As we wrap up the 2015 school year, there are a few people that need to be thanked. This school doesn’t function effectively without their contribution.

School Councillors
Thanks for the time and effort you have put into our school improvement initiatives.

Parent Helpers
Too many to list but your work in the Library, on our grounds, in classrooms, uniform, assisting on special days like Fathers’ & Mothers’ Day, on camps and excursions (to name a few) is wonderful.

Volunteers
Administration - Judy Sutherland, Library - Norma Phillips and Lyn Elliott

Parents & Friends
To all who were able to chip in. A special thanks to retiring organisers Allison Vickers & Jodie Frisch for their terrific contributions and a thank you in advance to Kezia Calvert for stepping up as President for 2016.

Students and Staff
These people make even bad days seem good. There is a great spirit at our school.

Staffing
In 2016, we welcome back Ben Raidme and Penny Harry (nee Burke). It will be great to have them back. We also send our best wishes to departing teachers Bronwyn Jennings, Sophie Edwards and Tim Goodwin. Bronwyn is taking up a position at Surf Coast Secondary College. Bigger students to deal with!! Sophie and Tim are both going to explore their options. There’s a big world out there, waiting to be discovered. Thanks to the three of you for your excellent contributions to our school. All of us wish you all the best.

Labelling Student Equipment
Preps – everything is shared so please don’t put names on. Years 1 and 2 – Only grey lead pencils and glue sticks are shared so everything else can be named. Years 3 to 6 – Everything can be named as students look after their own items. Uniforms and lunch boxes – names, names, names please.

Graduation
Our year six graduates celebrated their primary school lives at Lyndon Grove Receptions on Monday night. They had a terrific night and looked great. Special congratulations to School Principal Scholarship winners Ella T, Amos V, Claire M and Georgia V. Congratulations to Harri I, who was awarded the Corangamite Medal by Federal member for Corangamite Ms Sarah Henderson for his services to the school ground. Congratulations to Bill H who was awarded the Performing Arts Scholarship.

Finally, congratulations to all our departing Year 6 students. Thanks for letting us be a part of your lives for seven years.

Good luck to you all…Seize The Day.

Have a great Christmas and New Year to all. Be safe and be kind.

Steve Durkin
Stay Informed - it's your responsibility

Summer is here with all indicators suggesting there is an above normal potential for fire across most of Victoria. It is important that you understand the different warnings and advice that may be issued by Emergency Services during this time. During the summer, it is up to you to stay informed.

Where to find Warnings and Advice

- Local News: Local ABC, commercial and community radio and Sky News
- Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL): 1800 240 667
- Online: [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au)
- Social Media: Twitter @CFA_Updates and Facebook [facebook.com/cfavic](http://facebook.com/cfavic)
- Translation and Interpretation: 131 450
- National Relay Service: 1800 555 677

Understanding Warnings & Advice

There are three different levels of warnings

- **Advice**: An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions.
- **Watch and Act**: An emergency is heading towards you. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect yourself and your family.
- **Emergency Warning**: You are in imminent danger and need to take action now. You will be impacted.

The warning level is based on incident conditions and impact on the community, therefore the first warning issued could be an Emergency Warning - the highest level of warning.

Do not rely on receiving an official warning to leave. Fires can start quickly and threaten homes and lives within minutes.

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Moriac Community Health

Winchelsea Medical Clinic will be offering the following GP & PODIATRY sessions for 2016 - (commencing the week of Jan 18th and Feb 1st)

- Monday afternoon: Dr David Conron (2-4pm)
- Tuesday morning: Dr Tim Lowe (8.30am-12pm)
- Tuesday afternoon: Dr Davor Sepetavc

Monday morning: Heather Game (PODIATRIST) will commence on the 1st of February 2016.

Please contact Winchelsea Medical Centre for further information and/or appointments – 5267 1268