**Sports For Schools Equipment**

**THE BACKYARD BARD!**

The Backyard Bard is a Christian Theatre Company that specializes in Biblical Storytelling. Their mission is to help all people to engage with the incredible stories of God’s Word—to enjoy them, to share them and most importantly, to come to know the God revealed by them.

They are passionately dedicated to taking God’s stories to a world that increasingly has never heard them. Since 2002, the Backyard Bard has had the privilege of bringing the power of Biblical Storytelling to churches, universities, schools and arts festivals across Australia. It is all about bringing the Bible to life... The Bible is God’s living and active Word. Biblical Storytelling is about connecting with these dramatic and living stories, committing them to memory and sharing them with the passion that they deserve. Have a look at the website for samples www.theBackyardBard.com

Backyard Bard is coming to the Castlemaine Church of Christ, 66 Blakeley Road, on Sunday 29th May.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP WITH SIMON CAMILLERI & BACKYARD BARD

Simon Camilleri will be bringing a dramatized presentation of the Book of Philippians in the 10.30am morning service, then holding a Workshop in the afternoon from 1pm—4pm. This is an exciting opportunity for students to be involved and a great preparation for Student Convention to be held later this year.

Cost is $15 per person and please let Mr Chapman know of your interest in attending.

**The Year 5-6 class are in Canberra**

**YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS**

Thank you to the families who have returned the Year 7 immunisation forms. If you still have them at home please return them to the office. Also, if you do not wish your child to be immunized please sign the “NO” section on the back of the form and return asap. Thank you.

**SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**

Well, the day we have all been waiting for has arrived. The Sports for Schools equipment was delivered this week, which we are very grateful for. Thanks again to all who contributed by collecting Coles vouchers. It is for this effort that the school received a new touch football and a bag of indoor hockey sticks. I hope that the students will gain new skills and experiences as they utilise this equipment.

Mr Steel

**YEAR 5 and 6 CANBERRA TRIP**

Apart from the chilly mornings (around – 3 degrees!) the students and staff are having a wonderful and busy time. Visits to both Parliament Houses, seeing Ms Gillard and Mr Abbott in Question time following the Budget, Questacon, Australian War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, Botanic Gardens and much more. The group will be returning home tomorrow evening.

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the HARRISON HORDERN JOHNSTON and KELLY Families.

**WELCOME** to Maddison Kelly who started in Year 8 this week.
CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN
Gamma and Delta students will be running in the interschool cross country run to be held at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens this coming Tuesday.

The Year 3’s begin the activities at 10 am with other Year levels to follow, and everyone will be back at school for the afternoon session.

Students will need to wear their sports uniform, good running sneakers and clothes appropriate for the weather ie. a warm jacket. A water bottle should be brought along with any necessary medications.

There is a need for parent help on the day to assist with marshalling, track supervision and recording. If you are willing and available to help with the event please let Mr Geoff Treloar know.

PERMISSION FORM FOR FUN RUN
I give permission for ______________________ to travel by bus and participate in the interschool cross country run on Tuesday May 17 at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens.

Signed _______________________

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT
“The Living Room” Youth Service:- by the young people for the young people Castlemaine Church of Christ Friday 20th May 7pm.
Come along to experience worship, encouraging testimonies, fun and friendship with supper to follow.