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February 19th 2014

Dates for your Diary

FEB	M-F	17-21	Sailing Camp returning Friday
	Fri	21	Art
	Tue	25	School Council AGM and regular meeting 6.30pm
	Wed	26	Library
	Thu	27	Information evening 7.00pm Playgroup 10.15am
	Fri	28	EMA applications close
MAR	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
APR	Fri	4	Last Day of Term No swimming and Early Dismissal
	Tue	22	Term 2 commences
	Fri	25	Anzac Day Holiday
	W-F	30Apr - 2 May	Bike Hike <i>Note date change</i>

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
FEB	21 O'Halloran	Ross
	28 Robertson	Shanks
MAR	7 Ross D & S	Tanner B & M
	14 Ross T	Tanner A
	21 Shanks	Baker
	28 Tanner B & M	Boonzaayer
APR	4 Tanner A	Briggs

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

15 MILE CREEK CAMP GRADE 3/4

Our Grade 3/4 children will be heading off on camp to the Fifteen Mile Creek Camp on Tuesday, 11 March through to Friday 14 March. There they will be joined by the other grade 3/4 children from the King Valley Cluster schools and will be participating in a huge variety of activities around the theme of *Knowing Nature*.

Our students will be taken to the camp on the Tuesday morning by our school bus and they will be picked up from the camp and brought back to the school on the Friday.

Attached are a number of permission and medical forms that need to be completed and returned ASAP (as we have to give them to the 15MCC people well in advance). The camp will cost \$50 per child and this has been heavily subsidised by the School Council – thanks to your fundraising efforts!

WORKING BEE THANKYOU

A huge thank you to the following families for their efforts on Sunday at our working bee: Bailey, Boonzaayer, Briggs, Mitchell, Northey, Paccagnan, Tanner, Kris & Howard. We managed to spread all the new mulch into the playground and around the vegie garden, whipper snip and have a general clean-up of the buildings. The grounds are looking wonderful.

Thank you also to Bill Tanner for putting a spring on the front school gate – no escaping now!!!!

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

As we have a number of new families with us this year, I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know a bit about the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program and extend an invitation to you all to join us.

Each fortnight (Monday) our Grade 3/4/5/6 children travel by bus to Edi Upper Primary School to participate in this wonderful cooking program. There, they busily work in small groups to produce a dish using the vegetables that they have grown at school. Once completed we all sit down and share our amazing dishes. Just to tempt your taste buds, this week we made

- Roasted Vegetables with a Balsamic glaze
- Vegetable Fritters
- Mini Pesto and Fetta Muffins
- Vegetable Pasta bake and for dessert
- Peach Muffins

This program is providing our students with a number of skills for life. It's not just the cooking skills, but also knife handling, hygiene, seed propagation etc. In order to efficiently run this program we rely heavily on volunteers to assist the children in their small groups. If you are interested in coming to any session please let Howard know. We leave the school at 10:45am and return around 2pm.

BIKE HIKE

Last week we put in the newsletter the dates for this year's bike hike, however due to an unforeseen circumstance we have made a slight change. We will now be heading off on **Wednesday 30 April and returning Friday 2 May**.

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. Can you please let us know if you are interested as we need to start organising this shortly?

PRESCHOOL and PREP 1/2 INFORMATION EVENING

Lisa will host an Early Years information session for parents on Thursday 27th 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.

EMA 2014

EMA Forms for 2014 are available at the office. Applications close on 28th February

BUS PROCEDURE FORMS

Can parents please sign the attached bus procedure forms for 2014 and return as soon as possible so that our records can be updated and given to the bus drivers. Thank you.

Netball

As autumn approaches we need to begin to think about our district netball teams for the Wangaratta competitions. We invite all parents of students in the district who wish to play netball to attend an information and organisation session at Moyhu PS on Wednesday 19th Feb at 5pm. Please come along and be involved. Umpires, coaches and managers of all teams are needed – no experience necessary – lots of support provided!

There are 3 levels of competition in Wangaratta:

- Net Set Go for 5-7 year olds on Friday evenings 4.30 – 5.30pm (commences Friday 2 May)
- Net Set Go for 8-10 year olds on Saturday mornings (commences Saturday 22 March)
- Junior competition on Saturday mornings for girls between 11 and 17 as at 31st Dec 2014 and boys turning 12 or less in 2014. (commences Saturday 22 March)

Pangerang Community House

PUGGLES SUPPORT GROUP

For Parents/Carers of children with special needs
(you can bring your child/ren or just come along yourself)

We are parents/carers of children or family members who have various special needs.

We have asked the same questions you may be asking now.

We want to enjoy the ability to have someone to turn to who simply listens, understands and helps us find practical assistance and information.

We all need someone who understands what we are going through

Pangerang Community House

TERM 1 COURSES FOR CHILDREN

Children's Cooking

This course is for primary school aged children who have an interest in learning about cooking. They will learn basic techniques and recipes that they can go home and share

Dates: 4 x Wednesdays 19th Feb – 12th March Time: 4 – 5 pm Cost \$40.00

Children's Drawing

This class is for children who already enjoy drawing, it will teach them new techniques and the use of different mediums such as pencil, pastel

Dates: 5 x Thursdays 27th Feb – 27th March Time: 4- 5 pm Cost \$50.00

Children's Sewing

This class will create an apron to be used for art or cooking. A great way for children who have an interest to try making something themselves.

Dates: 4 x Mondays 24th Feb – 24th March Time: 4.- 5pm Cost:\$50.00

No class Labour day