



Newsletter

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Calendar – Term 4

3 October to 20 December

NOVEMBER

- Tues 29 Playgroup
Tuckshop
- Wed 30 EG Shire Library
School Council Mtg
- Thurs 1 Kitchen Garden
- Friday 2 Friday Fang (Last one)

DECEMBER

- Sat 3 Mini Fete
- Mon 5 Pupil Free day
- Tues 6 Orientation Day—Ashley
Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- Thurs 8 Whole School Sleepover
- Fri 9 MarcVan
- Mon 19 School Concert
Reports home
- Tues 20 Last day of term. Early dismissal

Mini Fete

It is hard to believe that our mini fete is this Saturday. Please let all friends and family know. Any donations of second hand goods for the stall would be most appreciated. The children will need to be at school by 9.15 on Saturday morning to set up their stall. If the weather is poor, we will still be running the fete as we have lots of under cover areas we can utilise.

School Council

Our last meeting will be held this Wednesday evening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of council for your ongoing commitment and dedication to our school.

SUNSMART

The CCPS SunSmart policy requires all of our school community to have sun protection from **September to the end of April**—hats are essential here at school or at any school excursion. Daily sun protection times—this week from **8.50 am to 5.20 pm.**

MINI-FETE
...this
Saturday



Somers Camp

It was wonderful to welcome back Jayden and Ashley from Somers Camp. We delighted in hearing all the stories about their adventures, new friendships and personal challenges. We watched a video of the camp and now have some very keen grade 3-4 students who are hoping to attend in 2018.

“On the day I went to Somers Camps I was really nervous, I had no idea what to expect.

When I arrived I was nervous and excited. I only had a few friends and I didn't get to see them much , so I made new friends. I made at least thirty friends at camp but Alex and Jya were my best friends.

On camp we did heaps of different activities and we even had some at night. My favourite activities were surfing, archery, art and library. I also had a great time at the concerts and disco.” *Ashley.*

“It was fun at Somers. My favourite thing was surfing and the challenge swing. It was 188 metres high and I went to the top and you could see the beach from there.

It was good being a table host because you got eggs and bacon while the

other kids got toast and cereal. I made lots of friends– my new friends are called Ryan, Max, Zac and Lesser. Archery was my third favourite activity. In Environmental Studies we got to hold a snake called Wilbur. Orienteering was easy. Rowing was fun. The flying fox was fun. I loved being at Somers.” *Jayden*

Sporting Schools

The children have enjoyed brushing up on their tennis skills on a Friday afternoon as part of the Sporting Schools program. Thankyou to Dave for coordinating this program.



Pupil Free Day

Our final pupil-free day for 2016 has been approved by school council as a Report Writing Day on Monday 5th December. No students are required at school on this day.

NEWSLETTERS

As next Monday is a Pupil free day, our next newsletter will be published on Monday 11th December.

In the Kitchen/Garden

This week the children dabbled in some delicious Fijian food. We enjoyed a Fijian vegetable curry, tuna duruka qisi, Fijian rourou, Fijian pancakes, Lolo Buns and boiled rice. Thankyou to Diana for assisting in the kitchen. Diana and Deklyn made cornbread topped with Mulberry jam.

Student Reports

“So wow! What a day! Firstly I learnt how to plant a venus fly trap. They looked so cool. We got to touch them. They felt really weird. Some were black because they died. We had Fijian food today and I cooked the curry.” *Megan*

“Today in Kitchen/Garden it was a Fiji themed day. Awesome! I cooked sweet potato chips to dip into a Fijian raita. In the garden everyone was weeding and picking yellow snow peas. When we went down to the chook pen one of the chook's feet were getting sore and scaly so Jill let us spray olive oil on them to soothe their pain. Diana came to help in the kitchen. She made a delicious cornbread with mulberry jam for desert. Yummy! Everyone was great today. Dave helped us to the dishes.”
Hayley

classroom news

Our Mathrecy block continues to work well. The children are embracing the opportunity to manage their learning. This week we will begin collecting data that will be used to write our school reports. This week our Soundwave focus is air/are. Individual spelling, red reading box, reading rubrics, Minecraft, quick maths (times tables) and mathematical word problems will make up our learning focii. The children are also working on individual spelling, reading and maths goals. *Carol*

Another busy week in the P-2 class. It was so hot last Monday we played Bobbing for Dominoes in a tub of water! It was actually very mathematical!



We continued with our literacy and numeracy learning, focussing on the “air” sound, story planning and writing, counting using doubles and near doubles, and finishing our great Night Scene mural in the classroom. The children concentrated well for a written maths assessment too. This week there will be more testing in preparation for Report Writing Day next Monday, editing and publishing stories and researching the Titanic on the internet for ICT skills. We are continuing to talk about and focus on the choices we have when we find something difficult. To give up, or to try harder.

Today will be Annika’s last day Prep Stepping, although she may make a special appearance at our concert. We are all looking forward to having her at school with us in 2017! *Kat*

Whole School Sleepover

Please remember to return all documentation to school asap. A list of clothing and equipment will be sent home with the newsletter today.

Welcome back, Blair

We are pleased to welcome back Blair this week after his recovery period from tonsil surgery.

We are glad to have you back Blair!

Get well soon, John

We continue to wish John Ireland a speedy recovery and hope to see him back in the kitchen soon.

State Schools Spectacular

A telecast of this year's State Schools Spectacular will appear on Saturday 3 Dec. on Channel Seven at 7pm.

Friday Fang—

Please ensure orders and payments in by Thursday. This will be the final Friday Fang for the year. Many thanks to Ashley and Dave for providing a great service!

Garden Blitz

Thanks to those who have been here at school sprucing up the gardens and grounds— it is great to see the improvements. We still have a few spring working bee tasks to tick off in the next week, so let us know when you can come and we will direct you to a job or two. Many thanks!

MarcVan

Our final session of MarcVan for 2016 will be on Friday 9th December. Mrs Severs has advised that students will not be borrowing at this session, but please have a good look at home for any MarcVan books and return them to school.

Boys to the Bush

A new Not-for-Profit Holiday Camp based on the NSW/VIC border at Howlong, offering a unique farm based camp for boys as either part of a school group or individually, during school holidays. Please check out our website for further details.

www.boystothebush.com.au

School Procedures for the Bushfire Season

Our school is included on the Education Department's Bushfire-At-Risk Register (BARR). Inclusion on this register means we are required to pre-emptively close on days determined **Code Red** in this Bureau of Meteorology district by the Emergency Management Commissioner. As advised earlier this year, we also have the options of relocating or closing on days declared **Extreme** Fire Danger Rating. This decision would be made with due deliberation and in close consultation with our regional Office and Emergency Management Victoria.

Each year we review our Emergency Management Plan which covers a number of potential threats and strategic responses.

Students and staff undergo random drill procedures to practice various responses to particular potential threats.

Parents are invited to be familiar with details of our Emergency Management Plan.

Most importantly we need to be kept informed by parents of current contact details, including mobile phone numbers.