

NEWSLETTER 15 February 2017

Dates for your Diary

FEB	Wed	15	Library
	Fri	17	Swimming
	Mon	20	Art
	Tue	21	School Council 7pm
	Wed	22	Cooking
	Wed	22	Foundation Day off – final one
	Fri	24	Swimming
MAR	Wed	1	Library
	Mon-Thu	6-9	Gr 6 Sailing camp – Rye
	Mon	13	Labour Day Holiday
	Tue-Fri	14-17	Grade 3/4 Camp

VACUUM ROSTER

FEB	17	Northey
	24	Preston
MAR	3	Randell
	10	Ring
	17	Robertson

TOILET ROSTER

Leadbetter
Manning
Montgomery
Murphy
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.

MOWING ROSTER

David Boonzaayer
Peter Paccagnan
Scott Flanigan
Tim Northey
Shannon Murphy

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

Dear Parents,

Around the Classes

Our Foundation/1 students have been busy recently with their **English** work. Last week's focus was on the letters s & t and this week the focus is on a & p. The grade 1's have been looking at letter blends. In **Mathematics** they have all been learning about shape. As part of their **Humanities** work they have been looking at families, with an interesting focus on Eskimo families.

Meanwhile the grade 2/3 class

part of their **Mathematics**. (o'clock, half past, $\frac{1}{4}$ past & to and 5 minute increments as well as timetables.) In **Science** we have conducted experiments involving yeast giving off CO₂ in order to blow up a balloon and looked at dye from M&Ms being dissolved in water.



Thank you

A huge thank you to Boonzaayer, Briggs, Cavicchiolo, Cunneen, Flanigan, Northey, Paccagnan, and Ring families who did an amazing job at our working bee. There was a long list of jobs (sorry about that guys), but we managed to get the vast majority ticked off. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Family BBQ

Thanks to everyone who came along to our 'welcome to the new year' BBQ last Friday. You'd have to agree that it was a brilliant night despite all going home wet! It was inspiring to see such delight in the kids – and the big kids.



We officially opened our new building last Friday night which is a great addition to our facilities. Whilst designed with the needs of our Special Needs children in mind, it is utilised by all kids. Below are some photos of the room in action.

Mowing Roster



We have a small team of dedicated parents who have volunteered their services to mow the school lawns on a roster system. The more people we have on the roster, the less often that you will have to do it. The school has a ride on mower as well as a push mower. If you are interested in going on the roster can you please either talk to myself or Tim Northey.

School Council

Our election process concluded on Monday and as I received the right number of nominations for vacancies, we did not have to proceed to an election. My congratulations go to Nathan Manning and David Cavicchiolo who have been returned for a further two years, and also to Scott Flanigan and Tiffany Knighton who have also been elected for two years. They join Peter Paccagnan and Leonie Partridge who both still have 12 months to serve. Our next School Council meeting will be on Tuesday, 21 February commencing at 7pm. These meetings are open to everyone and all are welcome. Only elected members have voting rights.

Congratulations

Our congratulations are extended to the Manning/O'Brien family on their recent addition to their family - Courtney Noel. A great addition.

Cooking

Every second Wednesday our older children (Grade 4/5/6) travel to Edi Upper Primary School for a cooking session as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program that operates across the King Valley Cluster schools. They travel by bus leaving here at 10:45am and generally are back around 2pm. If anyone would like to come along and assist with this exciting program please have a chat to Lisa. No cooking skills are required – we'll teach you!

Swimming

Please let us know if you are intending to pick up your kids from the pool (2:45pm) in Benalla so their school bag can go with them. Please also let one of the staff know that you are leaving so we can account for each child.

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form each year and lodge it with their child's school for processing. Parents who hold a valid means tested concession card are eligible to apply for this grant - \$125/student annually which comes directly to the school and we use it to offset your child's camps and excursion expenses. Please lodge an application form before the end of this month. Forms are available from the office or can be sent home with your child.

Camps

Our Grade 3/4 students will shortly be joining with the other cluster school Grade 3/4 kids for

four days at the Outdoor Education School (15 Mile Creek). This forms an integral part of our camping program and teaches the children a variety of outdoor skills as well as some valuable social skills. This camp will be from Tuesday 14 through to Friday 17 March. More details closer to the time.

Our one and only Grade 6 student will be heading off for four days of sailing at Rye (Mornington Peninsular) shortly. Again, this cluster camp forms an integral part of our camping program.

Permission and medical forms are attached for these children. Can you please return them to us promptly? Further details (costs) will be coming shortly. If you have any queries, please feel free to ask.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

