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Dates for your Diary

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| NOV | Wed | 20-22 | Echuca Camp grade Prep to 2 |
| | Fri | 22 | Summer Sport Whitfield
Book club orders due |
| | Sat | 23 | Fundraiser catering for Landcare dinner, HELP required |
| | Mon | 25 | Cooking Grade 3-6 at Edi Upper
Presentation Evening 5.30pm Bring a salad and sweet to share |
| | Wed | 27-29 | Melbourne Camp Grade 6 |
| | Fri | 29 | Summer Sport Moyhu |
| DEC | Mon | 2 | Grade Six Graduation Cheshunt Hall 6.30-8.30 |
| | Mon | 9 | Cooking Grade 3-6 Edi Upper |
| | Tue | 10 | School Council Dinner 6.30 Tatong Hotel. |
| | Wed | 18 | School Concert at Greta Hansonville Hall |
| | Thu | 19 | Last day of the 2013 school year for students at Benalla Pool |
| | Fri | 20 | Child Free Day End Term 4 |

2014 PREP ORIENTATION DAYS

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| Friday | 29 th November |
| Tuesday | 10 th December (Regional Orientation Day) |

	VACUUM ROSTER	TOILET ROSTER
NOV	22 Leadbetter	Northey D&C
	29 Matkovich-Allan	Northey R&J
DEC	6 Mitchell	Northey T&E
	13 Northey D&C	Phillips
	20 Northey R&J	Bailey

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SECURITY SYSTEM

NEW PARENTS WILL NEED TO COME TO SCHOOL TO SEE HOW OUR SECURITY SYSTEM IS DEACTIVATED FOR VACUUMING DUTIES

NOTE If you cannot clean on your rostered time slot, please swap with another parent. Use the Family list of phone numbers supplied in the handbook. Thank you.

MOWING ROSTER David Boonzaayer

- Rob Northey
- Steve Mitchell
- Tim Northey
- Rob Carlesso
- Rose Bailey

When you have mown, ring the next person on the roster. They can then keep check and mow when needed, then ring the next in line on roster etc. Contact the school for key and return to school when mowing is done. Thankyou



REMEMBER THOSE HATS! TERM 4 IS A SUN SMART TERM

LIBRARY BOOKS

Our next Library class will be our last for the year. Can we please have any overdue Library books returned by the end of next week? There are currently 36 books that Mr Lawler would like to have back please.

CLEAN GUTTERS

Can we please have someone clean our gutters?

Our school is in a lovely neat tidy state and working bees have not been necessary so this job has not been done for some time.

With the fire season upon us this needs to be asap. A couple of willing helpers would be very much appreciated.



OUR OFFICE HELPER COLLECTING THE MAIL



HAVING FUN WITH PMP



WOODWORKING



BUSH FIRE REGISTER

We have been placed back on the Bush Fire Code Red Day Register. This means our school will be closed on a Code Red Day.

Please carefully read the following information and if you have any questions or concerns, please phone Kris.

School procedures for the bushfire season

The way schools in Victoria respond to bushfires is being constantly revised.

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools – and children's services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk have been included on the Bushfire-At Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red. **Our school** has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days' notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA. We will contact you directly by letter sent home with your child or a phone call if the timeline is short, with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.



Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.
- Out-of-school care will be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.
- There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for the threat of fire we have updated our emergency management plan; reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our school grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency plans.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.
- You can access more information about school closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/emergencies.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season and Bushfire Survival Planning, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.