The grade 3-6 students will be involved in LAP testing over the coming weeks. The LAP test is completed online in conjunction with Melbourne University. The school has been involved in this partnership with the university for a few years now. The purpose of the testing is to measure children’s reading comprehension. There is a range of graded tests and based on a range of different evidence, the teacher chooses the appropriate test for each student. The students complete the reading tasks, which are sent to the university, and the resultant information about the students is sent back to the teachers within 24hrs. The information we receive places the students on a reading development scale. This scale helps the teachers to make judgments about where to go with each student’s reading instruction. When we receive the results, the university provides us with a comparison to the student’s previous results in March so that we can see the amount of growth each student has made.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you understand that this test is just another piece of evidence the teachers use to inform their teaching. When planning, the teachers put all their evidence & knowledge together and get a complete picture of your child’s reading ability. We are very clear with the children that it is NOT a big deal, just another piece of evidence.

The LAP testing is one of the areas that parents who attended the George Otero evening recently, wanted to know more about, so we will make a time for interested families to come and find out more.

Father,
Thank you for making the whole world come alive again after the long winter.

Thank you for the joy I felt today when I saw flowers about to open. Each yellow and white and orange flower is a gift from you.

Thank you for showing your love through the beautiful things you have made. Amen
DAD’S NIGHT

What a great experience we had at school on Friday night with nearly 80 families coming along to share an evening of inventing, imagination and fun. The fundraising committee needs to be congratulated on their imagination in suggesting and organising this evening celebrating Father’s Day. We are not really sure whether the most fun was had by the children or their dads. During the evening we asked family groups to create an arcade game from cardboard and bits of rubbish. We could not have imagined the creations that emerged after an hour of work. We have a multipurpose room full of pinball machines, ball games, skill activities and competitions and you should have a look at over the next 2 days if you can find the time. We thank every person who came along for his or her enthusiasm, support and sense of fun during the evening. Thank you to the fundraising group for all their hard work in making the night such a success.

Can you help?
Rob needs a clever “chippy”
To help build a timber frame for our concert. See Rob if you can help.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Sunshine United’s Junior teams are looking for players for next season for under 11 through to under 17 players. There is a yellow flyer at the office with all the information.

I.T NEWS
App of the week…
CLOCK MASTER
Another free one to download from the App Store.

The I.T handy hint for the week is…
It is a good idea to regularly back up the data on your computer. It is easy to do with an external hard drive which is quite inexpensive.

Save the Date!

Just a reminder that there is NO ASSEMBLY on Friday. Next assembly is on Friday 13th run by Gr 4

Thursday 5th Sept 2.30 – 4.15 Grade 5/6 Inquiry Expo in the MP Room
Friday 6th Sept : Grade 2 Sleepover at school
Friday 6th Sept : Athletic Sports Day at Keilor Park Athletics Track.
Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th Sept : Grade 3/4. Camp at Doxa
Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th Sept : Last days of Active After School Sports
Friday 13th Sept : Grade 4 Assembly
Thursday 10th October : School Concert “Come Fly With Us”. Rehearsals for this great night are well and truly underway. Information about tickets will be coming home soon.