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February 5th 2014

Dates for your Diary

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| FEB | 7 | Art |
| | 12 | Library Bookclub orders due |
| | 13 | Playgroup |
| | 17 | Cooking at Edi Grade 3-6 |
| | 17-22 | Sailing Camp |
| | 21 | Art |
| | 25 | School Council AGM and regular meeting 6.30pm |
| | 26 | Library |
| | 27 | Playgroup |
| | 28 | EMA applications close |
| MAR | 3 | Cooking at Edi Grade 3-6 |
| | 10 | Labour Day Holiday |
| | 11-14 | 3/4 Camp 15MCC |
| | 18 – 26 | Somers camp |

SWIMMING FRIDAYS FOR TERM 1 (No Swimming on April 4th) March 28th last day of swimming.
 PREP REST DAY EVERY WEDNESDAY

| | VACUUM ROSTER | TOILET ROSTER |
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| FEB | 7 Phillips | O'Halloran |
| | 14 Bailey | Robertson |
| | 21 O'Halloran | Ross |
| | 28 Robertson | Shanks |

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
Rob Carlesso
 Rose Bailey
 David Boonzaayer
 Rob Northey
 Steve Mitchell
 Tim Northey

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 1 IS A SUN SMART TERM

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AND NEW MEMBERS

This year there are 2 School Council members who have completed their term on council. Mick Hansen, our president, has completed his 2 year term and no longer has children at primary school and Anne Burge, who replaced a retiring council member last year, and has completed the remaining time of that position.

The Greta Valley School Council has 6 parent reps and one staff rep, (Kris). Retiring School Council reps can be renominated or new parents can either be nominated by another parent or self-nominate.

School Council is a vital component of our school. It offers advice and support, takes a role in setting school policy and financial control, and guides decisions about camps, excursions, fundraisers and the maintenance of buildings and grounds. The school council are advocates for our school and work in a confidential and supportive role to strengthen our school.

Currently we have Rob Northey, Melissa Tanner, Elsie Northey and Leonie Partridge as members for one more year.

If you would like to be a part of the School Council then please self – nominate.

Alternatively if you would like to encourage another parent to become a member then speak with them and nominate him / her.

See relevant forms attached. Please return nominations by 4.00pm on Wednesday 19th Feb.

If we have more nominations than positions available there will be an election held after the 19th Feb and before our first meeting.

SAILING CAMP

The attached front page of the Sailing Camp info **must** be completed and returned to school by this Friday. Permission notes will be sent out next week.

We are able to travel to the camp by bus, which is great. No need for parents or teachers to drive the children to and from Rye.

The cost to you for the camp for each child is \$85.

This can be paid in portions and does not have to be paid before the camp. Children must have \$20.00 to spend as this will purchase a meal for them and any other little treats they might choose.

We would appreciate full payment by the end of term.

I am aware there are a number of camps this term as well as swimming and these are significant costs for families. Unfortunately our fundraising is not as fruitful as it once was so the costs need to be shared amongst our participating students.

Below is a breakdown of costs for the sailing camp, for you interest. It works out at about \$180-\$190 per child. Our school is going to charge \$85.00 per child. Some other cluster schools may subsidise their children differently.

\$100 for sailing and the yacht club tuition / accommodation etc, per child. (includes \$10 for personal insurance)

Fuel \$300??? (For the bus and boats on the water as back-up safety vessels)

2 CRT days (Emergency teacher, days to be shared between 3 schools)

Food will be approx \$25-\$30 a head.

Entries for the Ferry and Queenscliff Fort..... \$20 per child

FIRE PLANS FOR GRETA VALLEY P.S.

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. This information was published last year but we have several new families who will be interested in the following. This information is also available on our website.

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.

EMA 2014

EMA Forms for 2014 are available at the office for parents who are eligible.
Applications close on 28th February
Please see the attached information for further details.

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due back along with payment by Wednesday 12th February.
If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to GRETA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

UPDATE INFORMATION

Attached to the Newsletter is information currently on the DEECD system. Can parents please check through the information, correct errors and return to school asap please?
Please pay particular attention to address and phone number details.

PIANO LESSONS

I teach beginners 20 min lessons as I find that is plenty for them to manage.

More advanced students I teach half hour lessons to.

20 min lessons are \$15

30 min lessons are \$20

I send out an account each term but if parents want to pay weekly that is ok also, whatever suits. I buy a book for the student and put it on the account, unless they have a book they would like to use.

Lois Tharratt 5766 6413

What can parents and carers do to help their child's asthma at school?

- If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (*e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl*) as well as a spacer while at school
- Ensure that you have provided your child's school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly
- Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms
- Ensure that your child's asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child's school/preschool)



For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au