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Dates for your Diary

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| FEB | 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 |
| | | Performance for parents 2.30pm |
| | Mon 9 | Labour Day Long Weekend |
| | Tue 10-Fri 13 | Grade 3-4 Cluster camp to The Outdoor School 15 Mile Creek Camp |
| | Fri 13 | Family BBQ, with tabloid sports, at school. 6.00pm |
| | Fri 27 | End Term 1 |
| APR | Mon 13 | Term 2 commences |
| | Thu 30 | Prep/1 Sleepover at school |
| MAY | Fri 1 | Prep/2 Bike hike |
| | Wed 6-8 | Grade 3-6 Bike hike |
| | Tue 19 | Athletic sports |
| PREP REST DAY WEDNESDAY EACH WEEK | | |
| OCT | Wed 14 | The Lion King Melbourne |

| | VACUUM ROSTER | TOILET ROSTER |
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| FEB | 20 Leadbetter | Murphy |
| | 27 Mackey | Northey |
| MAR | 6 Manning | Paccagnan |
| | 13 Matkovich Allan | R Bailey |
| | 20 Montgomery | Randell |
| | 27 Murphy | Reid |

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

MOWING ROSTER

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

Return the key to school when mowing is done. Thankyou



REMEMBER THOSE HATS! TERM 1 IS A SUN SMART TERM

FAMILY BBQ AND TABLOID SPORTS EVENING

On Friday 13th March the school council will host a family social evening. A BBQ will be provided. Bring along a salad and sweet to share and your own drinks. Tea and coffee, meat and bread will be supplied. Join us to meet our new families and catch up with old friends. The older children will organise a family friendly tabloid sports circuit as entertainment.

HANDBOOK

Our handbooks are being distributed today to new families. For those who already have one, updated pages for your handbook are attached. Please replace previous pages with these current ones for your reference.

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!

CHICKEN POX

We have had one case of chicken pox and another possible case reported to the school.

School exclusion differs according to case or contact status:

- cases should be excluded until full recovery or for at least five days after the first eruption appears. Some remaining scabs are not a reason for continued exclusion
- any child with an immune deficiency or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise contacts are not excluded.

IDENTIFICATION

Clinical features

Varicella (chickenpox)

Chickenpox generally presents with a low-grade fever, malaise and a rash. The rash is firstly maculopapular then becomes vesicular (blistered) and progresses to crusted lesions over about five days. Lesions appear in three or four crops. They are most numerous on the trunk and less so on the face, scalp, limbs and mucous membranes of the mouth. Some cases (about 5%) are subclinical or exceedingly mild in nature.

Adults tend to suffer with more severe disease than children. Rarely, the disease may be fatal.

Complications include secondary bacterial infection of the skin lesions, primary varicella pneumonia, aseptic meningitis, encephalitis and Reye's syndrome (acute encephalopathy with fatty infiltration and dysfunction of the liver).

Newborns and immunosuppressed patients are at greatly increased risk of severe chickenpox.

The incubation period is from two to three weeks and is usually 14–16 days.

Chickenpox is a highly contagious but generally mild disease and is endemic in the population. It becomes epidemic among susceptible individuals mainly during winter and early spring. More than 90% of cases are children under 15 years of age.

It is usually communicable for one to two days (up to five days) before the onset of the rash, continuing until all the lesions are crusted. Communicability may be prolonged in patients with altered immunity.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to those who made the time to attend our meeting last week. We value the input of every parent and particularly encourage your support when we are trying to raise funds for our school. Lots of suggestions were floated. There will be more details nearer to each event but here are some of our plans. Let us know where you can help out. We would love to see some people willing to assist with the planning of these events as well as working on the day.

AMBROSE GOLF DAY. Whitfield Golf Club, catered (food and drinks) and prizes for special efforts on the day, April 19th

TRIVIA NIGHT Greta / Hansonville Hall, Sept 11th. We need people to start approaching businesses for donations very soon, so stay posted for details about this.

SAUSAGE SIZZLES AT BUNNINGS (Wangaratta) **AND WOOLWORTHS** (Benalla), these will be weekend dates and we need about 6 parents each time to help out.

THURSDAY TRADING TABLE

This one kicks off NOW. **If you have surplus produce bring it along to school on Thursday morning as a donation.** You might like to drop you children off or collect them from school, or may be here for playgroup or reading etc. You can purchase some home grown or home-made produce. All takings will go to the school.



MISS BUCKLEY'S WEEKLY AWARD

You're a star Jim for working on your sight words really well this week

OSHC

We are hoping to see few more children in playgroup. Nicky has some fantastic plans for activities so come along and spend a fun, social afternoon with her. Thursday and Friday will be her usual program which involves crafts, art, technology, outdoor games, dress-ups etc and on the following days there will be these special activities.

MONDAY – SCIENCE DAY

TUESDAY – COOKING DAY

WEDNESDAY – MAKING DAY

TUNING INTO KIDS

This is a program for parents/carers of children aged 2-8 yrs that helps you tune into your children's emotions and manage their behaviour.

5 x Thursdays from 26th Feb - 26th March, 7.00-9.00pm \$30.00 / \$25.00 conc

This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health

Bookings essential 0357213813

RESILIENCE & ANTI BULLYING

This is a 2 hour information session for parents to learn some strategies for helping children learn resilience and ways to help them with bullying.

Monday 23rd Feb 6.00-8.00pm, \$10.00

This Program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health

Bookings are essential. 57213813

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