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Dates for your Diary

FEB	Thu 12	Fundraising meeting 5.30pm
	Tue 17	School Council meeting 6.30pm
	Mon 23-Fri 27	Grade 6 Cluster Sailing Camp at Rye
	Wed 26	School Council nominations due back
MAR	Mon 2	Music camp at 15MCC Grade 3-6
	Mon 9	Labour Day Long Weekend
	Tue 10-Fri 13	Grade 3-4 Cluster camp to The Outdoor School 15 Mile Creek Camp Campus

PREP REST DAY WEDNESDAY EACH WEEK

OCT Wed 14 The Lion King Melbourne

PREP REST DAY WEDNESDAYS

	VACUUM ROSTER	TOILET ROSTER
FEB	13 Hilton	Montgomery
	20 Leadbetter	Murphy
	27 Mackey	Northey
MAR	6 Manning	Paccagnan

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

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

Return the key to school when mowing is done. Thankyou



REMEMBER THOSE HATS! TERM 1 IS A SUN SMART TERM

FUNDRAISING MEETING

Fundraising is a vital way of supporting our small school and also a great way to get to know other parents and make links with the community. Come along on Thursday next week and find out about our plans or give us some ideas about your own great plans for fundraising.

SCIENCE

Each week our students do science with Mrs Porker. Grade 2-6 will be studying force and motion while looking at inventions through the ages. Grade Prep-1 are learning about their bodies and senses. Yesterday we discovered what it is like to be blind as you can see by Maisie's photo.



MUSIC CAMP GRADE 3-6

On Monday 2nd March Children in grades 3 4 5 and 6 from all the King Valley Cluster schools will have a day of Music at the Outdoor School (15 Mile Creek Camp). During the day they will participate in music workshops involving African drumming, song and dance, as well as instrumental ensembles. Our thanks go to the King Valley Art Show Committee for providing funding to bring the African Drumming workshop to the Valley. Workshops will be run by African Drumming of St Kilda, and cluster music staff. Children will travel to the camp by bus to begin the day’s program at 9.30am. At 2.30pm they will present performances developed during the day. Parents are warmly invited to attend this performance. Children will leave the camp at 3 pm, either with their parents or by bus back to their schools. Morning tea will be provided by the Kitchen Garden program. A barbeque lunch is also provided by the Outdoor School. Students only need to bring hats and water bottles. A great day to look forward to!

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Nicky runs a fantastic program for after school care. It is open each night from 3.30 to 6.00pm 5 days a week. We like to know your child is attending by 2.30 so Nicky can plan and prepare but if you are caught short ring anyway because we are ALWAYS open.

After school care is a vital support to some of our families and means they can attend Greta Valley P.S. It is a program which is not fully funded by the government so relies on your use to stay afloat financially. Even if you don’t NEED child minding how about considering using the service because it is such great fun. The kids love the activities Nicky organises and enjoy extra time relaxing with their friends.

After school care can be a fund raiser in schools when it is well attended but at the moment the Greta Valley After school care program needs a few more participants so consider having some extra fun time at school and supporting this vital program.



MUSIC LESSONS

We are again 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 ½ hour individual lesson. Money is paid directly to Shelley and is due on the day of your child’s 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"/>

NEW BLINDS

This week we had new external awnings fitted to the large classroom. These awnings were paid for by an energy efficiency grant our school received. We will have energy efficient lights fitted in each classroom soon.



MASTERCHEF VISITS THE VALLEY

Last Friday three of our older children (Sahara Lewis, Sam Northey and Harrison Shanks) visited Whitfield Primary School where they met up with Matt Preston, one of the judges from the television show *Masterchef*. They were joined by some children from the other King Valley Cluster schools. First up was a tour of the Whitfield school's vegetable garden where Matt spoke to them about the cooking methods of all the various vegetables that were growing. Of course we then had the obligatory autograph signing time and photo opportunity! A great time was had by all. Matt and his fellow judges, along with all of this year's contestants, were in the King Valley filming for an episode which will be screened around June or July. Maybe we now have three future contestants!

