door prizes. Elli has won a Penguin for our school from the Penguin Foundations “Adopt a Penguin” program. We don’t have particulars...name, age, weight etc yet, but we will keep everyone informed as soon as we know more details.
OFFICIAL OPENING OF LEARNING STONES PROJECT AT KORUMBURRA PS
On Friday 23rd March Principal Barb Purvis and students; Tamzin Kennedy-Watterson, Lilly Gulligo, Seth Tanner and Jacob Cecchini attended the official opening of the “Learning Stones” project at Korumburra Primary School.

The “Learning Stones” project is similar to other projects developing in South Gippsland schools and is connected to our “Big Rock” at Toora Primary School. The projects have been initiated by our Koori Support Officer, John Murray, which have developed and taken off throughout South Gippsland.

The focus of this project is to create a special meeting and safe place within our school ground and in the grounds of other connected schools. This safe place will celebrate Koori culture and traditions and help develop an indigenous understanding of connection to the land. This special place will also provide a space for outdoor learning and other forms of more diverse cultural engagement. This special safe place will also serve as a connecting point between Koori culture and other cultures within the school and community. It will also provide a collaborative focus for various students, agencies, community groups and schools to interconnect both on a daily basis and for special cultural events. This special place will also be used as a spiritual, safe, harmonious space for all students and our school community. It is anticipated that the space will develop its own spiritual significance for all members of the school community.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Members of the year 6 leadership team Elli, Rochelle, Cody and Leah arrived at the Korumburra showgrounds excited to learn. We were there to learn how to become better leaders and help improve our school. We sat in our seats and held a booklet and pen and listened to the hosts Mason and Andy, but later on Kate and Rachel came on stage.

At the start they introduced themselves and told us how the day was going to work, also the timetable of the day. We all got straight into our work, we were learning our School Bus Leadership Principles. They are being Observant, Take Opportunities, More Forward, Set goals and impact others.

After that we learnt to lead like a strawberry not a watermelon. Some people lead like a watermelon because they are nice on the inside but mean, grumpy and not nice to people on the outside. They don’t act the same on the inside as the outside. But leading like a strawberry means you are nice, kind, funny and responsible on the outside and also the inside.

We did this activity called ‘The Amazing Race’. You had to go around the room and introduce yoursef to people. Then you had to ask them a question like find someone who has their birthday in the same month as you, find someone who lives more than an hour from where we were. You weren’t allowed to ask people from your school. At the end a Marine Biologist came and talked about his life and about sea creatures. They told us to grab our dreams and run with them. It was a really fun day, we all got a lot out of it.

By Elli and Rochelle

A REMINDER: Please complete and return the BLUE CARD that was attached to last week’s newsletter.