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Dates for your Diary

Dec	15 & 16	Concert practice at Hall
	16	Concert 7pm – Molyullah Hall
	19	Swimming – Benalla Pool
	20	Grade 6 Graduation Lunch
	20	Last Day – 2:30pm dismissal
2017		
Jan	30	Teachers resume
	31	Students resume
Feb	3	Swimming
	10	Swimming

VACUUM ROSTER

Dec	9	Murphy
	16	Montgomery
FEB	3	Northey
	10	Osborne
	17	Paccagnan

TOILET ROSTER

Flanigan
Fullerton
Graham
Fulleton
Hilton

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

Scott Flanigan
Tim Northey
Shannon Murphy
David Boonzaayer
Peter Paccagnan

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

Dear Parents,

Our 2017 Foundation students had their first full day at Greta Valley yesterday, and all our other students moved up a class – including our current Grade 6's who attended their chosen secondary school. A very exciting time of the year for everyone. Can you please note the following:

Grade 6 Graduation Dance

Our Grade 6 students had a great night last Monday night at Myrree for our cluster Grade 6 Graduation Dance. Cass and I were very proud of them, particularly with the progress they made over the last month learning the various dances. Well done kids.

Reports

The staff are busy putting the final touches to the end of year reports at the moment. We aim to have these disseminated to families on Thursday 15 December.

Swimming 2017

Our swimming lessons for Term 1 next year at the Benalla Aquatic Centre have been booked. We will be swimming each Friday commencing 3 February through to 24 March. I am hoping to secure a Sporting Schools grant which will go a long way to covering the costs associated with this vital, but expensive, program. Fingers crossed!! Permission forms for this will be sent home on the first day for the children next year.

School Concert

As mentioned in our last newsletter, this year's concert will be held on Friday, 16 December at the Molyullah Hall commencing at 7pm. We ask all families to be at the Hall by 6:45pm so the students can get ready for a 7:00pm start.

Santa will hopefully be making an appearance at the end of the night. For the many less fortunate children we are once again asking families to bring an unwrapped gift to put into Santa's sack on the night. Last year Santa donated these gifts to the K-Mart wishing tree - of which they were extremely grateful.

Supper will follow the concert, so can you please bring a plate to share.

A permission form is attached for us to go to the Molyullah Hall the day before and morning of the concert for us to rehearse our various items.

Thank You

A huge thank you to the families who helped out last Saturday evening for the LandCare dinner. I know lots of you made salads and desserts and others helped out with the cooking on the night. Your efforts are very much appreciated. We anticipate raising around \$1150 - all of which will go back into supporting programs for our children such as camps. A special thank you to Elsie Northey who coordinated this for us. Well done Elsie.



Holiday Watering Roster

Given the warmer weather and holidays approaching, we are in search of some families to help us out with watering the grounds and vegie garden. We have a sprinkler system in place, but need some people to turn the sprinklers off and on. If you are willing to take on a week, please indicate this by completing the form below. Please come and see me before the end of term if you are unsure of where our sprinkler valves are.

Scooters

We're into the final two weeks of term, so if children would like to bring a scooter or the likes for use at recess/lunchtime that is fine. They must have a helmet as well though.

Parent Payment Policy

Please find attached a copy our new Parent Payment Policy. This is a mandatory requirement of all Victorian State schools and explains to you the Department's new guidelines on Essential and Optional charges. These charges will make up what you would know as our yearly fees. School Council has endorsed the fee structure as outlined in the Policy - that being \$100 per child for Essential items, and then an optional charge of \$11 for Student Accident Insurance. (Previously we had this insurance as part of our general fees, but we can no longer do it that way it's optional!) We will invoice you next year, so don't worry at this point. Please feel free to give me a call if you wish to discuss the Policy.

End of Year Arrangements

On Monday 19 December we are heading to the Benalla pool for a fun day. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Students need to bring their swimming gear, drinks and morning tea. A permission form was sent home last week. If you have not returned

this can you please do so as soon as possible. If your child(ren) **won't** be attending can you please let me know as soon as possible as we need to know for catering purposes.

Our 2016 year concludes on Tuesday, 20 December. Being the last day of term we will finish at 2:30pm. Buses will be running as per normal, just an hour earlier than usual. There will be no After School Care that afternoon.

Next year, staff will resume on Monday, 30 January and children commence the following day on Tuesday 31 January.

Next year's bus timetable will be issued next week - final adjustments are being made currently.

Plastic Pots

If anyone has some old plastic flower pots they would like to send in, the Flanigan family has some tree seedlings they would like to pot up and give to the school to sell as a fundraiser.

And finally Congratulations

Just in case you haven't heard the latest news, our wonderful Mrs Hines is expecting her third child next May. This is wonderful news for the Hines family... just not so good for us.



Cass will be returning to us for Term 1 next year and during that time I will work on finding a replacement for her.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal



2016 GRADUATION

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
GRETA VALLEY PRIMARY
SCHOOL CONCERT



AT THE MOLYULLAH HALL
115 CENTRE ROAD, MOLYULLAH

ON FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

AT 6.45PM FOR A 7.00PM START

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GARDEN AND GROUNDS WATERING ROSTER

Wednesday 21 Dec – Tuesday 27 Dec	
Wednesday 28 Dec – Tuesday 3 Jan	
Wednesday 4 Jan – Tuesday 10 Jan	
Wednesday 11 Jan – Tuesday 17 Jan	
Wednesday 18 Jan – Tuesday 24 Jan	
Wednesday 25 Jan – Sunday 29 Jan	