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NEWSLETTER 6 December 2017

Dates for your Diary

DEC	11	Art
	12	Statewide Transition Day
	13	Cooking
	21	Concert – Molyullah Hall 6:45pm
	22	End of Term 1:30pm dismissal
JAN	29	Staff Resume
	30	Students Resume

VACUUM ROSTER

DEC	8	Stafford
	15	Osborne
	22	Paccagnan
FEB	2	Preston
	9	Randell

TOILET ROSTER

Preston
Randell
Ring
Robertson
Rothera

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

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

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

Dear Parents

It's an exciting time of the year (if not somewhat hectic!) with lots of concert rehearsal, finishing off work and of course next Tuesday is the big day when our students all go up a year level for the day. Our 2018 Foundation students will be with us for the full day as well.

Can you please note the following:

Around the Classes

Our F/1 class have been learning about alphabetical order (**English**) and have been continuing with their reading groups where they explore a variety of texts and genres. In **Mathematics** their focus has been on money ... and they went shopping earlier this week with a variety of catalogues. Their **Humanities** focus this last

fortnight has been on bushfires in Australia.

Meanwhile the Grade 2/3 class have been using Excel (**Digital Technologies**) to create a variety of graphs (**Mathematics**) (pie, bar, line) on some data related to the Titanic. Their projects about their chosen manmade disaster (**Humanities**) are almost completed and we couldn't be

prouder of the effort they have put into these and the skills they have learnt.

And our Grade 4/5 class they too have been looking at data representation and interpreting this data (**Mathematics**). Their **English** focus has been on poetry and in **Humanities** they have been learning about some famous survivors of a disaster eg. Stewart Diver.

Student of the week

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

Riley Hilton – being a great friend and helping out a new student

Tameeka Knighton – always willingly assisting with cleaning up

Matilda Cavicchiolo – amazing effort with her Disaster project

Brodie Stafford – being a great friend and helping out a new student

Cooper Northey – persistence with his story writing

Euca Boonzaayer – developing his resilience

End of Year Arrangements

The staff are busy putting the final touches to the end of year reports at the moment. We aim to have these disseminated to families on Wednesday 20 December.

Our last day for the year will be on Friday 22 December. Please note that we will finish at 1:30pm on this day. We will be cleaning up our rooms, having a BBQ lunch and maybe even some time for a water fight! More details in the next newsletter

End of Year Concert

As mentioned in our last newsletter, this year's concert will

be held on Thursday, 21 December at the Molyullah Hall commencing at 7pm. We ask all families to be at the Hall by 6:45pm so the students can get ready for a 7:00pm start.

Santa will hopefully be making an appearance at the end of the night. For the many less fortunate children we are once again asking families to bring an unwrapped gift to put into Santa's sack on the night. Last year Santa donated these gifts to the K-Mart wishing tree – of which they were extremely grateful.

Supper will follow the concert, so can you please bring a plate to share.

A permission form is attached for us to go to the Molyullah Hall the morning of the concert for us to rehearse our various items.



Holiday Watering



Given the warmer weather and holidays approaching, we are in search of some families to help us out with watering the grounds and vegie garden. We have a sprinkler system in place, but need some people to turn the sprinklers off and on. If you are willing to take on a week, please indicate this by completing the form below. Please come and see me before the end of term if you are unsure of where our sprinkler valves are.

2018 Staffing

School Council were last night informed of our staffing arrangements for next year, now that it has been finalised, and so I'm now happy to inform you of our grade structures for next year:

Foundation/1 18 children

Rosalie DiRamacca

Grade 2/3 17 children
Fenella Elsom & Howard Gibson

Grade 4/5/6 19 children
Reetisha Dowarkasing

Specialists:

Music Leonie Brien
Art Sandra Moore
Italian Peg Halbwidl
Library Anthony Lawler

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Fenella who will be working in the Grade 2/3 class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's. Fenella is a very

experienced teacher with a Primary science background and we are all looking forward to her joining the Greta Valley team.

2018 Term dates

Staff resume on Monday 29 January, with students commencing the next day - Tuesday, 30 January.

Term 1 - Tuesday 30 January to Thursday, 29 March.

Term 2 - Monday 16 April to Friday 29 June

Term 3 - Monday 16 July to Friday 21 September

Term 4 - Monday 8 October to Friday 21 December

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

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GARDEN AND GROUNDS WATERING ROSTER

Saturday 23 Dec – Friday 29 Dec	
Saturday 30 Dec – Friday 5 Jan	
Saturday 6 Jan – Friday 12 Jan	
Saturday 13 Jan – Friday 19 Jan	
Saturday 20 Jan – Friday 26 Jan	