Once again we attended the Frances Folk Festival Education Day and must I say I was extremely proud of our beautiful group of students. Like usual they displayed perfect behaviour and I had quite a few adults comment on this to me. Well Done students.

Last week School Council nomination forms were sent home. We have two parent positions available. If you know of a parent who maybe interested in coming on school council and need more information, please don’t hesitate to contact me. The School Councils AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th March 8pm at school.

Our MARC Van teacher Mr Vaughan is taking long service leave next term and he will be replaced by Mr Rob Woods. Mr Woods has been teaching at Horsham West Primary School for a number of years and is looking forward to the new challenge. We hope Mr Vaughan has a well deserved break and we look forward to hearing about his travels when he returns.

Last Friday six of our senior students participated in the Kowree swimming sports at Goroke. We didn't have the best swimming conditions, but the students tried their best and put in a huge effort. Thank you to Mignon for once again driving the bus and Olivia for going with the other students to the Goroke school. It was also nice to have Mrs P come along for the day.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 16th March. A booking sheet was sent home earlier this week and included with this newsletter is the timetable indicating what families have what time slot. If you are still keen to book a time please contact the school. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child/children’s progress.

Don’t forget the Lorraine Lea Linen Party tonight that is being organised by the parent club as a fundraiser. Hope to see you all there!

Tanya Turner
On Friday 27th February we went to the Folk Festival. We did ukulele playing, art with Mrs Wallis, bush dancing, making songs and singing. We all split up in groups.

In the Frances pub we did the ukulele. The man who was teaching us was called Michael Jackson. The ukuleles were all different colours. Michael sang and played Achy Breaky heart and an Elvis Presley song. Everyone enjoyed it.

We all gathered around the table to get ready to paint on a big strip of paper. Everyone grabbed a brush and painted in heaps of colours. Every group got a title word like I wish, I hope and you had to write what you wished for or hope for. Everyone loved the murals hanging up with all the others.

Then we did some bush dancing. First we listened to all the instruments. Everyone had to dance with everyone. The dancing was interesting and made people sweat.

The final two activities were singing with Mr Gherardin and Dave. We composed our own songs. Then we had to sing them. It was fun.

At the end of the day we had a concert to show what we had done. We all enjoyed the day and we made heaps of new friends. By Brooke, Erin and Eloise

A special thank you to Mignonne for driving the bus and to Sally for coming along and watching the children.

The Apsley Primary School Parents Club are holding a Lorraine Lea Linen Party as a fundraiser. This will be held tonight at 7pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend to view the latest linen range. If you are unable to make it and would like to place an order, catalogues are located at the Apsley Post Office, Border Inn and school.
On Friday the 6th March we went to Goroke. Alex, Matthew, Luke, Hamish and Olivia went to the school, while the rest of us went to the pool for the Kowree Swimming Sports. It was a really cold day and we needed five blankets to keep us warm because we were going in and out of the water. We won a few ribbons. In the first relay we came 4th and in the second one we came 5th. For lunch we got sausages and hamburgers. In the handicap Goroke won, but overall Balmoral won. We had a really fun time. The kids at Goroke did too. By Darcy Ewer

Thank you to Mignonne for driving the bus and Mrs P, Sally and Mission and Jenni for coming and cheering the students along.

We went to Goroke P-12 College. We went and did three activities. The first one was we had to watch a short video about fruit salad and we then tried a range of fruits. The second activity was meditation. There was one exercise that we did to calm our minds. Thirdly we did yoga with Olivia. We had recess and all played on the playground. We also played in the sandpit. After lunch we played sports in the gym. Overall the day was pretty good because we got to make new friends and see other classrooms.

By Hamish

Please note there are no photos of these activities as apparently they were having too much fun to take any!
**Jazz and Hip Hop Classes for ages 3-18 years**

4 Separate classes catering for all ages

Weekly payment available for first term

Classes start Wednesday 15th of April @ the Show Pavilion Hall

Bookings essential
Please contact Christina on
0459 077 203
or email christina-jenkin@hotmail.com

**Apsley Primary School Reunion**

Apsley Primary School celebrates 50 years of it’s official opening on site this year. A small committee has been formed, but we are still seeking more committee members to assist with the planning and organising of this celebration. A meeting will be held on Monday 23rd March 7pm. If you are interested in attending please contact the school.

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**The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold accident insurance for school students.** The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents seek assistance on this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online if you are considering seeking a policy. It is the decision of parents whether or not they take out an accident insurance policy for their student(s). Attached is a flyer from EBM Insurance Brokers that outlines the cover they offer.

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**School Uniforms**

Some parents were inquiring about school uniforms. We now have larger sizes in stock. If you would like to purchase something please send in your order and money and I will send the garments home. Prices are

- Polo Top short sleeve - $12.00 (size 14)
- Jumper - $15.00 (size 14)

Please note that all our uniform prices have gone up a little due to a price increase on the products as well as the postage.

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**Cleaning Up Our Part of Australia**

Today the students took part in “Clean Up Australia Day”. A special thanks goes to Mr Bruce for organising this activity. It was great to see the students working with community members to do our bit for our little town. The morning finished off with a BBQ lunch, which was enjoyed by all.

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**Thank you**

A special thank you goes out to Joan and Warren Stephens for donating a huge box of apples for the children which they have been eating daily. We also used them in our cooking session on Wednesday to make apple turnovers!