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Dates for your Diary

MAY	Fri	5	Sports Practice Day @ Whitfield
	Sun	7	Woodcutting 9am
	Mon	8	Speech
	Wed	10	Library
	9-11		NAPLAN –Grade 3&5
	Fri	12	Best Laid Plans – CFA (see below)
	Mon	15	Art
	Tue	16	Athletic Sports – Wangaratta
	Thu	18	Sports back up date

VACUUM ROSTER

MAY	5	Wood
	12	Boonzaayer
	19	Bordignon
	26	Briggs
JUN	2	Cavalot

TOILET ROSTER

Ring
Robertson
Rothera
Shepherd
Stafford

MOWING ROSTER

Shannon Murphy
David Boonzaayer
Peter Paccagnan
Gill Cunneen
Scott Flanagan
Tim Northey

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,

Around the Classes

Our Foundation/1 class have been learning about 'friends of ten' (6&4, 2&8, 5&5) as part of their **Mathematics**. The Grade 1's have been looking at counting beyond 100. As part of their measurement work they have been looking at analogue clocks (hour and half hour) and length (estimating metres). In **English** they have been looking at story sequencing.

Meanwhile in the Grade 2/3 class, the **Mathematics** focus has been on looking at data (taken from our sports results – time and length) and then using Excel (**Technology**) to produce graphs of this data. In **English** the focus has been on paragraphing and punctuation.

And finally, the Grade 4/5 class having been looking at paragraphing and punctuation as part of their **English** work – in particular the correct use of exclamation and question marks and contractions (do not = don't). In **Mathematics** they have been looking at perimeter and have just started looking at square numbers (multiplying any number by itself). In **Science** all grades have been looking at the human body. The F/1 class have been looking at the skeletal system, the 2/3's have been discovering how many body parts are interrelated and the 4/5's have been researching the various organs.

Foundation Outdoor School Day

Our Foundation children had a great day last week at the Outdoor Education School. The focus was on observations of our outdoor environment. This included a study of a dry creek bed, learning about respecting the environment and animal life in the bush. A fantastic learning experience.



Cluster Schools Sports

Our annual cluster Athletics carnival is less than two weeks away – Tuesday 16 May. This will be held at the Athletics Complex in Wangaratta (Appin Street) commencing at 10am. For those of you who are new to the school, this is a great fun day with the children competing to achieve their Personal Best in long jump, triple jump, high jump, distance, sprint, discus and shot put.

These sports are Personal Best sports where every child is striving to equal or improve on their personal best performance. The aim is to encourage maximum participation with healthy competition. Students will be encouraged to compete to the best of their ability.

There will be no buses running that day, so it is parent's responsibility to get their children to and from the sports complex. It's a great day for the parents to come along and support their children and watch them compete in the various events.

The first events commence at 10am, but we ask that all children be at the complex **no later than 9:35am** so they can collect their cards and participate in the warm ups at 9:45am.

I will send home the timetable of events closer to the day. If the weather is against us we have Thursday 18 May as our backup date (not the Wednesday as previously advertised). Should we

need to postpone them an announcement will be made on **3NE at 7:30am**.

As a cluster of schools we are looking at taking it in turns each year to run a 'canteen' (eg BBQ) where parents and children can purchase their lunch. We are still to finalise this but if it is going ahead this year I'll let you know when I send the timetable home.

NAPLAN

As mentioned in the last newsletter, NAPLAN for our Grade 3 and 5 students will be conducted from Tuesday 9 May through to Thursday 11 May. There are a number of literacy and a numeracy assessment that are spread out over the three days.

Students of the Week

Our congratulations to the following students who have received a Student of the Week award

Clove (Grade 5) – commitment and focus on his work

Carla (Grade 2) – kindness displayed to other students

Ethan (Grade 2) – excellent work ethic

Sam (Grade 5) – raking the running track in his own time

Max (Foundation) – care for other students

Woodcutting Day

Each year as a fundraising venture we have a morning cutting wood at the Outdoor School (15 Mile Creek Camp) for their fires and pizza oven. Generally we are only there for around 2 hours. This year's date has been set for Sunday 7 May commencing at 9:00am. We need people with utes, chainsaws, wood splitters and any other woodcutting tools you may think handy. The more people we have help out on the day the lighter the workload. For further details either



contact James Chambeyron (5727 6116) or myself at school. A number of parents have already approached me regarding bringing their wood splitters thank you so much to those families.

Pupil Free Days

Last night our School Council endorsed Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 June as Pupil Free Days. As such there will be no school operating on these days.

On the Monday the staff will be undertaking curriculum planning for Semester 2 and on the Tuesday we are all heading to Wodonga to listen to Sir John Jones speak. Sir John is an International Education specialist, who based on previous experience, I know will be inspiring for all the staff. In fact last year all the teaching staff went to Melbourne to hear him and I was disappointed that the non-teaching staff didn't attend. So this time we're all off!



Pie Warmer

Now that the cooler weather has arrived our Pie Warmer will be available each day for warming children's lunches. Please ensure that your child's lunch is either wrapped in foil or in a container that is suitable for going in a pie warmer and that their name is clearly written on their lunch.

Attitudes to Schools Survey

We want our student to tell us what they think

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. The survey assists schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school between Monday 22 May to Friday 23 June. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

Students from Year 4 to Year 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3. The Department has updated the survey for 2017 to include important new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance.

Students privacy is our priority Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to combine data for research purposes only. Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of your child's survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file.

This survey is not a test and your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion.

Thanks

Thank you to Bec Hilton for mending our high jump mats. Much appreciated.

Winter Uniform Order

Attached to the Newsletter is an order form due back by Wednesday 17th. Payment is due when picking up at the office.

'Best Laid Plans' Project

How would you react in a disaster like a fire? How would your children react? Do you have a plan? What would you do?

As you are most likely aware, Greta Valley Primary School is on *Bushfire At Risk Register*. We are pleased to advise that the school community in collaboration with the CFA, will be participating in the trialling of a resource kit to help families prepare for emergency. This will include the screening of a locally made film where local residents, including children, speak of their experience of devastating fast moving fires in recent years. This is not about what *might* happen, but what *did* happen & how everyone's experience was unique. This short doco focuses on the kinds of decisions parents and

children had to make and their reflections about this since. Questions they grapple with included:

What did **you think you** would do?

What **did you actually** do?

What **hadn't you anticipated?**

On Friday May 12, Year 4/5 students will take part in a workshop where they will watch a short version of the local doco. They will then take part in a variety of activities designed to help them develop ideas about what positive contribution they could make to preparing for, and helping out in an emergency.

All school students will have the opportunity to be shown over the Greta CFA Fire Truck at around 10:30am.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

*Developmental Play
in Action*

Foundation/1 class

