

Dates to Remember

APRIL

Thurs 28th – Grade 3-6 Cluster Music Day

MAY

Tues 3rd – School Council 6.30pm

Thurs 5th – Life Education Van visit

Friday 6th – Parents Association Meeting 9am

Tues 10th – Thurs 12th – Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Wed 11th – Grade 3-6 SAKG at Edi Upper

Mon 16th – Bike Ed week

Tues 17th – Personal Best Sports

Friday 20th – Walk to School Day

Wed 25th – Grade 3-6 SAKG at Edi Upper

JUNE

Thurs 2nd – Cross Country in Wangaratta

Tues 7th – School Council 6.30pm

Wed 8th – Grade 3-6 SAKG at Edi Upper

Thurs 16th – F-6 Cluster Italian Day

Wed 22nd – Sound of Music in Melbourne

Mon 22nd – Fri 24th – NAIDOC Week

Fri 24th – end term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

JULY

Mon 11th – Term 3 begins!!

Fri 29th – Tree planting in Wangaratta

AUGUST

Tues 9th – Wed 17th – Grade 5&6 Somers Camp

Wed 24th – Galen test day for current grade 6 students

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Term 2 School Council meetings will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 3rd May and Tuesday 7th June in the staff room. We invite all parents to attend – there is one vacant parent position also if anyone is interested.

Names on Jumpers and Jackets please!!!

Would all families please ensure that jumpers and jackets are named so we can send them home each day!!

Somers Camp

Attached to this newsletter is information regarding the renowned Somers Camp. Grade 5 & 6 students will have the opportunity to nominate to attend this camp if they wish. Please read this information and talk with us about it. We may have to have a ballot if there are more nominations than places allocated to us.

WINTER SKI TRIPS

With the weather turning a little colder it is time to start planning for our snow excursions in term 3. We are very fortunate to live in an amazing part of the world where we can access world-class snow fields within hours. We are very pleased to be able to assist families to teach children to appreciate a very different environment and to physically challenge themselves! We have not had a student fail yet!!

Grade 4,5 & 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in the cluster 3-day ski trip to Falls Creek. This is usually held in the last couple of weeks of August.

For the last 3 years we have conducted a day excursion to the snow for the whole school. All participants are required to ski for the whole day – every year it is our Foundation and Grade 1 students who don't want to stop skiing at the end of the day!! They pick it ups so easily!! Parents, extended families and older siblings are welcome to come with us.

Costs for both trips are kept to an absolute minimum and we have used curriculum and fundraising monies to subsidise them in the past. Please plan for these trips. Dates will be finalised soon.

SOUND OF MUSIC

Thanks to families for your prompt response and payment for this excursion. The school will need to pay for these tickets on Monday next week and it is important that we have a firm commitment from you regarding your participation. Renee has printed invoices and these are attached. Please let us know asap if we have not invoiced you correctly or if you need more tickets. It would be great if we could fill the bus with families and friends!! It was a great day last year.

Bike Ed

Please get all bikes in tip-top shape in preparation for our week of Bike Ed starting on Monday 16th May. We are busy planning our bike hike for later in the year too.

Cluster Personal Best Athletics Sports

On Tuesday 17th May all cluster students and teachers will meet at the Appin St Athletics track to participate in our annual Athletics sports. These are based on the highly successful "personal best" model which has been operating in the King Valley cluster for many years. Students are currently practicing all the events at school and we will record their best attempt. They will then try to better that score on the day.

Parents are required to bring their children to Wangaratta on the day and are invited to stay and encourage our students to do their best. Start time is 9.45am and we will finish by 3.00pm. Bring a chair and a picnic and have an awesome day with the kids and other families.

News from Miss Hooke's 3-6 Classroom

HERE'S WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON!

Literacy: This week we have been finalising our persuasive skills and writing our own persuasive text. We have been focusing on the structure of a persuasive text, with the question being, 'Should animals be kept in cages?' We have also been refining our reading rotations and the students have really grasped the idea of the elements in our rotations which are: Read to self, word work, work on writing, listening to reading, buddy reading and also guided reading with me.

Math: We have been working really hard on multiplication over the past week. We have been doing a range of activities over rotations that allow the students to get a small group focus with me, have hands on activities and games and also use ICT to complement their learning of multiplication.

Integrated Topic: ANZACS - Each year as we touch on this topic, the students gain more and more insight as to the importance around this day.

Wow - almost the end of week three already! I can't believe how quickly this term has been going! We have been very busy learning lots of things in literacy, numeracy, in our integrated studies topic and in many more areas. We have started a new class text called, 'Out of My Mind'. It is about an 11 year old girl called Melody who has cerebral palsy. She is permanently in a wheelchair and has never been able to talk or walk. We are still early on in the text, but already the students are very engaged and look forward to reading it daily. You could question your child about the text, asking them what has happened in the text and any opinions or thoughts they have about it.

It's great to see the students continually working hard! Well done!

HOMEWORK

Well done to the students who are reading, completing their spelling words and practicing their times tables each night.

The choice activities always have a literacy and numeracy component that are related to what we are doing in the classroom, and therefore whilst this component isn't compulsory, it will benefit your child's learning.

Students who read every night and complete their homework are rewarded with a small prize to congratulate them on their achievement.

Please support and encourage your child/ren to complete their weekly homework.

Well done to ... Olivia, Timothy, Hayden, Lachlan, Nate, Ivy and Bree!



What's been happening in F, 1, 2...

In literacy....

In the last couple of weeks we have been looking at recounts and how to write a recount. We have been focusing on what kind of language we use in a recount and have been looking at past tense words. It would be great if you could further support this at home by having your child look for any past tense words in their home readers.

In maths....

In maths we have been focusing on reading numbers to 1000 and place value. Encouraging your kids to read big numbers aloud and have a try would be great follow up to what we have been doing in class.

ANZAC activities...

For the last couple of weeks we have been looking at what ANZAC is and what it means to us. Our little

walk to Moyhu last week resulted in some fantastic artwork by all the students which will be up on display. It is definitely worth coming and checking out!

Next week...

Next week we will be resuming our cooking sessions on Wednesdays. If we have anyone who is willing to come in and help out that would be great.

We are starting a new topic on description in English next week and will be continuing to look at place value and naming larger numbers.

Stars of the Week...

Congratulations to Sam and Ascha on being our stars of the last couple of weeks. .

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