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Dates for your Diary

JUNE	28	Cooking
	30	End Term 3 (2:30pm dismissal)
JULY	17	Pupil Free Day
	18	Term 3 commences
	19	Library
	24	Art
	26	Cooking

VACUUM ROSTER

JUN	30	Flanigan
JUL	7	Fullerton
	28	Lemke
AUG	4	Graham
	11	Hilton

TOILET ROSTER

Bordgnon
Briggs
Cavalot
Cavicchiolo
Cunneen

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
Gill Cunneen
Scott Flanigan
Tim Northey
Shannon Murphy

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

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

Around the Classes

Our F/1 class in **English** have been looking at the letter W, well known and favourite characters in books and spelling their sight words. In **Mathematics** they have started to sing the 2, 5, & 10 times tables each day, focussed on subtraction and time (to the hour for Foundation and ordering the months of the year for Grade 1). As part of their **Humanities** the class had a live virtual tour last week of the Sydney Opera House - looking at its history, features and parts of the Orchestra. In our Human Body

Unit (**Science**) they have been finding out about the five senses. The Grade 2/3 class have continued with their mapping unit (**Mathematics**), drawing up a town map with various shops and buildings in their town. They have then used this to develop their language of direction. In **English** they have either written a recount or a detailed narrative which included facts that they gleaned from a newspaper article we focussed on - being the sale of the land in Glenrowan where the Kelly siege took place.

Our Grade 4/5 class have been journal writing (**English**) on a regular basis. In **Mathematics** they have been looking at the language of direction. In **Science** they have made brain hats and muscle men as part of our Human Body unit.

Students of the Week

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

Tyler Robertson – effort with his Words Their Way sorts

Shelby Wood – displaying fantastic qualities of being a good friend

Brodie Stafford – his great story writing

Jim Shepherd – amazing effort with his story writing

Clove Boonzaayer – representing the school at Regional Zone championships

Hannah Stafford – excellent oral presentation to her class



Spare Clothes

We are currently running low on spare clothes, particularly shorts or tracksuit pants for smaller children. If you have any that your child has grown out of we would greatly appreciate them. It's always handy to have a spare set of clothes in your Foundation child's bag.

Pie Drive

Our Grade 4/5 class are currently busy incorporating into their learning the organisation of a pie drive for the school. Lots of practical skills have been happening – such as telephoning the bakeries and exploring profit margin. Emma (Grade 5) is designing our order form at the



moment and these will be sent home on Friday. These will be due back early next term.

Attendance Data

I was extremely pleased to have a look at the most recent attendance data for all our students and this was much improved on previous data sets. Well done and thank you. We have done much over the last two years to improve the overall attendance data, and now that it has improved we need to ensure that it stays that way. It is an expectation that all children will attend school every day. Obviously if they are unwell, home is the best place for them. We do ask that you notify us as to the reason why your child is away as we are required to report to the Education Department twice a day on their attendance.

Sir John Jones

We had an amazing day yesterday in Wodonga listening to Sir John Jones, a renowned education specialist. This was the third time I had heard him, but still came away, as did all my staff, with lots of great inspirational learning. His focus is not so much on any one area of the curriculum, but rather about developing each child as a whole and as an individual.

Sir John worked most of his professional life in challenging schools across the North West of England, his last post being the head-teacher of a large secondary school in Merseyside.

His achievements and reputation for straight talking, leadership and creativity led him to be invited onto various organizations, panels and think tanks including the National College for School Leadership. He retains a very down to earth approach to education, believing it to be about social change, never just about ticking boxes or meeting targets. He covered an impressive

range of educational issues from leadership and inclusion to organizational development and 'futures thinking'.

I encourage you to have a look at the following link which will give you an idea of the amazing things we heard yesterday.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzD0Wcagq1Y>

Mid-Year Reports

We're slowing coming back to normal (!!!) after spending weeks writing reports. These will go home tomorrow. If you have any queries please feel free to contact your child's teacher. I thank my

staff for the hours that they have put into getting these completed.

Cross Country Run

Congratulations to Clove Boonzaayer who competed in the Regional Cross Country last week at Winton - fantastic Clove. Well done.

Term Holidays

A reminder that we finish at **2:30pm on Friday** for the term break. Term 3 commences on **Tuesday 18 July**. From all my staff, have a lovely break - and keep warm!

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

GRETA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER WOOD FOR SALE

TIME TO STOCK UP AND HELP THE SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME

**WE HAVE MIXED SPECIES SELLING AT \$140 A UTE LOAD DELIVERED LOCALLY OR
\$150 A UTE LOAD DELIVERED TO BENALLA/WANGARATTA.**

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LIMITED STOCKS

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This week, Victorian fisheries are stocking HEAPS of fat rainbow trout into the following lakes and dams in time for the winter school holidays.

WODONGA

Felltimber Creek Wetlands, Les Stone Park Lake, Sumsion Gardens, Yarralumla Drive Lake

CHILTERN

Lake Anderson

GLENROWAN

Fosters Dam

BEECHWORTH

Lake Sambell and Stanley Ditch Dam in Stanley

YACKANDANDAH

Allans Flat Water Hole

WANGARATTA

Merriwa Park Lake. (behind the tennis courts)