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Dates for your Diary

MAY	18	Cooking
	24	Peg Making (Grade 4/5/6)
	25	Library
	26	Peg Making (Grade 2/3)
	30	Speech
	30	Art
JUNE	5	Wood Cutting 9:30am
	13	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
	16	Cluster Italian Day at Moyhu

VACUUM ROSTER

MAY	20	Osborne
	27	Bailey
JUNE	3	Randell
	10	Ring

TOILET ROSTER

Leadbetter
Manning
Montgomery
Murphy

MOWING ROSTER

Scott Flanigan
David Boonzaayer
Shannon Murphy
Peter Paccagnan
Tim Northey

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.

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

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

Around the Classes

Lots and lots of sports practice has been happening across all grades over the last two weeks. Apart from this

Our Foundation/1 Class have been busy practicing their handwriting, playing games with their sight words and focusing on the initial sound in words (**English**). In **Mathematics** they have been looking at friends of 10 (5+5, 6+4, 2+8 etc.) and positional language (behind, next to, in front of, etc.). As part of their **Health** curriculum

they have been learning about germs and the importance of washing their hands.

The Grade 2/3 class have been working on Narratives and looking at the structure within these (**English**). In **Mathematics** we have been looking at place value (the 6 in 467 is worth 60) and have just started looking at Graphs and interpreting them.

Sir John Jones

Last Friday I had the privilege of listening to Sir John Jones speak at the Rural Teacher's

Conference in Melbourne and I'm confident in saying that my staff that joined me found him to be both inspirational and entertaining.

There is a small and select band of educational professionals in the UK who have not only had their achievements recognized in the New Year's Honours List, but who are also able to inspire others with their outstanding knowledge, passion and enthusiasm – Sir John Jones is one.

Knighted in 2003 for his services to education, Sir John worked most of his professional life in challenging schools across the North West of England, his last post being the head-teacher of a large secondary school in Liverpool.

His achievements and reputation for straight talking, leadership and creativity led him to be invited onto various organizations, panels and think tanks including the National College for School Leadership.

He is also one of the most entertaining, inspiring and sought-after speakers on the global educational stage.

Sir John retains a very down to earth approach to education, believing it to be about social change, never just about ticking boxes or meeting targets. He covered an impressive range of educational issues from leadership and inclusion to organizational development and 'futures thinking'.

Failure is just Practice

Effort is more important than IQ

Athletics Carnival

What a great day we had yesterday. It was fabulous to see all the kids cheering each other on and giving their best. Exactly what we aim for. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, etc. who came along and supported our children.

Congratulations to the following:

Prep/6 Year Old

2nd Mitch Murphy

3rd Tom Osborne

7 Year Old

Age Champion Brodie Stafford
Sportsperson Award Ella Montgomery

8 Year Old

3rd Maisie Murphy
Sportsperson Award Skelly Manning

9 Year Old

Sportsperson Award Hannah Stafford

10 Year Old

Age Champion Clove Boonzaayer
Sportsperson Award Sam Northey
New Record Holder Distance Sam Northey

11 Year Old

2nd Hannah Phillips

12 Year Old

Age Champion Jay Chambeyron
3rd Aidan Ross

Wood Cutting Morning

Each year as a fundraising venture we have a morning cutting wood at the Outdoor School (15 Mile Creek Camp) for their fires and pizza oven. Generally we are only there for around 2½ hours. This year's date has been set for Sunday 5 June commencing at 9:30am. We need people with axes, chainsaws, wood splitters and any other woodcutting tools you may think handy. The more people we have help out on the day the lighter the workload. For further details either contact James Chambeyron (5727 6116) or myself at school.

Peg Making Sessions

Over a couple of sessions, with the help of David Cavicchiolo from the Outdoor School, we will be making our own bag hooks that will be installed in the school. The grade 4/5/6 children will be sourcing the pegs and then learning the craft of whittling it into the desired shape. Then our Grade 2/3 students will be involved in drilling the holes in the backboards for the pegs and finally our F/1 students will be oiling the finished product. Such team effort! A permission form is attached for the Grade 2/3/4/5/6 students as

they will be travelling to the Outdoor School for their part of the project. Grade 4/5/6 will be going next Tuesday and Grade 2/3 on Thursday of next week. Both groups will be transported by bus.

Cattle Dog Trials Catering

Thank you to the families who assisted last weekend with the catering we undertook for the Cattle Dog Trials at Molyullah. We had lots of parents who donated goods or their time to help on the day – all of which is greatly appreciated. We made approximately \$732.90 – which all our students will benefit from.

A huge thank you to Roz Paccagnan for coordinating Saturday and Elsie Northey for Sunday.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

Out of School Hours Care

I am pleased to announce that following School Council's recommendation, I have renewed Sally Moore's contract through to the end of the year. Given the turnaround in financial status, School Council was more than happy to do this. One of the key reasons for this improvement is because we have more children utilising the service. Sally is doing an amazing job, so please keep using the service!!!!

Just a reminder that if your child is a regular user and for some reason is away on a day that he/she is booked in, please ring Sally before 2pm to advise her.

