

NEWSLETTER 28 March 2023

Dates for your Diary

Parent Teacher Interviews 27 March - 6 April

MAR	Thu	30	Music/Italian	Fri	31	Swimming
APRIL	Mon	3	Smile Squad	Wed	5	Library
	Wed	5	Smile Squad	Thu	6	Music/Italian
	Thu	6	Smile Squad	Thu	6	BBQ lunch 12:15pm
	Thu	6	End Term 1 (2:30pm dismissal)			
TERM 2						
APRIL	Mon	24	Term 2 commences	Mon	24	Greta Cemetery 9:45am
	Mon	24	Art	Tue	25	ANZAC Day (no school)
	Thu	27	Music/Italian			

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

Student of the Week

Our congratulations go to the following who have recently received a Student of the Week award:

Orlando - always showing our school values

Sophie - resilience and perseverance

Ted - being determined in writing and NAPLAN

Tom - practicing his reading and spelling at home

Murphy - enthusiasm and determination

Shannon - exemplifying positive behaviours

Book Club

Just a reminder to ensure you select your child's class when ordering book club through LOOP. All classes are listed on the app.



Cooking

A wonderful session was had by our Grade 5/6's last week at cooking dishes made included hot cross buns, carrot slice, cous cous, pasta with roast pumpkin, cheese biscuit, silverbeet slice and chocolate and beetroot muffins.



ANZAC Day Service - Greta Cemetery

Our Grade 5/6 students will be leading the annual ANZAC Day ceremony at the Greta Cemetery once again this year. For the last few weeks each student has been responsible for researching a soldier who is buried there. This in itself has been an extremely worthwhile task as they have learnt many skills for undertaking research in order to write a biography.

The students will lead the attendees to each of the soldier's graves and each child will then present their work before laying a poppy and flag on the grave. This will be a fitting way to conclude our work.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Can you please RSVP by Thursday 6 April for attendance and catering purposes. The ceremony commences at 10am but we need to be there at 9:45am.

ANZAC Day fundraiser



The local RSL have once again dropped off some merchandise (bracelets, pens, badges) that they are hoping students will purchase for ANZAC Day. All funds go to the RSL. Items vary in cost - \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 or \$5. If you would like your child to purchase something simply send the money with them and they can do the purchasing.

The students have also been given a colouring competition and this will need to

be returned by the end of the term for pick up and judging.

Swimming Program

This Friday is our last swimming lesson for the year. It is part of the assessment criteria/curriculum to participate in a clothed swim. We ask if you child could bring clothes that are not too heavy (no denim), something like pyjamas, to wear while swimming, over their bathers or shorts, and a bag to carry wet cloths home in. It has been very exciting to see the confidence, strength and swimming abilities improve in our students over the course of this term. The focus for our younger students has been on water familiarisation and stroke development, whilst for our older students, as well as proper technique for regular swimming styles, students have been learning survival strokes, gliding challenges, practicing safe entries into the water. All students thoroughly enjoyed the program and to see their progression has been terrific.

MSO Performance



Last week we joined with the other King Valley schools for a performance from the Melbourne

Symphony Orchestra. This was a great opportunity for our students to experience a different genre of music that they would not normally experience. A good time was had by all.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews commenced this week and run through to

the end of the term. You should have received your allocated date/time. Please let us know asap if you need to change your time. We look forward to talking to you about your child's progress.

Uniform Supplier

We have changed our supplier of school uniforms to Steer Clothing in Wangaratta. We are hoping that this will be a much smoother 'transaction' in terms of ordering and pick up. We have an online shop that you can order through - and then pick up when it is ready (approx. 3-5 days).

The link is <https://www.steersco.com.au/shop/schools/30>

Feel free to contact us if you have any queries. One of the advantages of this change is that you will be able to order clothing at any time - rather than waiting for us to do a summer/winter order.

OSHC

We welcome Rani Symes to Greta Valley as our new OSHC coordinator. Rani started last week with us and has quickly settled into the job which is terrific. Rani's phone number is at the top of the newsletter if you are wanting to book your child(ren) into OSHC. Please let both Rani and the

Howard Gibson
Principal

End of Term BBQ

Name:

Number of extra family members for end of term BBQ : _____

school know and bookings need to be made prior to 2pm.

School Council

We held our Annual General Meeting at our last meeting. Our Annual Report will be available shortly if you'd like a copy.

End of Term BBQ

We will be having an end of term BBQ on Thursday 6 April. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will commence at 12noon with a showcase of our Italian, Music and Billy Carts programs - followed by lunch. To assist with catering can you please let me know how many 'extras' will be coming. Buses will be running as normal - just an hour earlier to reflect the 2:30pm dismissal.

Easter Holidays

As this is the last newsletter for the term (I think!) can I take this opportunity on behalf of all my staff to wish you all a very Happy Easter and a safe and enjoyable break.

To Nat, we wish you and your family all the very best for the arrival of your next child. Whilst it will be a very busy time in your lives, it will be such an exciting and thrilling chapter for you all. We look forward to seeing you back at some stage soon.



MARC LIBRARY

PLEASE RETURN BOOKS
SO YOU CAN BORROW FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!

Hello All,

Term One has been very busy but a lot of fun. Library sessions are always jam packed with 1-2 books being read, discussions, an activity, borrowing of books and a game if we have time!

It has been so nice connecting with everyone and learning about your lives, interests and what you enjoy reading. I have enjoyed sharing my favourite books with students and watching them learn and grow together.

The end of term is fast approaching!

A gentle reminder that the last session for library is **Wednesday 5th April**. Please ensure you return your books on this day so that you can borrow up to three books for the holiday period.

Also, please check out our cool 'MINIONS' display in the foyer and read about students' favourite books!

Enjoy the Easter break with family and friends, but most importantly, I hope you find some time to put your feet up and get stuck into a good book!

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions/comments.

I'd love to hear from you!

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Thanks so much and HAPPY READING!!

Mrs. C

