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Our vision is to provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where children will achieve their full potential, so that they can make their best contribution to society.

3rd March, 2017 Week 5, Term 1

Tue	7 th Mar	Assembly 9 a.m. (Parent Cuppa) MARC 11:30
Thu	9 th Mar	Bookmobile
Fri	10 th Mar	Music/Drama
Mon	13 th Mar	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tue	14 th Mar	MACC 12:00 - visiting artist
Thu	16 th Mar	Waterway Education Day Gr. 4-6
Fri	17 th Mar	Aquamoves Cluster excursion
Tue	21 st Mar	Assembly 9 a.m. (Parent cuppa) MARC 11:30 a.m. School Council 5:45 p.m.
Thu	23 rd Mar	Music/Drama 10 a.m.
Tue	28 th Mar	MACC 12:00
Thu	30 th Mar	CURRICULUM DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY TBC
Fri	31 st Mar	Last day of Term 1 Lunch and Assembly 1 p.m. Early dismissal 2:30 p.m.
Tue	18 th Apr	Term 2 commences
Tue	2 nd May	Athletic Sports (note new date in Term 2)

CHILD SAFETY – WE HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE TO CHILD ABUSE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



LEARNING RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY FRIENDSHIP SAFETY

Our recent Family Barbecue was held on a balmy Friday night and was enjoyed by all who were able to attend. It was a wonderful opportunity for building relationships.





Last week each family took home a copy of our Student Engagement Policy for you to peruse. At school we went through the children's Rights and Responsibilities and we ask you to read the whole policy, but in particular the Parent Rights and Responsibilities.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE If your child arrives late to school or departs early, could you please come into the foyer and sign him/her in or out in the green folder on the bench outside Andrea's office.

ABSENCES If your child is going to be absent from school could you please let the school know via a telephone message, a note or SMS my mobile phone and give the reason for the child's absence. When marking the roll we are required to enter the reason for a child's absence. If a parent does not let us know then we must record it as an unexplained absence. We can arrange to provide work to any student who is going to be absent, upon request.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS We will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews on the 14th and 15th March, when Miss Thomas is at school, and will contact each family to arrange a suitable time to discuss your child's progress, our expectations for the year and to find out more about your child's interests, particularly if they are new to the school.

WATERWAY EDUCATION DAY Our Grade 4-6 students have been invited to attend a Waterway Education Day on the Broken Boosey System at Dip Bridge Road. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of native fish populations within the system, particularly Murray Cod and Golden Perch, promote the conservation and enhancement of natural and cultural values and engage local communities to minimise threats to the aquatic and terrestrial environment. The day is being run by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and there will be no cost to students.

AQUAMOVES CLUSTER EXCURSION Our Cluster of 11 small schools is joining together for our annual Aquamoves excursion on Friday, 17th March, starting at 10 a.m. and finishing at around 2:30 p.m. I will be relying heavily on parent helpers to help me provide effective supervision, so let me know if you are available to attend the day. Students need to demonstrate appropriate behaviours at school prior to the excursion, to be deemed suitable to attend. Such behaviours would include following instructions in a timely manner. The cost of the excursion will be met by the school so there is no cost to parents. A permission form will be sent home prior to the excursion date.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Our Breakfast Club has commenced and operates on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. When the children arrive at school they need to quickly get organised with their reader bag, water bottle and fruit, then head to the staffroom for breakfast. We offer fruit salad, Vita Brits, Cheerios and baked beans. We will also offer porridge in Terms 2 and 3.

ATHLETIC SPORTS Our Athletic Sports have been postponed until Tuesday, 2nd May due to the delay in the redevelopment of McEwan Reserve in Shepparton. The backup day, in the event of inclement weather, is Wednesday, 17th May.

BUS TRAVELLERS Wayne has taken over from Bill as our bus driver. Please ensure that your child is waiting at the bus stop about 5 minutes prior to pick up time, and is standing in readiness a safe distance from where the bus pulls up, then boards the bus in an orderly manner.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has introduced a new initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school camps/excursions and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will provide an annual amount to the school of \$125 for eligible families.

Eligibility criteria: A parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian Primary or Secondary School must on the first day of Term one

- Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 Veterans Health Care Card or Pensioner Card OR
- Be a temporary Foster Parent and
- Submit an application to the school by the due date

Application forms should be completed and lodged at school before the 1st June 2017. For more information please contact the school office. Application forms are available from school or can be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1: 30 January (school teachers start) to 31 March

Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 22 December