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## NEWSLETTER October 8<sup>th</sup> 2014

### Dates for your Diary

<b>OCT</b>	Fri	10	King Valley Kitchen Garden Benefit.
	Tue	14	Pupil Free Day
	Fri	17	Bookclub order due back
	Sun	19	Pre fire season working bee 9.00am
	Wed	22	B'ttuta percussion St Patricks
	Thur	23	Environment Day Park Lane Nursery Wangaratta
	Wed	5	Italian Cultural Day at Moyhu Primary School
<b>DEC</b>	Tue	2	Great Victorian Bike Ride Stall 2.00pm-7.00pm

PREP'S 2015 ORIENTATION DATE FOR TERM 4

Wednesday's October 15<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>

#### VACUUM ROSTER

<b>OCT</b>	10	Ross T&L
	17	Shanks
	24	Tanner A
	31	Tanner B&M

#### TOILET ROSTER

Boonzaayer
Briggs
Burge
Carlesso

#### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SECURITY SYSTEM

**NEW PARENTS PLEASE COME TO SCHOOL TO SEE HOW OUR SECURITY SYSTEM IS DEACTIVATED FOR VACUUMING DUTIES**

**NOTE** If you can't clean on your rostered time, swap with another family. A list of family numbers is in your handbook. Thank you.

#### MOWING ROSTER

**David Boonzaayer**  
Shannon Murphy  
Rob Northey  
Peter Paccagnan  
Steve Mitchell  
Rob Carlesso  
Tim Northey  
Rose Bailey

Return the key to school when mowing is done. Thankyou

### REMINDER NAPLAN GRADE 3 TO 5

A reminder that if your child is in this grade level please contact the school so we can give you their results and discuss their achievements.

### PUPIL FREE DAY NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will use this day to plan the curriculum for the rest of the year and the assessment tasks for the end of year reports.

### BOOKCLUB ORDER

Attached to the Newsletter is Issue 7 of Scholastic bookclub. Orders along with payment are due back next week, Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. If paying by cheque can you please make this payable to Greta Valley Primary School **NOT** Scholastic Bookclub.

### WORKING BEE SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCT 9.00 AM

School Council have called a pre fire season working bee on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>. We would love to see you here to help remove any debris in the spouting, clean up leaf litter from around the school, trim or prune where necessary and whipper snip in "snaky" areas.

We also need to have a net cover replaced or mended over our chook shed. The crows eat our eggs and the pigeons eat our chook food so things are not as they should be!

**PREP TRANSITION**

On Wednesday next week we welcome our new 2015 preps for their first transition day. The grade 2 children will be working with Emma that day and some of the older children with Mrs. Porker, so Miss Buckley is not "overrun". We are expecting 10 new preps and perhaps as many as 12, so numbers for 2015 are looking very positive.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM THIS WEEK**

Hopefully this will be a new and regular item in the newsletter. I know as a mum and a teacher that children go home from school, we ask about the day and they tell you they "didn't do anything"! My, how busy teachers are, planning and preparing for doing nothing.

You probably hear about play time issues, fun or adventures and certainly you would get the "unload" when things haven't gone the way your child may have wanted. You hear from the newsletter about the special events we do, the camps, excursions and sports days. We make a real effort to incorporate all these events into your child's writing, reading and numeracy. We also use games and fun activities in the classroom to practice number and literacy skills. Sometimes we are so clever at this your child doesn't even realize he or she is learning.

Believe it or not we spend 2 hours every day working in the Literacy curriculum area and 1 1/4 hours 4 times a week working in the Numeracy curriculum area.

Hopefully by giving you a short overview of a few focus points for each of these key learning areas, you may be able to give your child a little more practice at a particular skill or ask more informed questions about their learning each day. This is by no means a complete list of our learning but a small insight.

So - this week at Greta Valley the older children are doing "voracious" reading, which means lots and lots of reading, both quietly to themselves and listening to the class novel. You can support this by using the term "voracious" reading and making a special effort to read a little more often at home. Talk about what has been read and compare it to other books read in the past. In numeracy they have a focus on improving their speed at the times tables, (have a competition at home) reading and telling the time on a clock and reading and understanding big numbers.

The younger children are measuring - learning about length in numeracy. Talk about length, units of measurement and measuring things. Count how many steps long the room is, how tall the family members are etc. The children are writing about their holidays, "recount writing". Discussions about what you did over the holidays, using lots of good descriptive words supports this writing.

**MUSIC LESSONS**

We are able to offer individual music lessons at Greta Valley this term. Shelly West, who has had many years' experience teaching music in Melbourne, will be teaching guitar, keyboard and singing lessons each Tuesday. She will charge \$25.00 per child for a 1/2 hour individual lesson. We will make sure each child has a lesson at a different time each week, so they are not repeatedly missing the same class time. Some of the lessons will be through lunch and recess. If your child would like to have a lesson, please complete the reply slip and return it to school by Monday.

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**MUSIC LESSONS**

Yes, I would like my child.....to have music lessons.

He/She is interested in	Guitar	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Keyboard	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Singing	<input type="checkbox"/>

## GRADE PREP – 2 CAMP

Our grade Prep to 2 children will have their camp in the second half of this term. Miss Buckley is investigating a couple of possibilities but we can tell you it will be a 2 day, 1 night camp. It will be within an hour and half travelling time from school and we are inviting the prep parents to stay overnight if they believe their little ones need that support for their first ever camp.

## B'TTUTA PERCUSSION

We will travel to Wangaratta on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct for a percussion performance at St Patrick's school. This is part of our music program and has been organized by Leonie. Thanks Leonie. The children will not only see and hear a professional performance but they will also have the opportunity to participate with the orchestra. This event will cost \$5.00 per child, a heavily discounted rate, thanks to the cleaning and fund raising you have contributed to at our school. Sign attached permission note

## ENVIRO DAY

It all seems to happen at once. The day after our B'Tutta event is Student Environment Day at Wangaratta. This is the culmination of our Sustainability unit of work. All our children will travel to Wangaratta and the grade 3 to 6 children will participate with children from around our district in a series of workshops provided by SEED (School Environment Education Directory). These activities or workshops are all linked to the AusVELS curriculum and are hands on and engaging. Parents are welcome to call in and see what we are up to at any time. We will be at the Park Lane Nursery from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The Prep to grade 2 children will be going to the Recycling Centre and Transfer Station.

KEEP OUR STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN ALIVE

### KING VALLEY KITCHEN GARDEN BENEFIT

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE \$3000  
2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE \$600  
3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE \$300  
5 X \$20 PRIZES  
TOTAL PRIZE POOL \$4000!

FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
7.00PM – 11.30PM

SWINBURNE PAVILION  
WHITFIELD RECREATION RESERVE

SILENT AUCTION DINNER INCLUDED

### Music by Paris

TICKETS \$50.00  
DRINKS @ BAR PRICES



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EDI UPPER 5729 3560 GRETA VALLEY 5766 6344 MOYHU 57279298  
MYRRHEE 5729 7524 WHITFIELD 5729 8286

ALL TICKETS ARE NOW SOLD FOR A CHANCE  
TO WIN \$3000 BUT YOU CAN STILL BUY A \$30  
TICKET TO HAVE A MEAL AND A FUN NIGHT  
OUT

Wangaratta Baseball/ Softball Sport Club are conducting T ball / coaches pitch on Wednesday nights From 6 pm at Murdoch Rd complex for primary school kids. We will run for 8 weeks starting on the 8th October. For any other information ring Brendon 0429446782 or [wangarattarangers@Hotmail.com](mailto:wangarattarangers@Hotmail.com)