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## NEWSLETTER 1 March 2017

### Dates for your Diary

MAR	Wed	1	Library
	Fri	3	Swimming
	Mon	6	Art
	Mon-Thu	6-9	Gr 6 Sailing camp – Rye
	Wed	8	Cooking
	Fri	10	Swimming
	Mon	13	Labour Day Holiday
	Tue-Fri	14-17	Grade 3/4 Camp
	Wed	15	Library

#### VACUUM ROSTER

MAR	3	Randell
	10	Ring
	17	Robertson
	24	Rothera
	31	Sherperd

#### TOILET ROSTER

Montgomery
Murphy
Northey
Osborne
Paccagnan

#### MOWING ROSTER

Scott Flanigan  
 Tim Northey  
 Shannon Murphy  
 David Boonzaayer  
 Peter Paccagnan

#### **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**

Our Foundation/1 class have been looking at P and K as their letters (**English**) along with an author study on Pamela Allen. In **Mathematics** they have been looking at simple addition and creating patterns using dominoes. Time is the measurement concept that they are looking at now (seasons).

Meanwhile our Grade 2/3 students have been looking at the structure of a story for their creative writing focus (**English**). In **Mathematics** they have been looking at units of measurement, particularly with Volume and Capacity. Currently we are looking at Chance.

And finally our Grade 4/5/6 students have been enjoying their class novel 'Misery Guts' by Morris Gleitzman. They've been answering questions after each chapter to ensure they're comprehending the text. They're also completing an author study and looking at writing their own blurb .....

*Did you know that Morris Gleitzman teamed up with Paul Jennings to write books – Joshua*

*He use to dress up as Santa and he also moved to Australia from England in 1969 – Chloe*

*He was born in England and writes children's books – Sam*

*Keith is in a family of misery guts! His mum is a misery guts, his dad is a*

*misery guts. He tries so hard to cheer them up. He must keep on trying. This is a great family book. I would give it a 4/5 rating. - Emma*

In **Mathematics** they have been completing a daily 3 minute multiplication challenge – where they complete 50 question and work their way through the levels after answering all 50 questions correctly. Each newsletter we'll publish those students who move up a level and join the 50 club.

### **Bounce Back**

In each newsletter there will be a brief summary of what each of the classes has been doing as part of our Bounce Back program. This program was introduced across the whole school for the first time last year and is aimed at developing student's resilience and social competencies.

An overview of the program is attached for your information. I encourage you all to read through the overview in order to develop a greater understanding of what we are aiming to achieve with your children in this important area of development. Much of the work this term will be around our core values that we developed last year – Honesty, Responsibility and Respect.

### **School Council**

School Council met for the first time for the year last week. One of the major outcomes of this meeting was the election of Office Bearers for the year. My congratulations and thanks go to the following people who were elected to various roles:

Leonie Partridge – President  
Tiffany Knighton – Vice President  
Secretary – Nathan Manning

School Council endorsed our 2017 Annual Implementation Plan – a 12 month document that sets out a broad picture of what we will be aiming to achieve over the course of the year. If you would like a copy of our AIP please let me know. They also endorsed the 2017 Budget. Our 2017 School Fees were also discussed, along with Student Accident Insurance. Fees have been set at \$110 per child (maximum 2 per

family) for the year. It was also agreed upon that the school would take out an insurance policy for **all** students in the event of an accident. For further information on the coverage please request a copy.

### **Hot Cross Bun Drive**



We are doing a Hot Cross Bun Drive this Easter. There are 6 Hot Cross Buns in a packet with 3 different flavours; Normal Fruit Hot Cross Buns, Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns and Fruitless Hot Cross Buns. Each pack will cost \$6.80 and as much as we'd like to bake them for you all, we will be doing the Drive through 'Wang's Best Bakery' and word on the street is that their Hot Cross Buns are fantastic. Attached to the newsletter will be an order form and we'd like these returned to the school no later than the 17<sup>th</sup> March. Hot Cross Buns will be ready for pick up from school in the last week of term. So get your orders in and you won't be disappointed. Any questions please do not hesitate to ask us.

Riley and Clare (Grade 4)

### **3/4 Camp & Sailing**

Camps form an integral part of our curriculum here at Great Valley. To this end we have two camps happening shortly. Our Grade 6 student will be joining with the other Grade 6's from across the cluster for four days at Rye (Mornington Peninsular) learning to sail. What an amazing opportunity!

The following week our Grade 3/4 students will be joining their counterparts from across the cluster at the Outdoor School (15 Mile Creek) for four days of great outdoor education activities – orienteering, abseiling, flying fox, etc. Two amazing camps that not only focus on the key learning and curriculum development, but also are about developing an array of social skills such as resilience and developing confidence. These skills are so important to the overall development and wellbeing of all students.

### **Cluster Music Day /Tabloid Sports**

Students in Year 3 to 6 from the King Valley Cluster schools will have a day of experiencing Indigenous Music at Whitfield District Primary School on Thursday 23 March. During the day they will participate in music workshops that expose them to a variety of indigenous instruments, dance and songs.

We were successful with our grant application from The King Valley Arts Committee which will help with the costs on the day. We are very fortunate to have Sani Townsend attend the day and provide workshops for the students. Sani has danced with the Bangarra Dance Theatre and is a well-known Australian performer and choreographer.

Students will travel to the school by bus to begin the day's program at 10.00am (gather at 9.45am). Sani Townson will perform with the students in the afternoon, and the students will present a simple vocal piece developed during the day. Parents and people from the local community will be invited to attend this performance.

The Foundation-2 students will also travel to Whitfield on that day; they will be participating in Tabloid sports at the Whitfield Recreation Reserve with the other cluster students.

All students are required to bring a packed lunch, hat and drink bottle on this day. A permission form is attached for completion. Parents are more than welcome to join us for the day if they so wish.

### **Magazines**

We are after any magazines that you may no longer have a need for at home. We can put them to great use here.

Thank you

Howard Gibson  
Principal

### **Icy-Pole Thursday**

The weather still has a sting to it so the Grade 4/5/6's have decided for the rest of the term to sell icy poles for one day a week. We will start this **Thursday** and they will be for sale at lunch times. The icy poles cost 50 cents each. The flavours are apple, mango, orange, black currant and tropical.



Brodie & Sam

### **Student of the Week**

Each week we will be recognising the achievement of a student and presenting them with a certificate at our weekly assembly. Our last two recipients were:

Kate Preston – excellence with her handwriting

Josh Robertson – excellence in helping out his peers in the classroom  
Well done Kate and Josh.

### **Minecraft**

After the hugely successful Minecraft day last year we decided to employ Joel once again to come and work with our Grade 2-6 students with this engaging computer program. This year our focus was on Narrative (Story) writing. The students used this engaging computer based program to create a story. They looked at the key components/structure of a story – plot, setting and character – before exploring a 'world' and then coming up with a resolution to the problem they found. A fantastic learning experience.

### **Labour Day**

There will be no school on Monday 13 March as it is a Public Holiday – Labour Day.

Whitfield Community Childcare is taking enrolments now!

Contact:

Jess Young - 0413 119 172

Kate Walsh - 0401 537 213

[whitfieldcommunitychildcare@gmail.com](mailto:whitfieldcommunitychildcare@gmail.com)



[Childcare is looking for donations of quality toy prams or balance bikes – if you have such an item that you no longer use the childcare children would greatly appreciate it.](#)

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*Yesterday the Grade 2-6's had a Minecraft Day. Joel, our wonderful instructor, came up from Melbourne with his 20 computers to run the session. All the kids explored the world by learning about the Minecraft setting, characters within the Minecraft world and the plot. They then tried to figure out a password to unlock the hidden door. Once through the door we were able to build our own Minecraft houses. It was epic!  
Robbie & Jack*



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This term in the 4/5/6 classroom we will be completing a daily 3 minute multiplication challenge. The children complete 50 question and work their way through the levels after successfully answering all 50 questions correctly. Already the children are showing improvement in their automatic recall and the amount of questions they are able to answer in the allocated time. Each newsletter we will congratulate the students who pass a level and join the 50 club.



*Clove Boonzaayer  
Euca Boonzaayer  
Olivia Briggs  
Chloe Dinning  
Brodie Dinning  
Sam Northey  
Cooper Northey  
Emma Paccagnan  
Joshua Robertson  
Hannah Stafford*

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