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Dates for your Diary

AUG	10	Tennis
	11	Book Week celebrations
	11	Pie Order forms due back
	15	Messenger Dogs Performance 1:45pm
	16	Library
	17	Tennis
	21	Art
	23	Cooking
	25	Winter Sports (Edi Upper)

VACUUM ROSTER

AUG	11	Hilton
	18	Knighton
	25	Leadbetter
SEP	1	Manning
	8	Montgomery
	15	Murphy

TOILET ROSTER

Cunneen
Cursons
Flanigan
Fullerton
Lemke
Graham

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

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

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

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

Around the Classes

The Foundation/1 class yesterday had a virtual learning experience via our Polycom about sea turtles. They joined with a few other schools via the polycom to hear about these creatures and how we need to care for them. **(Science)**. In **Mathematics** they have been looking at place value and length, while in **English** they have been looking at poetry. As part of their inventions work they were busy last week trying to solve the challenge of making the tallest tower out of 50 straws.

Our Grade 2/3 class have been looking at Mass as part of their **Mathematics**. In particular they have been looking at units – grams and kilograms, and how to read a set of scales. In their **English** work they have been writing narratives about inventions whilst looking at the different stages in the writing process (Planning, Drafting, Editing, Revising and Publishing). And of course we have all sorts of inventions happening from planes with 18 engines to dresses that glow in the

night! I hope your mantel piece is huge!

And finally, our grade 4/5 class have started reading their new class novel 'Once' By Morris Gleitzman - a novel which takes place during World War 2 in Poland. **(English)** The novel is about a young Jewish boy looking for his parents. The novel explores many themes and is generating a lot of conversation around what happened throughout this war. In **Mathematics** they have been revising skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In the afternoons they have been starting to design a pinball/maze invention. More boxes and recycled materials from home to assist with their constructions would be greatly appreciated. As I said, I hope the mantel piece is big!!!!

Student of the Week

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

Jess Cavalot – displaying our school value of Honesty

Pas Manning – exceptional pride in his work

Elly Cavalot – improvement with her spelling

Sam Tanner – commitment to her work tasks

Robbie Leadbetter – exemplifying our school values of honesty and respectfulness

Sporting Schools Grant

Despite the weather last Thursday, our tennis sessions got off to a great start. All grades had a great time learning some new skills. There are some photos on our Facebook page, as well as some below. Here's hoping for better weather this Thursday.

Messenger Dog Performance



Next Tuesday afternoon we are having a special performance for the whole school entitled *Messenger Dogs*. The performance tells the story of the role that dogs played during World War 1. Parents are more than welcome to join us. The show starts at 1:45pm here at the school.

Book Week Celebrations

Don't forget that this Friday, as part of our Book Week celebrations, we are inviting all the students (and staff!) to dress up as their favourite book character.

We will also be running a book swap during the day and raising money for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation. We are asking all children to bring along a book that they wish to donate to our swap table, and then for a gold coin donation, they can choose a different book to take home.



In the morning our children will rotate around a number of different activities – each one based on a different short listed book. Lots of literacy fun! You are more than welcome to come along for our character parade at 9am before the children head into their literacy based activities.

F/1 Sleepover



School Council last night approved Friday 8 September as the date for our F/1 sleepover. Mrs D is already counting down the days!!!! This is a great opportunity for our younger students and is something we do annually to help them in readiness for an upcoming longer camp – in this case our Portsea camp in October.

More information along with medical/permission forms will go home closer to the time.

Thanks

Thankyou to the Paccagnan and Northey families for their wood cutting efforts over the weekend. A huge thankyou Ros and Pete for the generous use of the wood from your property to sell and the time you have taken to cut and deliver it. We have raised over \$1300 for the school.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal



Pie Drive

Pie drive orders are due today but we will accept late orders until Friday 11th. Pie orders will be delivered to school on the 21st of August and will be ready for pick up that afternoon. We hope you enjoy your pies and thank you for getting your orders to us. If you have any concerns please contact the school and ask for Emma.

Well done Emma.

Parent Opinion Survey

Last week you should have received a link to this year's Parent Opinion Survey. The Department has made the change from the traditional paper survey to the online version.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

You have until Sunday 27 August to complete the survey.