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NEWSLETTER No 06

March 5th 2014

Dates for your Diary

MAR	Fri	7	Bookclub orders due
	Mon	10	Labour Day Holiday
	Tue	11	Sailing Camp Parent Night 7.00pm
	T-F	11-14	3/4 Camp 15MCC
	Tue	18-26	Somers camp
	Tue	18	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
	Fri	28	Last day of swimming. Children may bring up to \$2.00 each to spend
APR	Fri	4	Last Day of Term (No swimming) Early Dismissal, 2.30pm
	Tue	22	Term 2 commences
	Fri	25	Anzac Day Holiday
	W-F	30Apr - 2 May	Bike Hike Grade 3 to 6

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	
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

- 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, and then they ring the next in line on roster etc. Return to school when mowing is done. Thankyou



REMEMBER THOSE HATS! TERM 1 IS A SUN SMART TERM

SCHOOL SORES (IMPITAGO)

We have seen an increase in the occurrence of school sores since late in term 4 last year. Thank you to the parents who are notifying us of the infections. Children must be excluded from school until the sores are treated and then the sores must be covered WITH A WATER TIGHT DRESSING, when the children return to school. Please seek treatment quickly if you notice an infected or weeping sore on your child. It may be more than an infected mozzie bite.

PARENT PHONE NUMBERS UPDATE

We now have another updated phone number list for your handbook. There have been new family and phone number updates and corrections. Please disregard and replace the previous one sent home with this updated list.

BOXES

Lisa has enough boxes for her dioramas. Thanks to everyone who donated.
Kris is now looking for clean plastic or foil containers, plastic lids and other interesting bits and pieces for science. (No live exhibits thanks!) If you have any old eye droppers that are clean they would be handy too.

HATS

All school hats are coming home for a wash this weekend. (No need to describe in detail; however some are a bit “wiffy”)
Please make sure they are returned on Monday. We have a continual struggle to have your child’s heads covered. Peaked caps are NOT acceptable sun smart hats. We don’t mind if your child has a hat that is not school uniform. Any sun smart hat is acceptable. Please help your children come to school prepared for the day with an appropriate hat with a name clearly displayed.

SAILING CAMP PRESENTATION EVENING

The grade 5 and 6 children from the cluster are keen to show you what they did on the sailing camp. A rep for grade 6 at each of the 3 schools involved in the camp, are working on a presentation to share with you. Come along on Tuesday 11th March at Greta Valley P.S. and join other cluster parents to see the presentation. Bring a plate to share for supper.

FUNDRAISING

This is a re-run of last week’s article. Thanks to Sarah Murphy for offering to be on the committee. Elsie Northey is our School Council rep on the committee and I am sure they would love some extra help. This is a really valuable way of supporting your child and their school.

Fundraising was a major point of discussion at our school council meeting on Tuesday. For many years our school community could rely on significant fundraising for our catering efforts at the 15 Mile Creek Camp. In recent years they have employed their own chef so that opportunity no longer exists. We have raised calves (2 are almost ready to sell) cooked for markets, BBQ’ed at Bunnings, cut wood, parked cars and catered at funerals and 80th birthday parties.
We need to keep going if we hope to support the school to the level of previous years. Fundraising has enabled us to purchase the interactive white boards, many books and reading, support each child on camps and excursions, paid for half swimming costs for each family, etc, etc.
We need ideas and enthusiasm to keep the fundraising rolling along. If you would like to be on a small committee to help with basic organising of events and to brainstorm other ideas please let me know on the attached reply slip.

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FUNDRAISING

Name.....

Yes I would like to be a member of the Committee please tick

No thankyou but my fundraising ideas are.....
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MUSIC INSTRUMENTS

Leonie is still looking for musical instruments which could be donated to our school. A very special “thank you” to Terry and Judy Tanner who have donated an electronic key board to the school.

SOMERS CAMP

Attached is the final circular for the grade 5 and 6 children attending Somers camp. Please read and notice travel arrangements.

The clothing list was sent to parents many weeks ago. Contact the school if you need another. Lisa will be working at the camp as a teacher in charge of one of the huts. In her absence Jenni O’Brien will teach the Prep – 2 children at Greta Valley.

GRADE 3 / 4 CAMP AT 15 MILE CREEK

We are still waiting for the return of some of the permission / medical notes. Please return by the end of this week.

Children will travel to and from the camp on the school bus. Kris will teach the grade 5 and 6 children while Howard is on camp with the grade 3 and 4 children.



SAILING

We had to wake up at 6:30 to get to the 15 Mile Creek Camp at 6:45. It was a long drive to the Rye Yacht Club. When we got there, we unpacked and rigged the boats, and then we sailed all afternoon. It was really great fun. On day 4 we went snorkelling. I saw five sea horses. Parents are invited to come to Greta Valley on Tuesday 11 March at 7:00pm, to see a movie about our experience. **By Gus**

Last week we went to Sailing Camp. We went with Edi Upper and Myrree. We learnt how to sail an Opti. We stayed at Rye Yacht Club. We got to go snorkelling off the pier. We built sand castles. They got destroyed by the tide. **By Lilly**

Sailing is great fun because you can go slow or fast. When we were in one of the sailing boats, I went really fast. Gus was in the boat with me at the time; we almost capsized. Gus jumped into the middle of the boat to balance it. The wind picked up, then we were going really really fast, so Bob the instructor told us to let the main sail out. We slowed down and the wind changed and the boat almost flipped. Please come and we will tell you more about the Sailing Camp at 7:00pm Tuesday 11 March. **By Ben**

Hi, my name is Maverick and the Grade 5 and 6s went to Rye for a Sailing Camp. It was great fun. We learned how to sail and also learned how to snorkel. We saw a stingray but it was only a small stingray. Come to Greta Valley Primary School on 11th March at 7:00pm Tuesday. Thank you. **By Maverick Lewis**

Hi, my name is Tamyka, and the grade fives and sixes went on the sailing camp in Rye. It was great fun. I learnt some new things and met some new people. I found out how to control the sail boat and Mr Lacey showed us how to snorkel. That was fun. I saw a big stingray. On Tuesday we went to Queenscliff on the Ferry and we went to the Fort. We went to see all the guns they had there. On the way back we went to the fish and chip shop and I had flake and chips, it was yum. Thursday we went to the Military base. It was awesome. We went underground to all the tunnels. We are making a movie and we would like to invite you to come and see the movie on Tuesday 11th March at Greta Valley. **By Tamyka**

I think going on Sailing Camp was one of the best excursions the cluster schools have been on. We got to sail a sailing boat and learn about the sea. We learnt how to tie a figure eight knot. We learnt how to tack, that means turn, and how to get along and work together. At 7pm on the 11th March, you can see a video we took of the Rye Sailing Camp at the Greta Valley School. **By Libby**

On Monday we went to Rye Yacht Club. On Tuesday we went on a ferry to Queenscliff. It was scary. At Rye I learned a lot. We learnt how to do a figure eight knot, how to tack and jive. I had a lot of fun. Parents are invited to see a presentation we made. Come and see it on the 11th March at Greta Valley Primary School at 7.00pm. **By Shakaya**

Sailing Camp at Rye

I really enjoyed sailing camp a lot, because not only did we sail, we made new friends, went to army bases and learnt new things and dressed up in army clothes. My favourite part at camp was snorkelling, because we saw a huge stingray. It was really big. We saw sea horse, jelly fish and sponge. I really enjoyed going to Queenscliff on the ferry. I liked the fish and chops we had. They were the best I've ever had.

I really loved sailing; it was awesome, especially when I was on the boat. It is better when the wind is really windy, because you go super fast and it makes it really challenging because it is hard to pull sail.

And that is my short story.

On Tuesday the 11th March at 7:00pm we are welcoming you to come and see our movies and photos of sailing camp. **By Jaxon**

We left last Monday from 15 Mile Creek and we had to be there by 6.50am. We went to Rye by bus and it took about 5 hours. When we got there, we got our bags out of the cars and bus. Three schools went on the camp: Greta Valley, Edi Upper and Myrree.

When we first got to Rye, we unpacked our bags and then we had a sailing lesson. We learnt to tack and jive. I got to see my friend Nathan and I sailed in an Opti with Nathan. It was the best camp that the school has ever done.

Next week on Tuesday, we have a sailing presentation at Greta Valley Primary School at 7pm. **By Brandon**