

NEWSLETTER 27 July 2016

Dates for your Diary

JULY	25-29	Parent Opinion Survey
	29	Review Day 1
Aug	1	Pies ready for collecting
	3	Library
	5	Minecraft Day
	8	Review Day 2
	8	Art
	10	Cooking
	14	Working Bee 9:30am
	9-17	Somers Camp
	29	Pupil Free Day

VACUUM ROSTER

JUL	29	A Tanner
AUG	5	Wood
	12	A Baker
	19	Boonzaayer
	26	Briggs
SEP	2	Cavalot

TOILET ROSTER

Preston
Randell
Ring
Robertson
Ross
Shanks

MOWING ROSTER

David Boonzaayer
Shannon Murphy
Peter Paccagnan
Tim Northey
Scott Flanigan

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

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.

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

Minecraft Day

On Friday, 5 August we are lucky enough to be having an educator come and work with our Grade 2-6 children to teach them about sustainability through *Minecraft*. As you may be aware, *Minecraft* is a highly engaging computer based program that allows the user to go on adventures and build 'worlds' and amazing things from the simplest of homes to the grandest of castles – all with blocks (similar to Lego blocks). If you are available at any stage between 11:30am and 1pm, call in and see what your children are up to and see how a 'game' can be utilised as a teaching tool. Our kids are very excited about the day and I would love for you to come and join them if you are available.



Bag Hooks

Thank you very much to David Cavicchiolo for helping our children make their new bag hooks and to Mick Leadbetter for installing them. As you can see, they look fantastic and have already proved to be very handy.



New Building

After two years waiting from when the program was initially sought, and then being jinxed several times regarding a starting dateit's finally about to happen (fingers crossed still though!!!) Our new building is set to start on Friday of this week – the area being fenced off and then work in earnest set to commence next Monday. The building is a large specialised room designed specifically to meet the needs of our special needs children, but will in fact be utilised by all. The room will be the same size as the Grade 2/3 class and will be built alongside it behind the office area. Eventually there will be a sensory garden constructed between the Grade 2/3 classroom and the new building. The space will include a disabled toilet, an active engagement space and a quite learning space.

Pie Drive



Our grade 6 students have been busy collating all your orders for our Pie Drive and have placed the order. We have been notified that the bakery will be delivering them to the school on Monday, 1 August - so they will be ready for pick up that afternoon from 3:30pm once the kids have organised all the orders. Can I please suggest that you call in and collect them Monday afternoon – particularly to those that have quite a few orders. At this point we anticipate a profit of around \$450. Well done kids on organising this.

Pupil Free Day

School Council has designated Monday 29 August as a Pupil Free Day. We will be hosting all the teachers from the cluster here and will spend the day with a lecturer from Melbourne University looking at teaching strategies to support students with disabilities and difficulties. This is such an important area for all teachers - in fact it is now a mandatory component of our registration requirements that each year we undertake Professional Development in teaching students with a learning difficulty.

2017 Enrolments

Even though we have just started Term 3, we have already made some initial planning in readiness for 2017. Next month I will be required to provide the Education Department with an indicative enrolment for next year. To assist me in this, can you please let me know if you have a child to start with us next year or if you know of anyone else who may be starting. At this stage I am expecting around 47 students next year which is a slight increase on this year.

Parent Opinion Survey

Earlier this week you would have received the 2016 Parent Opinion Survey. The survey is an important part of every school's parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement. All families participate in the annual survey, which is confidential and anonymous. Please ensure that you return your completed survey to the school by this Friday 29 July. For any queries, please contact the school.

Parents Association



Our Parents Association will be catering for morning tea and lunch on the 29th August at the school for the cluster teachers PD day. At this stage there will be approximately 21 people.

More details to come in the next newsletter for what help we are going to need - or phone Elsie on 0419798910 to discuss further.

On 22nd October we have been asked to cater for an afternoon tea at a wedding for approximately 90 guests in Myrree. Again, more details closer to the time. Thanks – from Elsie.

Thankyou

Howard Gibson
Principal

Working Bee

We will be having a short working bee on Sunday 14 August commencing at 9:30am. There are only 2 jobs on the list – fixing up the chook shed in readiness for some new chooks and a general tidy up in what was the bag room. With our new building starting very soon, we have had to move a lot of things out of the sheds nearby and have quite literally just dumped it into the bag room. Time for a spring clean!



So please mark the date in your calendar/diary and we will hopefully see you here.



