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Dates for your Diary

FEB	Fri	16	Swimming
	Mon	19	Art
	Wed	21	Foundation Day Off
	Fri	23	Swimming
	Mon	26	Cooking (Grade 4/5/6)
	Wed	28	Foundation Day Off (Final one)
	Wed	28	Library
MAR	Fri	2	Swimming
	Mon	5	Art
	Tue-Fri	6-9	Rye Sailing Camp (Grade 6)
	Fri	9	Swimming
	Mon	12	Labour Day Holiday – No School
	Wed	14	Library

VACUUM ROSTER

FEB	16	Ring
	23	Robertson
MAR	2	Rothera
	9	Shepherd
	16	Stafford
	23	Tanner

TOILET ROSTER

Shepherd
Tanner
Stafford
Wood
Boonzaayer
Bordignon

MOWING ROSTER

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

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 exploring 2D and 3D shapes in **Mathematics**. The Foundation children have also been looking at subvertising – the ability to immediately know how many items are in a visual for example be able to immediately know how many dots are on a dice rather than counting them individually. In **English** they have focussed on the letter R and in **Humanities** they have been learning about the Water Cycle and glaciers.

Meanwhile the Grade 2/3 class have been focussing on Narratives (**English**) with a strong focus on nouns, adjectives, verbs and sentence starters. Our

punctuation focus has been on correct use of capital letters and paragraphing. In **Mathematics** we have been looking at time (5 minute intervals) and in number they have been learning to recognise, model and order numbers to 1000 and 10000.

And finally the Grade 4/5/6 class have been busy writing narratives (**English**) about imaginary animals, with a particular focus on verbs and proper nouns. In **Mathematics** they have been looking at time as well – with a focus on the units of measurement for time. In **Geography** they have been using an atlas to learn about the rivers of the world and plotting some of these onto a world map. This grade yesterday were involved in a Polycom session whereby we had two children from each of the five cluster schools design a survey about WATER which they will now implement and report back the results via our Polycom technology. Great collaborative learning!

Family BBQ

Thanks to everyone who came along to our ‘welcome to the new year’ BBQ last Friday. You’d have to agree that it was a brilliant night despite all going home wet! It was inspiring to see such delight in the kids – and the big kids.

Mowing Roster

We have a small team of dedicated parents who have volunteered their services to mow the school lawns on a roster system. The more people we have on the roster, the less often that you will have to do it. The school has a ride on mower as well as a push mower. If you are interested in going on the roster can you please either talk to Tim Northey or myself.



Cooking

Every second Monday our older children (Grade 4/5/6) travel to Edi Upper Primary School for a cooking session as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program that operates across the King Valley Cluster schools. They travel by bus leaving here at 10:45am and generally are back around 2pm. If anyone would like to come along and assist with this exciting program please have a chat to Reetisha. No cooking skills are required – we’ll teach you!

Fees invoice

An invoice for our School Fees is attached to today’s newsletter. These were set by School Council last night at \$111 per child. For those families who have three student with us you are only being charged for 2 as our Parents Association pay for your third child.

We use these fees to cover the Art & Library levy (visiting fortnightly specialists), student insurance and your child’s consumables (exercise books, pens, pencils etc.)

If you wish, these fees can be paid by direct debit. Our banking details are on the bottom of the invoice.

Swimming Championships

An opportunity for children aged 9 and above to enter the division swimming championships exists. This is similar to the athletics and cross country events we do. These will be held at the Olympic Pool in Wangaratta on Thursday 1 March. Successful students will then have opportunity to compete at the Hume Region Swimming Championships on Wednesday 7th March in Shepparton. From the Region championships successful competitors will progress to State Swimming Championships in Melbourne on Wednesday 18th April.

The following events will be conducted (Competitors may enter only 2 individual events & 2 relay events):

.FREESTYLE	50M	Boys & Girls
BACKSTROKE	50M	Boys & Girls
BREASTSTROKE	50M	Boys & Girls
BUTTERFLY	50M	Boys & Girls
4 x 50m RELAY		Boys & Girls
4 x 50 MEDLEY RELAY		Boys & Girls

Medley relays can be made up of all boys or all girls or a mixed medley and their ages can be all mixed as well. The order of the medley relay is backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly & freestyle. Only one team from each school in each relay.

If you are interested please come and get a timetable of events and also an entry form. Entry forms need to be returned by Wednesday 21 February.

You will need to make your own arrangements to get your child to the pool and for his/her supervision as there won't be a staff member from Greta Valley there. The organisers are actually looking for a helper on the day so if you're interested let me know. Entry fee per student is \$5.00 payable on the day.

Camps

Our Grade 6 students will be heading off for four days of sailing at Rye (Mornington Peninsular) shortly – Tuesday 6 through to Friday 9 March. This cluster camp forms an integral part of our camping program. Registration, Transport, Permission and Medical forms are attached for these children. Can you please return them to us by Tuesday 20 February. The cost of this camp is \$175 which covers travel, food, accommodation etc. There is also a list of clothing requirements amongst the paperwork. If you have any queries please feel free to ask.



Our Grade 3/4 students will shortly be joining with the other cluster school Grade 3/4 kids for four days at the Outdoor Education School (15 Mile Creek). This forms an integral part of our camping program and teaches the children a variety of outdoor skills as well as some valuable social skills. This camp will be from Monday 26 through to Thursday 29 March. More details closer to the time.

Asbestos Removal

The Department of Education and Training (DET) will soon be undertaking some proactive asbestos removal works at the school. It was meant to be this Saturday but it has been postponed to a date yet to be confirmed.

The asbestos-containing material is being removed from the school grounds in strict accordance with the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety framework and environmental regulations. We will be working closely with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), the responsible body for asbestos removal and remediation works within DET, to ensure disruption to students and staff is minimal.

Work will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removalist engaged by DET. As a further precaution, an occupational hygienist will monitor air quality during applicable removal works and must issue a clearance certificate before any person can access the area.

I appreciate your cooperation and patience during this process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Webpage

We have a webpage that our Newsletters are uploaded to. If you misplace yours or need to access information from a Newsletter our address is www.gretavalley.vic.edu.au

We also have a Facebook page that will publish photographs from school camps and other school events from time to time.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal