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## NEWSLETTER 10 August 2016

### Dates for your Diary

Aug	14	Working Bee 9:30am
	9-17	Somers Camp
	17	MARC Library
	22	Speech
	22	Art
	22	Book Week Celebrations
	24	Cooking
	25	F/1 Sleepover
	29	Pupil Free Day
	31	Library
Sep	2	Cluster Olympics day – Moyhu
	5	Father's Day breakfast
	5	Art

#### VACUUM ROSTER

AUG	12	A Baker
	19	Boonzaayer
	26	Briggs
SEP	2	Cavalot
	9	Cavicchiolo
	16	Chambeyron

#### TOILET ROSTER

	Ring
	Robertson
	Ross
	Shanks
	Shepherd
	Tanner

#### 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. Thank you.

#### MOWING ROSTER

Peter Paccagnan  
Tim Northey  
Scott Flanigan  
David Boonzaayer  
Shannon Murphy

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 class have been looking at grammar as part of their English work – nouns, verbs and so on. The Foundation children have looked at the letter M as part of handwriting, while the Grade 1 class have looked at U. In **Mathematics** they have been exploring place value in three digit numbers – developing their understanding that 456, for example, is made up of 4 hundreds, 5 tens and 6 ones. They have also been learning how to read BIG numbers!

Our Grade 2/3 class have been concentrating on addition and subtraction, with and without trading, in **Mathematics**. They have been doing a great job at learning their times tables – they all have a copy for home on the particular time table that they are currently focusing on. In **English** we have continued on with our focus of Roald Dahl's book *The Twits*. We are currently making little movies about tricks that the children have written that Mr and Mrs Twit play on each other.

Meanwhile our Grade 4/5/6 have been busy utilising some of the facts and figures from the Olympic Games to assist them develop their graphing skills and ordering of numbers (**Mathematics**). In **English** they have focussed on sentence structure – full stops, capital letters etc. As part of their **Ethical Capability** work they have been looking at the values of the Olympic Games.

Our recent focus in Bounceback (**Personal and Social Capability**) has been on optimism and pessimism – helping children develop the skills of trying to always see the positive side in a situation even though it may seem to be difficult.

### **Sporting Schools Grant**

Our final Sporting Schools grant for this year has been allocated to us for this term. When we made our application we asked for Soccer which was approved, but it has proved to be extremely difficult to find a registered soccer coach willing to come to Greta Valley over the term for an hour at a time. So ..... I have managed to secure a coach from *Melbourne Victory* to come and spend a whole day with all of our kids. So on Thursday, 15 September we will be having a Soccer Day. More details closer to the time.



### **Book Week Celebrations**

As part of our Book Week celebrations, on Monday, 22 August we are inviting all the students (and staff!) to dress up as their favourite book character.

We will also be running a book swap during the day and raising money for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation. We are asking all children to bring along a book that they wish to donate to our swap table, and then for a gold coin donation, they can choose a different book to take home.

In the morning our children will rotate around four different activities – each one based on a different short listed book. Lots of literacy fun!

### **Father's Day Breakfast**

Calling all dads! It's time to be recognised for all those fantastic things that you do. With Father's Day approaching soon we are



holding a breakfast here on Monday 5 September at 7:30am to thank you being for being ... DAD. More details will arrive in the mail shortly.

### **Pupil Free Day**

A reminder that Monday 29 August is 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.

### **F/I Sleepover**

In preparation for our three day camp for the whole school early next term, our Foundation/1 students will be having a sleepover at the school on Thursday 25 August. Classes will be as normal on Thursday, then after school we have lots of great activities planned (including setting up Mrs D's bed!!!) before we have a BBQ dinner. The next day, given that we may very well have some sleepy heads, a quieter day is planned. They will go as per normal at 3:30pm on Friday.

The cost for this is \$5 – the rest being made up through School Council funds. We will provide Thursday afternoon tea and dinner, and Friday breakfast, morning snacks and lunch. A permission form is attached. Mrs D will send home a list of equipment to bring, such as bedding, closer to the time.



### **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. Time for a spring clean! So please mark the date in your calendar/diary and we will hopefully see you here!



### **Minecraft Day**

Last Friday was the ‘best day ever’ according to at least one of our students. Joel from *Teach With IT* came to teach us a little about sustainability through the use of computer game Minecraft. From the minute he started to talk about his custom built world the students were captured. Their task was to create the best house with the resources available, with small groups of students being responsible for one particular resource. As the session progressed we could observe the students negotiating trades and deals with other factions of the game; food for some timber, a torch for some stone. We also witnessed some great team work and communication skills as students within each faction worked together, pooling their resources to ensure they stayed alive and working together to construct their house. When asked what they had learned and thought of the session one student beautifully said, “It seemed easy when you explained it, but then when you actually did it and had to trade and work with others it was a lot harder,” which is a great reflection of the real world problems that people face day to day.

Thank you

Howard Gibson

Principal

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### **Review Update**

Earlier this week we had the second and final day of our Review process. Our day focussed on looking to see where we needed to place our emphasis for the imminent future and developing a clear set of goals for the next four years. With that in mind, we have developed three clear goals as our focus:

- *To maximise student outcomes in all areas of the curriculum, with a particular focus on Literacy and Numeracy*
- *To ensure students feel safe, happy and motivated to learn.*
- *To enhance student resilience and well being*

Our Reviewer now has several weeks to compile his report which I will present to School Council at our next meeting (6 September). From there I will write our next Strategic Plan. We will be seeking your input, possibly on that evening, into shaping this plan. This will be a great opportunity for you to have an input into the schools future development. I will confirm the date closer to the time.

### **Helpers and food required for Funeral on Tuesday 16th August**

- 3 x Cakes
- 3 x Slices
- 2 x Party Pies - Packet of 24
- 1 X Party Sausage Rolls - Packet of 24

We will be catering for a funeral at the Greta Hansonville Hall on Tuesday 16th August. Light lunch has been requested set up time from 10.30am until approximately 3.00pm for 40 people.

If you can help please advise the following by Friday 12th August

I can Donate the following \_\_\_\_\_

I can help on the day at the following times \_\_\_\_\_

All food to be at the school by 9.00 am on Tuesday 16th August.

Thanks Elsie  
0419 798 910



# MINECRAFT DAY

