Thursday Newsletter this week:
Kirsten was attending a training day yesterday and so the Newsletter needed to be delayed until today. We should be back to Wednesdays next week.

School Council:
I am pleased to advise that I received three nominations for the three council positions and so no election is required. I can declare the following people elected to council for a two-year period:

- Andrew Curnow
- Garry Freemantle
- Tony Bellenger

I wish to thank these parents for their willingness to engage in the life of the school in this way and I look forward to working with council in the year ahead.

Parents and Friends:
The group had the AGM this morning, which included the election of office bearers for this year. Carmen Scull was elected president, Tara Alexander secretary and Fiona Curnow (TBC) as treasurer. I want to take this opportunity to thank Jane for her contribution over the last few years and to welcome Carmen to the job for this year. The group has many plans for this year and I would encourage each parent to consider if they might be able to attend either regularly or for the life an individual project. Leigh.

Other P&F notes:
- Raffle tickets are attached for families to sell for the Easter Raffle with this newsletter
- Easter donations need to be sent to school for the Raffle, can be any Easter related item (not necessarily chocolate).
- Cook books are still available for sale, and if any parents are able to take them to their workplace or sporting groups to sell/take orders - please let us know.
- Still looking for more P & F members from the school community to help with fund raising and catering.
- Second hand uniforms are still available from the school cupboard.

School captain
After discussions between staff and the SRC, it was decided that we would proceed with appointing a school captain. There was some discussion about having two, but as we are a small school, it was felt that one might be better for the moment.

I am very pleased to announce that after a very close election, Isabelle Curnow (Y6) has been elected to the position for 2016. Isabelle has the qualities and support of her peers to act in this role and I look forward to the extra leadership that this position will bring to the school.
**52 Story Tree House**
The Loddon Shire Council has kindly arranged to take students in the Shire to the theatre production of *52 Story Tree House* which is a play based on the book of the same name by Andy Griffiths.

This excursion will be next Thursday, 17th March. The big school bus will leave shortly after 9am and students will travel to the Bendigo Aquatic Centre where they will be free to either swim or to play on the grass. Morning tea and lunch will be provided and served while we are at the pool.

We will then make our way to Ulumburra Theatre for the play to commence at 1.30pm. The bus will then return students to the school prior to the end of the school day.

The very special part about this amazing program is that it is entirely funded by the Shire and there is no cost to parents.

**4-6 Classroom:**
Students have been gradually building the pieces towards writing a good narrative. We have looked at opening sentences and the orientation, character profiles and most recently we have experimented with ways to build tension. The quality of the work has been exceptional and I think we are all looking forward to putting it all together in a story. Parents could ask about how to build tension to check understanding.

We are currently working on our 7 times table and will start 8 times table next week. Students need to practise these as much as possible and, if possible, should have a quick run through each night at home.

**F-3 Classroom:**
This week, we have been discussing different cause and effect scenarios such as the cause of milk being spilt, and we have begun work on writing persuasive texts. The students have to ‘talk us into it’ each time they want to do something, to develop their ability to think of persuasive arguments. Their explanations have been both convincing and humorous and have shown they are considering different viewpoints. We hope they will continue to do this at home, so don’t be afraid to ask them to ‘talk you into it’ if they want something.

An exciting thing happened on Monday, of which we are sure you have already heard. Our Science experiment of incubating chicken eggs has provided us with a clutch of 10 fluffy chicks and the students couldn’t be more excited. We will be exploring what they will look like as they grow, as well as the final life stages of the mealworms.

**Cluster Cross Country**
Our annual Cluster Cross Country event is on next week Friday 18th March—one week to go. This is for Grades 3-6 students with a possibility of some special invitation being given to some eligible students (by age) who are in Grade 2. These parents will be contacted individually.

We again seek parent to help us with transport and to also assist with some marshalling during the event. Please let me know if you are able to help.
Crazy Hair Day for the Leukemia Foundation

When: Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} March 11am-1pm.

Where: Tarnagulla PS

What: We’ll help you create a Crazy hairdo and you will participate in an art activity; environ activity; maybe something yummy.

Cost: Gold coin donation. (\textit{But other donations are also welcome!})

Receipts available)

Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun (\textit{and help out?})