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# NEWSLETTER No 03

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## Dates for your Diary

<b>FEB</b>	Thu	13	Playgroup 10.15am
	<b>Sun</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Working Bee at School 9.30am</b>
	Mon	17	Cooking at Edi Grade 3-6
	M-F	17-21	Sailing Camp - Depart 15 Mile Creek Camp Mon 6.50 am
	Fri	21	Art
	Tue	25	<b>School Council AGM and regular meeting 6.30pm</b>
	Wed	26	Library
	Thu	27	Information evening 7.00pm Playgroup 10.15am
	Fri	28	EMA applications close
<b>MAR</b>	Mon	3	Cooking at Edi Grade 3-6
	Mon	10	Labour Day Holiday
	T-F	11-14	3/4 Camp 15MCC
	Tue	18 – 26	Somers camp
<b>APR</b>	Fri	4	Last Day of Term No swimming and Early Dismissal
	Tue	22	Term 2 commences
	Fri	25	Anzac Day Holiday
<b>MAY</b>	W-F	7-9	Bike Hike

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

### VACUUM ROSTER

FEB	14	Bailey
	21	O'Halloran
	28	Robertson
MAR	7	Ross D & S
	14	Ross T
	21	Shanks
	28	Tanner B & M

### TOILET ROSTER

Robertson
Ross
Shanks
Tanner B & M
Tanner A
Baker
Boonzaayer

### 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 in the handbook.  
 Thank you.

### MOWING ROSTER

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

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

### WORKING BEE SUN 16<sup>TH</sup> 9.30

I apologise for the late notice about this working bee. Last week we had a delivery of soft fall which needs to be spread under our play equipment. Steve Mitchell can bring his tractor and bucket on Sunday so it seemed like a good idea to take advantage of his offer. Thanks Steve. We will also trim a few branches, clean away cobwebs, whipper snip, clear gutters and repair the chook yard and calf yard. If we have a good roll-up of helpers this should not take more than 2 hours. Bring any tools or equipment you think will help. We really appreciate every bit of help we get at our working bees so thank you in advance.

### SOMERS

Our own Miss Buckley will be one of the teachers supervising at Somers this year so our children will have a familiar face to meet when travelling down to Somers and while settling in at camp.

### BIKE HIKE - MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> TO 9<sup>TH</sup>.

Our grade 3 to 6 Bike Hike will be from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May. We travel along the Mountain to Murray rail trail, beginning at Bright and finishing at Wangaratta. I am giving you a heads up now as a number of parent helpers need to let their work place know so they can have leave.

We have 18 children in grade 3 to 6 this year. Howard and Kris will both be on this camp. While parent help is vital, we don't need too many "extras" as it stretches us with sleeping space, bike and transport space and food.

We need 2 backup drivers, preferably with some knowledge of bike repairing and 2 parent riders, once again with some knowledge of bike maintenance and capable riders.

If others would like to meet us through the day and join us for a section of the ride they are most welcome.

### GOSHC KIDS CLUB – EACH WEDNESDAY

The children who go to after school care are really enjoying the program Nicky is providing and loving the social aspect of having an extra 2 ½ hours of playing with their mates.

I have an article taken from the Australian newspaper (too long to publish here but available at the office if you would like to read it) expressing the opinion that after school care is like the new neighbourhood street play, of past times.

With that in mind Nicky is offering a special Wednesday evening Kids Club. She can care for up to 15 children at one time. If you would like to have your child join in the fun and games contact us for enrolment forms and book in with Nicky on the phone number at the top of the newsletter.

Wednesday is already a popular night so hopefully this will work for families.

### PRESCHOOL and PREP 1/2 INFORMATION EVENING

Lisa will host an Early Years information session for parents on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.00pm. It will be of particular interest for parents or grandparents of new preps, and very relevant for the families of any child in the P – 2 classroom or pre-school.

Please let others, not already involved with our school, know of this event.

Supper provided.

### BOXES BOXES BOXES

Children in grade P to 2 are in need of shoe boxes or other similar sized boxes, to make dioramas at school. If anyone can provide us with some boxes we would be most grateful. (However we are not to be blamed for those of you using this as an excuse for another pair of shoes!)

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AND NEW MEMBERS

Thank you, we have one nomination for the 2 vacant school council positions. Please consider taking on this role and supporting our school. See last week's item below.

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.

Relevant forms were attached to last week's newsletter, or are available at the school office. **Please return nominations by 4.00pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

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

### SAILING CAMP

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.

See the attached last minute information, particularly travel times, and return the medical and permission notes by Friday.

### EMA 2014

EMA Forms for 2014 are available at the office for parents who are eligible.

Applications close on 28<sup>th</sup> February

Please see the attached information for further details.

### HANDBOOK UPDATES

Attached to the Newsletter are updated Family phone numbers and class lists to place in your Greta Valley Handbook for 2014. There will further updates sent home in the coming weeks. If you do not have a handbook, please ask for one from Tina in the office.

# Positive Parenting Program

An informative and fun course for parents of children aged 2 – 10 years that promotes positive, caring relationships between parents and their children. Looks at causes of childhood behaviour, encouraging desirable behaviour, building positive relationships and managing misbehaviour.

**Dates: 5 x Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Cost: \$30 / \$25 conc**

**Time: 7.00-9.00pm**

*This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service*

**Please contact Pangerang Community House for more information  
or to make a booking, phone (03) 5721 3813**

Australia's annual week to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation, DonateLife Week, is on again from 23 February to 2 March 2014.

In our region there are some great family activities for you to get involved, learn more and support others, each supporting the 2014 DonateLife Week message of **“Have the chat that saves lives – ask and know your loved one’s wishes”**.

1. Hume Cycle Challenge on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014  
<http://www.lakehumechallenge.com.au/index.html> (A fundraiser for Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre (AWRCC)).
2. Wangaratta Marathon and Fun Runs Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
<http://www.wangarattamarathon.com.au/index.html>
3. Coen Ashton's Jetski Ride up the Murray Ride - Murray CODD (Coen's Organ Donor Drive) <http://www.coenashton.com.au/2014-murray-codd/> (we will be present for the Yarrowonga 1 March and Mulwala 2 March (details being finalised)).

Registering for the ride or run can be done directly via the websites. If you are entering the Fun Run please join the NHW DonateLife Team!