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## NEWSLETTER 9 February 2016

### Dates for your Diary

FEB	Wed	10	Foundation Day Off
	Wed	10	Library
	Wed	10	Foundation Information Evening 7pm
	Fri	12	Swimming
	Wed	17	Library
	Fri	19	Swimming
	Fri	19	Family BBQ 6pm
	Mon	22	Art
	Wed	24	Cooking (Grade 3/4/5/6)
	29 Feb-4 Mar		Grade 6 cluster Sailing Camp – Rye
	15-18 March		Grade 3/4 Cluster camp – Outdoor Education Camp

#### VACUUM ROSTER

FEB	12	Flanigan
	19	Fullerton
	26	Graham
MAR	4	Hilton
	11	Leadbetter

#### TOILET ROSTER

Baker
Boonzaayer
Briggs
Cavalot
Cavicchiolo

#### **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

Darren Shepherd  
 Scott Flanigan  
 David Boonzaayer  
 Shannon Murphy  
 Peter Paccagnan  
 Tim Northey

Return the key to school when mowing is done. Thank you

Dear Parents,

Our fortnightly newsletter is normally disseminated on the Wednesday, however there are a number of things that I needed to relay to you now – so you're getting the early edition!

#### **Around the Classes**

Our Foundation students have settled into school routine really well and are having a great time. They, along with the Grade 1 students, have been learning about 2D shapes (**Mathematics**) and as part of their **Literacy** they have been focussing on the letter M. Mighty Marvellous work Munchkins!

Our Grade 2/3's have been fine tuning their cooking skills. Last week they made a pasta sauce from lots of vegies that they harvested from our garden and then the following day they made fettuccini from scratch. Lots of numeracy, literacy – and fun! Some of their recounts are below.

The Grade 4/5/6 class have been working on narratives (**Literacy**) and place value and time as part of their **Numeracy** curriculum.

As part of our **Personal Development** curriculum, each week our classes focus on a particular social skill. The topic may last several weeks, but presently we are focussing on HONESTY. Attached is a Parent Information sheet about lying which we hope you will find useful. Hang onto those resources – you might not need it this week, but you never know when it might come in handy. We have lots of these resources on a variety of topics, so please feel free to ask at any stage if you need something in this area.



### Pasta Recount

On Tuesday we made pasta. Our ingredients were flour and eggs. Then we made it into dough. Then we rested it for one hour. We cut the dough then we cooked it in boiling water and then we ate it.

By Tyler

**Yesterday we made pasta. First we washed our hands then we got the flour and eggs. Then we mixed it in the bowl. Then we left it for an hour. Then we rolled it and cut it into fettuccini. Then we cooked it. Then we ate it** *By Jack*

Today we made pasta sauce. The ingredients were cherry tomatoes, chives, eggplant, onion, garlic, zucchini, basil and thyme. Then we put it into a bowl and put it on the stove to cook it for 5 hours. Then we put it in the fridge and the next day we poured it on the pasta and ate it. By Clare

**THE 2/3 MADE PASTA WE PUT 6 EGGS AND 600 GRAMS OF FLOUR THEN WE MIXED IT IN A BOWL. THEN WE ROLLED THE DOUGH. THEN WE MADE A PANCAKE THEN WE CUT IT. THEN WE COOKED IT. THEN WE ATE IT. BY COOPER**

Today I made pasta. To make it we put 6 eggs and 600 g of flour in a bowl. We mixed it and then we used a machine (that the awesome brilliant Mr G bought to school) to flatten it. Then we cut it and then we put it in hot water and cooked it. Then we put the sauce on and ate it. It tasted good like Mr G. not **BY ROBBIE** 😊



## Pancakes



### Family Evening

Please note Friday, 19 February on your calendar. All families are invited to our annual Family evening here at the school commencing at 6pm. A BBQ will be provided, but we ask that families bring either a salad or a dessert and their drinks. Tea and coffee will be available. A fun night of tabloid sports will follow – so get into training!

### Camps and Excursion Funding

A reminder that application for the Camps and Excursion Funding are due by 29th February 2016, as payments are made from March.

### **Thank you**

A huge thank you to all the parents who came to our working bee on 31 January. To say the weather conditions weren't on our side would be an understatement, however we managed to get quite a few things done which was great. Thank you to the following families for your efforts: Cavicchiolo, Flanigan, Graham, Murphy, Paccagnan and Cass Hines. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

### **Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)**

Nicky, our OSHC coordinator, advised me last Friday afternoon that she has secured a position at Appin Park Primary as the assistant to their OSHC program – effective immediately. We wish her well in her new role and thank her very much for the work she has done since the programs inception in 2012.

I have employed CRT (Casual Reliving Teachers) to cover the program for this week as we have children already booked in to use the service.

**Please note that in order to book your child in this week please ring the school** – not Nicky this week. CRT's have been engaged for the three nights (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) that we have children booked in for this week.

In terms of the programs long term future School Council will have to make a decision – and they have been working towards that. Unfortunately since the program began in 2012 we have made a loss on average of approximately \$7000 each year. This is due to the funding that we receive to keep the program going having dropped each year, and I have been advised that effective 30 June 2017 the funding will cease altogether. School Council has been grappling with the dilemma for some time now – we recognise that we are providing a great service to families. The problem is that we just don't have enough people using it and we can't continue to make such a financial loss. Our School Councillors are fully aware of the situation and are dealing with it presently.

However, and here is the good news, today I offered a short term contract to Sally Arnold – effective next Monday through to the end of Term 2. So our program will continue to operate, 5 nights a week, at least up until the end of Term 2. In order to book your child into the service you will need to contact Sally on 0437916693 before 2pm. Bookings after 2pm cannot be accepted as Sally will only be here on the nights that she has

children booked in prior to 2pm. In the meantime if you would like to have an input to guiding Schools Councils decision please feel free to contact one of the Councillors or myself.

### **School Fees**

Thank you to the many parents who have promptly paid their annual school fees. These have been set by School Council at the same rate as last year - \$100 per child for the year. We use this money to cover the cost of the library and Art Van levies, Student insurance, Parents Association Membership and costs associated with bussing. Our Parent Club pay a third child subsidy for fees. This means your third and subsequent children have their school fees paid by Parent Club.

### **Foundation Information Evening**

A reminder that tomorrow evening we will be running an information session for all our Foundation parents commencing at 7pm here at the school. The key focus of the evening will be to inform you particularly about our teaching of literacy and numeracy, and how you can assist at home, along with some other general information about your child's first year of school. This is a great opportunity for you to learn some valuable information, particularly as for many of you this is your first child at school. Please make every effort to attend.

### **Sailing Camp**

Plans are well underway for the Grade 6 cluster sailing camp to Rye. This is an amazing opportunity for our children to learn to sail – in an extremely safe environment. Camps provide amazing educational opportunities, but they also allow our student to develop many social skills, such as resilience and independence. Many of our camps are done in conjunction with our other cluster schools (Moyhu, Myrree, Whitfield and Edi Upper) as it provides our students with an opportunity to socialise and get to know their peers from the other schools – which is a great benefit when they move onto Secondary school. Detailed information and a permission form will be sent home shortly to the Grade 6 parents.

Thank you

Howard Gibson  
Principal