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Dates for your Diary

OCT	Thur 23	Environment Day Park Lane Nursery Wangaratta
	Mon 27	Cooking at Edi grade 3-6
	Thu 30	Fundraiser meeting at 5.30pm
NOV	Mon 3	School Walk-a-thon.
	Tue 4	Melbourne Cup holiday
	Wed 5 & 6	Italian Cultural Day at Moyhu Primary School
	Mon 10	Cooking at Edi grade 3-6
	Thur 13	King Valley Cluster - School council and principal Dinner Meeting
DEC	M-W 17-19	Prep-2 Camp to Bright
	Mon 24	Cooking at Edi grade 3-6
	Mon 1	Grade 6 – King Valley graduation
	Tue 2	Great Victorian Bike Ride Stall 2.00pm-7.00pm
	Wed 3 – Fri 5	Grade 6 camp in Melbourne
	Tue 9	Orientation day for all Prep and Grade 6 students School council end of year dinner, Tatong tavern, 6.30pm
	Thur 18	School Concert
Fri 19	Last day of term and Pool Party at Benalla. 2.30 dismissal	

PREP'S 2015 ORIENTATION DATE FOR TERM 4

Wednesday's 29th, November 12th 26th and Tuesday December 9th

	VACUUM ROSTER	TOILET ROSTER
OCT	24 Tanner A	Burge
	31 Baker A	Carlesso
NOV	7 Boonzaayer	Chambeyron
	14 Briggs	Cursons K

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

Rob Northey

Peter Paccagnan

Steve Mitchell

Rob Carlesso

Tim Northey

Rose Bailey

David Boonzaayer

Shannon Murphy

Return the key to school when mowing is done. Thankyou

WORKING BEE THANKYOU

We had a fantastic turnout for the working bee last Sunday. We managed to get a lot of work done around the school. A huge thankyou to all, the grounds look beautiful and it is fantastic to have so much support from so many families.

REMINDERS

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Just a reminder that we have our website which has our latest and back issues of the Newsletter.

There is also our Handbook and other useful information relating to the school. Visit

www.gretavalleyps.vic.gov.au

We also have a Facebook page, so please like us!

RED CODE DAY

As we head into the warmer months it is time to start thinking about the potential for fires and remind families of our procedures. Attached to the Newsletter is information that can be found in our Handbook.

New families may not be aware that we are on the Bush Fire Code Red Day Register as we are situated in an at risk area.

Please read carefully the attached information and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to give Kris a call.

The following information is in our Handbook. If you have not received a Handbook, please contact the school.

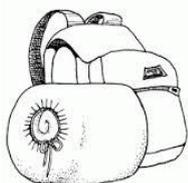
EMERGENCY PLAN FOR SCHOOL BUS

1. In the case of an impending flood or fire in the vicinity of the bus route, no bus will run and parents will be notified.
2. In the event of a fire threatening while the bus is en-route, the bus will proceed to the nearest safe area and make contact with the school if possible.
3. In the event of a flood interrupting the route, the bus will return to school and the parents notified.
4. In the case of a threatening fire or flood, no child will be left at a bus stop without the presence of a supervising adult.
5. Parents who wish to check the progress of the bus in an emergency situation should ring the school on 57666344, Tim Northey on 0459 133 080 or David Northey 5729 7522 / 0459 297 522

- Please keep telephone calls to a minimum and brief in duration.
- School buses are furnished with a pager and mobile phone.
That number is for emergency contact only and is held by the school.

MORE BLANKETS PLEASE

In the event of a fire, we have a supply of drinking water and some woolen blankets to use for protection against radiant heat. We would like to have some more blankets at the school for this purpose. If you have a couple of old woolen blankets in the closet that don't get used, we would really appreciate having them on hand if we need them. They must be made of wool.



PREP CAMP

The Prep camp to Bright is from Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th. If any Prep parents would like to come along to assist or support your child, can you please let us know asap please?

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BRIGHT CAMP

Yes I am a Prep parent and would like to come along on the Bright Prep-2 camp

Name.....

SAKG BENEFIT

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Benefit fundraiser was a resounding success. Around 300 people came together for dinner, dancing and a fabulous night all-round. \$11,400.00 was made on the night and will be used to pay for wages and equipment to allow this program to continue. Thanks to everyone who supported the evening and we plan to have another event next year.



CLEANING

The school is kept clean by the School Community. Thank you everyone for helping out with this task. Cleaning money is thereby retained for our Outdoor Ed. and excursions program. When on the toilet cleaning roster, can you please include the disabled toilet as it is still in regular use.

FUNDRAISER MEETING

There is a fundraising meeting at the School on Thursday 30th October at 5.30pm to discuss the next big event. This will be the Great Vic Bike Ride on the 2nd December at Moyhu. A courtesy call to either Elsie or Kris if you cannot attend the meeting would be appreciated. As yet we have not had much response from parents. Let us know soon if you think you may be able to give a little time to this. We plan to have a cake stall and a dunking machine. There will be over 3,000 riders on the Great Vic Bike ride, many of them children. They will arrive in Moyhu through the day on Tue 2nd Dec and be looking forward to a “relax”, good food, hopefully a sugar hit from our cakes and a bit of fun on the dunking machine. We need cooks leading up to the day and helpers for the day. This is a great chance to make some money from visitors to our district rather than the pockets of our local families so it will need to be all hands on deck!

Our grade 6 students are also working to make as much as they can to support the costs of their Melbourne camp. They have raised \$1,300 so far this year with a stall at the Tatong market and sausage sales, but shared between 9 children, it doesn't go very far so they have 2 more events planned.

- One is the walk-a-thon, see below.
- The other is a cake stall at the Wangaratta Market on Sunday 30th November. We are asking the parents of the grade 6 students to make a special effort with the cake stall but will be happy to accept support from others.

KING VALLEY CLUSTER SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PRINCIPAL DINNER MEETING

On Thursday 13th Nov the King Valley cluster will have a dinner meeting for the school council members and principals of each school. It will be at the Whitfield hotel and begin at 6.30. Arthur Townsend, our previous Regional Director will be speaking. Arthur has had a wide and varied career in rural education and a vast knowledge of current directions in education. It will be a chance for our 5 schools to share ideas and celebrate the achievements we have made.

ITALIAN WEEK KING VALLEY CLUSTER SCHOOLS



Our Italian teacher, Massimo Palombo, has organized an Italian festival for our King Valley students. It will comprise music, food and games for both 5th and 6th of Nov. Visiting performers from Melbourne will attend and it will be 2 days of language and cultural enrichment. Interestingly there is a lot of evidence to show learning a second language improves reading, spelling and grammatical knowledge in the child's first language. It also supports brain development with testing indicating that, on average, children who learn a 2nd language actually have a slightly higher IQ than those who don't. Cup week will be a very festive week for us, with a walk-a-thon, and holiday and then the Italian festival. Students can dress-up for the days. They will discuss this in class and let you know about their choices. Please keep the costumes simple and inexpensive, make and borrow.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM THIS WEEK

Both classes are still concentrating on "recount" in writing. They are recounting events and activities that happen through their week, like the B'Tutta percussion performance today. Grammatical tense, indicating the time and sequence of events is important so attend to this when talking to your children. Good descriptive language is always important so encourage better words than "good, nice, and then, and then."

The older children have begun using the spelling program "Words their way" and will be studying words with patterns and sorting words with similarities. In maths we are still concentrating on skip counting, which is counting by 2's and 5's for our younger children and the older ones should be getting faster and "automatic" in their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Those in Emma's maths class really need some practice so think of some family challenges to speed them up. Doubling numbers is also a maths focus. The upper maths group are learning about volume and capacity and still practicing the 6, 7 and 8 times tables.

SCHOOL WALK-A-THON MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

The grade 6 students are raising money to fund their end of year Grade 6 Melbourne camp. They are asking all the students to help out by walking from school to the Greta Sports Complex and all the money raised will go to support the grade 6 camp.

Please support the kids by either making a donation or sponsoring our children per kilometer. Encourage your children to seek sponsorship from family and friends too. It is a 7 kilometer walk - along the dirt road rather than the busier main road. Once we get to the sporting complex we will have lunch and a Blue earth P E session. Children will catch the bus from the complex to home or back to After School Care that afternoon. There will be back-up vehicles for tired legs and to carry lunch, drinks etc. Parents are welcome to walk with us and more sponsorship forms can be collected from school.

