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Dates for your Diary

APR	Fri	27	Sporting School Coach 2:30-3:30pm
	Mon	30	Art
MAY	Tue	1	Italian
	Tue	1	Sporting School Coach 2:30-3:30pm
	Thu	3	Music
	Fri	4	Sporting School Coach 2:30-3:30pm
	Tue	8	School Council 6:30
	Thu	10	Athletics Day

VACUUM ROSTER

APRIL	27	Bordignon
MAY	4	Briggs
	11	Brophy
	18	Brosig Welch
	25	Cavalot
JUN	1	Cavicchiolo

TOILET ROSTER

Brosig Welch
Cavicchiolo
Clancy
Comollatti
Cunneen
Cursons

MOWING ROSTER

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

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 familv. A list of familv numbers is in your handbook. Thank you.

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

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic first week I have had here at Great Valley Primary School! I feel extremely lucky to be here for the term and hope I can learn as much from your children and school as they can learn from me.

Around the Classes

There has been a hive of activity around the school as students get back into the swing of the school term after, what I'm sure for most, was a relaxing holiday break. Everyone has been practicing hard to improve their personal bests in preparation for athletics day, including our daily run around the school.

Our F/1 students have had a great start to term 2 and are working hard in all areas. They have been introduced to Essential Assessment, an online numeracy tool by the grade 2/3 students and are enjoying completing the tasks at their own level. The 2/3 class has begun their investigation of animals and will learn how animals are grouped and classified. They have been

looking at persuasive texts in literacy and multiplication and time in numeracy.

The grade 4/5/6 students have also been looking at persuasive writing and are learning written strategies for working out multiplication equations. They have begun their study of animals by looking at reptiles.



ANZAC DAY

There was no school yesterday, due to ANZAC day. Students have learnt what ANZAC day is about and why it is important to our history in Australia. On Tuesday we held an assembly for ANZAC Day, listened to the last post and held a minutes silence.

Athletics Day

Thursday May 10th is the cluster Athletics Day. We are lucky enough to have a Sporting Schools Coach, Rennae McKenzie, here each Tuesday and Friday afternoon to help our students learn correct technique and improve their personal best in each event in preparation for the day.



More information about Athletics day will come out shortly.

NAPLAN

Our grade 3 & 5 students have begun their preparation for NAPLAN which will occur on May 15-17th. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. NAPLAN can become stressful for some

students and parents at times as they feel the pressure of this type of testing. Our preparation is focusing on ensuring students know that this is one type of test and all they need to do is to try their best. If you have any questions about NAPLAN please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Student of the Week

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

Georgie – For showing great bravery during her first attempt of high jump.

Ilka – For her fantastic explanation and telling of time to the hour, ½ past, ¼ to and ¼ past.

Cooper – For his great work ethic in maths.

Working With Children Check

We value home/school partnerships and the time that people contribute through volunteering at school either in the classroom or on excursions and camps.

With changes to the Child Safe Regulations 2017, all parents who attend excursions and camps are to hold a valid *Working With Children's Check*. We also strongly encourage parents working within the classroom to hold a WWC.

More information and links to the application pages can be found at the following link.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

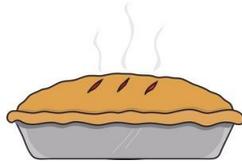
Please contact the school if you would like to clarify any questions you may have, and then provide the school office with your card so a copy can be kept on file.

Uniform Orders

Uniform orders are attached to this Newsletter. Please return to by next Friday 4th May and disregard the date on the order form.

HOT FOOD

For Terms 3 and 4 we allow students to bring food to be heated in the schools oven. Please remember to either send food wrapped in foil or in an oven proof container and to save many tears at lunchtime, a name clearly marked. Please toast sandwiches prior to wrapping as this means your child gets their lunch with others and not having to wait in line for the toaster. We do not allow anything that requires boiling water added (noodles, soups).



Outdoor Education Camp

On the 26th of March the grade 3's and 4's from King Valley cluster went to 15 Mile Creek Camp for 4 days.

On the first day when we got there we played some games altogether, and then

we got split into groups, we were in group 2.

We went on an amazing creek walk and looked at water bugs in the dam.

After dinner we played a game called Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores.

The next day we went up to Mt Samaria for a bush walk. Then we went to have a look at the water falls. After dinner we went on the flying fox.

The day after we built an insect hotel. In the afternoon we went rock climbing. Then we had dinner, after we looked at all the photos from the week.

The last day we went bike riding. After that we came back to school. It was a terrific camp!!

By Ella and Matilda Grade 3

Have a great couple of weeks!
Thank you,

Andrea Matheson
Acting Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

