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Calendar– Term 1

MARCH

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| Mon 24 | Science with Hilary
AASC – 6th session Term 1 |
| Tues 25 | Indigenous Performance
Tuckshop Tuesday
Religious Ed with Diana
Swimming—eighth session |
| Wed 26 | MarcVan
Prep Day Off |
| Thurs 27 | Garden program, NO Kitchen
class—bring lunch |
| Friday 28 | Harmony Day
Swimming—ninth session |
| Monday 31 | Final AASC |

APRIL

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| Tues 1 | Regional Rehearsal JTC
Final Swimming session |
| Wed 2 | Finance SubCommittee
School Photos
MarcVan
School Council meeting |
| Friday 4 | Last day term 1 |

‘Harmony Day is where everyone is different but they all belong.’ Rhys

Need I say anymore! It was wonderful to see so many children dressed in orange on Friday. The man in the orange balaclava was a little scary! Thanks everyone for supporting such an important day.

INDIGENOUS PERFORMANCE

Tomorrow morning we will welcome the students from Nicholson Primary School. Nicholson Primary have been invited to join us to watch a performance by Lewis Parter—an indigenous performer from Queensland. We look forward to a morning of story telling and song. In Lewis’ words: “My heart is for my people and a better understanding of my people. I believe my presentation allows for what I call a “soft” approach to Reconciliation.” Any family/community members who would like to attend are more than welcome. The performance begins at 9.30am.



Our lunch this week was a special hand made pasta dish with a simple basil and tomato sauce, along with the favourite pumpkin gnocchi with sage butter and parmesan, we also really enjoyed a steamed garlic and scarlet runner bean dish, a salad of roast pumpkin with silverbeet and Panini (special flat bread) on the side.



Kitchen/Garden

Pumpkins were our star crop this week, which we harvested with pride - keep an eye out in the local paper for a pic! We have submitted an article written by John Ireland about our spectacular autumn pumpkin harvest. The other high yielding crop this week was our scarlet runner beans which have launched into action with a bit of cooler weather. There are still a few lingering tomatoes and zucchinis that need harvesting as well as lots of herbs, spring onions and silverbeet. After recess we concentrated on sowing lots more winter veg in punnets and planted out some snow pea seedlings kindly donated by Andrew Brown. Thanks again to Bree and Jake who were a huge help in the garden, and to Faith for her hard work in the kitchen. It was wonderful to have Faith back on deck last week.

There will be NO kitchen class this week.
Students will need to bring their normal lunch along on Thursday.

Condolences—
We extend our sympathy to John Ireland and family on the passing of John's mum.

KOORIE CULTURE

Last Thursday evening Adam Cooper, Kat, Dave and I attended a meeting at Eagle Point PS to begin planning for the piece of Koorie art that will be displayed in our school. The artwork will reflect the inclusiveness of all students, and in particular Koorie students. Whilst Adam works with the children, there will be many opportunities for exchange of stories that will promote awareness of Koorie culture.

Swimming

We have our eighth and ninth sessions in the water this week. Please remember to send along a plastic bag for wet items.

FOOTWEAR

We've noticed a few sweaty, whiffy feet with the warm weather- would parents please ensure children always wear **socks** with their shoes. Thank you.

Think Tank

Last Wednesday the children enjoyed a new matchstick challenge, as well as addition skittles and the 3D ball from the previous week. We had a new ping pong ball game where you had to shake the balls out of a tissue box tied around your waist! No hands allowed! Made for some very interesting moves! The big thinking challenge was with some rebus puzzles, such as "HOROBOD" meaning "Robin Hood". Get it?!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are pleased to have Rosie back next week for our annual school photos. Order forms are attached to today's newsletter. Please return orders and payments by Monday as photos are taken next Wednesday 2nd April. Students should wear school uniform.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Full time attendance at school is vital.

Parents have a legal obligation to ensure their child attends school- written notes must be provided after each absence.

RESOURCE SMART

The grade 3-6 class has finalised the school 'litter reduction plan'. (attached to today's news). They have put this plan up in the classrooms and the staffroom. They also have a class plan for monitoring the progress of the plan each term. Well done class!

Both classes have watched the youtube clip about the 'reverse vending machine'. These are already operational in Darwin, NT. Have a look at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fy_IRajsxao&list=UU0cat4XVK1eoA0yZbuiFWKw&feature=c4-overview or go to youtube and search for it.

Congratulations to the school for implementing the recycling of mobile phones. Another great initiative to reduce the school's and community's impact on the environment.

Hilary

Senior Class

Another week has flown by... We finally presented our Sochi projects!! Students applied themselves well and presented them effectively. There were plenty of positives as well as plenty of things to work on for future presentations.

Literacy this week saw us once again familiarising ourselves with Naplan conditions, as well as improving our stories with character and plot building through imagery.

Maths saw a consolidation on place value and trading when subtracting, as well as our weekly problem solving session. All students were excited with the homework tasks, which were all completed in a timely manner.

Simple mistakes are still occurring; so if you are assisting your child, Carol and I would be grateful if you are able to reinforce the strategies of double checking and estimating when answering questions.

Finally we started to immerse ourselves with Ballarat..... it is not long before we head to Sovereign Hill.

David

Happy Birthday

To Kat who celebrates her birthday today.

... OLD MOBILE PHONES

Please send any old mobile phones lying around the house to school with your child.



Mitchell & Gareth (above) and Blake, Ivan and Amber (below) busy with class activities.



SUNSMART

A reminder that all children in Terms 1 and 4 need a broad rimmed hat for outdoor play.

