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Dates for your Diary

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| APRIL Tue | 25 | ANZAC Day (no school) | Thu | 27 | Music/Italian |
| MAY Wed | 3 | Library | Thu | 4 | Music/Italian |
| Mon | 8 | Art | Thu | 11 | Music/Italian |
| Tue | 16 | Cooking (Gr 5/6) | Tue | 16 | School Council 6:30pm |
| Wed | 17 | Author Visit | Thu | 18 | Music/Italian |
| Mon | 22 | Art | Wed | 24 | SPORTS |
| Thu | 23 | Music/Italian | Fri | 26 | SPORTS BACKUP |
| Wed | 31 | Library | | | |

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust you all had a lovely Easter break with family and friends – and found some time to enjoy the beautiful weather. We have some great activities planned for this term – an author visit and the Athletic Sports to start with.

Can you please note the following:

Welcome Kat

We welcome Katherine Mennen to our team officially today as our F/1/2 teacher. I'm confident that Kat will make a positive impact on our students and enjoy her time here.

Athletics Sports

More details will come closer to the time, but can you please note Wednesday 24 May (with a backup of Friday 26 May) as the date for our annual cluster athletic sports. As we will be running or practicing the various events most days, can we please ask that your children have suitable footwear for this.

The sports will once again be held at the Athletics Complex in Appin St, Wangaratta. All students need to be there by 9:45am to meet their teacher to collect their score card. Events will commence at

10am. A timetable for the day will be issued closer to the time. No buses will be running on the day, so you need to ensure that your children are there by the designated time. It is a great opportunity for parents to join us for the day and to support and encourage their children.

ANZAC Day Service - Greta Cemetery

Our Grade 5/6 students had a wonderful morning today at the Greta Cemetery for the community ANZAC Ceremony. They led the crowd around the cemetery, stopping at the graves of the thirteen soldiers buried there and presented their biographies on the soldiers. Last term we focussed on researching and writing these biographies and this morning was the culmination of all this work. Authentic learning at its best. My congratulations go

to each of the presenters who did a wonderful job. I fully appreciate that public speaking can be daunting, particularly for the Grade 5's who had never done it before, but I could not have been prouder of them all. Well done kids. Thanks also to Jo Lambert for assisting with transporting students. Photos will be available for viewing on our Facebook page later this week.

Uniform Supplier

A reminder that 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.

Pie Warmer

Now that we are into Term 2 our pie warmer will be available daily to heat students' lunches. We ask that lunches be wrapped in foil and are clearly marked with your child's name.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews were conducted over the last three weeks of last term. I thank my staff for the time that they put into conducting these. Don't forget that if you ever would like to make an appointment to see your child's teacher please don't hesitate.

Absences

Can I please remind you that we are required to report to the Department daily on student attendance. If your child is not going to be at school for whatever reason can you please ring/email us so we can ensure this absence is reflected correctly in our student attendance rolls.

Howard Gibson
Principal