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## NEWSLETTER 4 May 2016

### Dates for your Diary

MAY	6	Athletics Practice day at Whitfield
	10	Community Forum
	10-12	NAPLAN
	10	Athletics Training
	11	MARC Library
	13	Pupil Free Day
	14/15	Sheep Dog Trails catering
	16	Art
	17	King Valley School Athletics Carnival – Wangaratta
	18	Cooking

#### VACUUM ROSTER

MAY	6	Paccagnan
	13	Bailey
	20	Preston
	27	Randell
JUN	3	Ring

#### TOILET ROSTER

Graham
Hilton
Leadbetter
Manning
Montgomery

#### **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  
Darren Shepherd  
Scott Flanigan  
David Boonzaayer  
Shannon Murphy  
Peter Paccagnan

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

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

#### Around the Classes

The Foundation/1 students have been focussing on the letter E as part of their **English**. Their **Mathematics** focus has been on time and rainbow numbers – breaking 10 up into parts eg  $6+4=10$ .

Our Grade 2/3 students have been tackling division as part of their **Mathematics** work recently. Using concrete materials to support their learning, they have been 'sharing' counters equally into groups. They have also looked at the correlation between division and multiplication.  $6 \times 4 = 24$  and  $24 \div 6 = 4$ .

And the Grade 4/5/6 students ..... have been exploring length (**Mathematics**) - tied in with measuring their high jump, triple jump etc. They have also been problem solving and multiplication.

Our Bounceback topic over recent weeks has been courage – what is courage and what have you done that was courageous.

### **NAPLAN**

Each year across Australia, Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students complete the NAPLAN assessment tasks. This year they will be conducted during the period of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May through to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Literacy and Numeracy are the two curriculum areas assessed. Under special circumstances children can be exempted. Please talk to me if you have any questions. Parents will receive detailed information later in the year regarding their child's achievements.

### **Pupil Free Day**

A reminder that School Council has approved Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May a Pupil Free Day. The staff will be attending the Country Education Project (CEP) Conference in Melbourne. As such there will be no school operating on this day.

### **Community Forum**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 6:30pm we will be running a community forum at the school regarding the future direction of the school. As many of you will be aware, this year sees us undertake a review of our past performance over the last four years and set some goals for the next four years. This Review process is something that all Victorian Government schools go through every four years.

We would greatly value your input into how you see us currently performing (what are we doing well?) and where you feel we should head next (what can we do better?). Much of the direction will come through an analysis of the schools performance data – which the staff and the School Council have already commenced doing. This is then fed into the *School Self-Assessment* document that I am currently writing.

Hopefully you will be able to join us for this evening and have your input into this extremely important process.

### **Somers Camp**

Every second year our children in Grade 5/6 have the opportunity to attend the 9 day Somers Camp. A separate letter is attached for the parents of Grade 5/6 students regarding this opportunity.

### **Athletics Carnival**

Our annual cluster Athletics carnival is just under two weeks away on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. This will be held at the Athletics Complex in Appin Street Wangaratta commencing at 10am. Children need to be there no later than 9:35am so they can collect their score card from their teacher and participate in the warm up activities at 9:45am.



As there will be no buses running that day, it is parent's responsibility to get their children to and from the sports complex. It's a great day for the parents to come along and support their children and watch them compete in the various events.

I will send home the timetable of events the day before. If the weather is against us we have Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May as our backup date.

As a cluster of schools we will be getting together on Friday of this week for a practice session of the various sports in our age groups. This will commence at 11:30am. Children will be bussed to Whitfield. A permission form is attached. Please complete and return to us as soon as possible. They will need their lunch and snacks and appropriate footwear.

### **School Council**

At our School Council AGM held recently, the following parents were elected into the following roles:

President: Leonie Partridge

Vice President: Ann Shanks

Treasurer: Elsie Northey

My congratulations go to these people upon their election, along with my sincere thanks for their willingness (there wasn't too much arm twisting!) to take on these extra duties.



### **Pie Warmer**

Now that the cooler weather has arrived our Pie Warmer will be available each day for warming children's lunches. Please ensure that your child's lunch is either wrapped in foil or in a container that is suitable for going in a pie warmer and that their name is clearly written on their lunch.

**Cattle Dog Trials Catering 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**DONATIONS**

- Elsie Northey Coleslaw
- Ashton Tanner Onions
- Howard and Leonie 1 Doz Eggs each
- Sarah Murphy Choc Chip Biscuits
- Ros Paccagnan 2 Litres Milk Saturday
- Angela Ring 3 Litres Sunday
- Fiona Lemke 4 White Bread
- Kate Shepherd 4 Wholemeal bread

**CATERING SATURDAY**

Ros Paccagnan and Sarah Murphy 1- 4pm

**CATERING SUNDAY**

- Elsie and Angela Ring 8.30-11.30 am
- Kate or Darren Shepherd 10.00-2.00pm & Fiona Lemke
- Howard 11.30- 4.00 pm
- Kristy Randell 1.00-4.00 pm

All food at school by 3pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Contact Elsie Northey for all queries  
 on 0419 798 910

**Thankyou**

Thank you to the families who assisted last week with the catering we undertook for a local funeral. Your efforts are very much appreciated. We made \$455, all of which our students will benefit from.

Thank you

Howard Gibson  
 Principal

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**Ski Camp**

Our cluster ski camp is scheduled for the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> July. The exact days the week we are going are still

to be finalised – this will be based on the number of children participating from each of the cluster schools. This camp is available for Grade 5 and Grade 6 students – and then if there is still available space it may be open to Grade 4 students. There is a possibility that Grade 6's may have the opportunity to learn snowboarding – this will depend on our availability of finding someone to run this. If Grade 6's choose snowboarding, they must commit to it for the three days and also already be competent skiers. The grade 5 students (and possibly Grade 4) will do downhill skiing. No costs have been worked out yet; however we need to have an indication of who may be going from our Grade 5/6 students – and possibly Grade 4's. Please indicate Grade 6's if you would like to do snowboarding or downhill skiing. If any parent would like to come, please remember we are limited to number of places so experienced skiers will be given preference. Please indicate on the slip below and returned to us by this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**2016 SKI CAMP**

- I would like ..... to attend the snow camp.
- I would like my child to do snowboarding. (Grade 6 only)
- I would like ..... to attend if there is room (Grade 4 only)

**Parents:**

- I would like to attend as well. I am an experienced / intermediate / beginner skiing level

Signed .....