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Calendar– Term 3

Term 3: 14 July to 19 September

JULY

- Monday 28 Robyn on leave.
AASC
- Tuesday 29 Religious Instruction
Tuckshop
- Wed AASC
- Thursday 31 Drumming at Nicholson
Cluster meeting

AUGUST

- Friday 1 Friday Wish– Crazy hair
and dress up day
MarcVan
- Mon 4 AASC
- Tues 5 Religious Instruction
Tuckshop
- Wed 6 Finance meeting
Athletics
Awards Night
No AASC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To Chloe who celebrates her birthday on
Thursday*

Another productive week with lots of fantastic outcomes in all classrooms. Special mention to Ashley and Hayley who are in the process of producing some amazing narrative writing.

Friday Fang

A delicious Friday Fang was prepared and served very efficiently by our grade 6 students. Well done girls. Fantastic initiative and leadership.

Athletics

The children are busy practising many of the skills needed to participate in the Mitchell Cluster Athletics on Wed 6th August. We have been notified that Howitt Park will not be available this year as they are working on the ground. An alternative venue has been finalised. Our athletics will be held at Paynesville Primary School. I have organised for the bus to pick up the children and take them to Paynesville and return



Little Class

them to the bus stop after the sports. I have a Cluster meeting on Thursday. I will send home confirmed pick up and drop off times on Friday.

TUCKSHOP

Grade 5s will be running tuckshop tomorrow – bring a little money for a morning treat.

Cookbooks Still plenty of cookbooks on sale. \$10.00 per book, all proceeds to the school.

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Thanks,
Kat

Middle class

This week we will continue with our individual spelling program, silent reading and personal recounts. Our Soundwaves focus is y, u (yoo). The children published some fantastic Haiku poetry. Our focus in Maths this week is money. The children are also consolidating their knowledge of the 3s and 4 times tables.

Carol

Senior class....

The students are settling back in very well. Literacy last week saw the focus on the 'oo' sound, paragraphing and narratives. Numeracy last week, had the students finalising the unit on long multiplication and short division, with a quick revision of all strategies introduced. We will be having a test this week.... hopefully the students are able to apply their new knowledge to a range of contexts. Grade 5's are excelling in Tuckshop! Their leadership and organisation is impeccable. This term's homework will be slightly different as students will not always have weekly tasks. If tasks are given, they will generally be on Monday. Can you please check with your child, so you are able to assist them with organisation and time management as some students are having difficulty doing this independently. Your reinforcement at home would be much appreciated. Thanks, David

Drumbeat

Another fun, engaging drumbeat session ran at Nicholson P.S last week. Thankyou to Rachel Dooley for volunteering to be my co-facilitator whilst Lisa was away. A **Massive** thankyou to Dave for building us a drum train (nearly as big as a road train!) to store and transport our drums.

Thankyou also to Dave for then taking it back home on the weekend to make some adjustments to ensure the train is user friendly. Dave would like to wait until the 'train' is painted by the children before we put a photo in the newsletter. Keep an eye out! Session three this week will be developed around the theme of Harmony.



Kitchen/Garden

It was a lovely day in the garden despite a cold start to the morning. we got busy harvesting first thing pulling up a bumper crop of big beautiful potatoes. We also harvested a large wombok, some lovely looking carrots, celery, rhubarb, spring onions, lots of herbs and a big bunch of mizuna. Then the kids took charge deciding together what needed doing in the garden and as a result lots of weeding, mulching and planting was our focus. After recess we got stuck into the compost and some more weeding. Thanks to Naomi for bringing some sticks in from home for our fence. We are still looking for donations of nice straight prunings between 100cm and 150cm long if anyone is pruning fruit trees over winter. Thanks again to Bree for helping out wherever was needed in the garden. Jill

Kitchen news continued...

John is overseas for the next 5 weeks and as a result, I will be putting on my chef's hat and cooking up a storm with the children. Keep an eye out in the newsletter to see what we managed to make!

Marc Van

Mrs Severs will be here this week. Please remember books and protective bags for Marc Van this Friday.

Joining the Chorus

Last week Dave sent home a DVD with the dances the children will need to know for Joining the Chorus. This DVD has the dances with the music. Keep practicing kids!