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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY	2	Sports Practice
	7	Sports Practice
	6-9	Grade 3/4 Cluster Camp
	8	Library
	9	Sports Practice
	13	School Council 6:30pm
	13	Sports session at Whitfield
	14	Sports Practice
	13-17	NAPLAN Grade 3&5
	16	Sports Practice
	17	Catering at Greta
	21	Athletics Sports – Appin St Wangaratta

TOILET ROSTER

MAY	3	Hilton
	10	Lambert
	17	Lemke
	24	Leadbetter
	31	May
JUN	7	Manning
	14	Montgomery
	21	Murphy

REMEMBER OUR SECURITY SYSTEM
NEW PARENTS PLEASE COME TO SCHOOL TO
SEE HOW OUR SECURITY SYSTEM IS
DEACTIVATED FOR VACUUMING DUTIES

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. We trust you had an enjoyable Easter break with family and friends. Term 2 sees lots of great things happening at Greta Valley – camps, sports, etc. Our theme for this term is Heroes of Today and the teachers already have lots of interesting things planned around this topic.

Can you please note the following:

Around the Classes

Work has commenced in each of our grades around our theme topic of Heroes. The Foundation/1 class have started looking at the characteristics of a hero. Like all grades, there was work done last week on the ANZAC story. Their **English** focus is on the letter K. In **Mathematics** the focus has been of fact families and counting.

Meanwhile the Grade 2/3 class have commenced reading groups (**English**) with a focus on comprehension. They have also started to look at persuasive writing as a genre. In

Mathematics the focus has been on addition.

And finally, the Grade 4/5/6 class have been focusing on persuasive or exponential writing (**English**). They have studied different persuasive devices such as rhetorical questions, emotive language, modality and exaggeration and are working on including them in their texts.

In **Mathematics**, the focus is on addition, particularly thinking about possible strategies which can improve the accuracy of adding 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers. They are also working on

developing the speed of mentally calculating adding 2 digit numbers together by partitioning the tens and units. In **Humanities** the Hero focus is on looking at the personal qualities that we feel a hero should possess before brainstorming our own personal heroes.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Kelly Allen our new Grade 2/3 teacher. Mrs Allan will be working fulltime and has a contract to the end of the year. I'm confident she will fit in well at Greta Valley.

Sports Practice

Practice has commenced for our Athletics sports. More details will come close to the time, but can you please note Tuesday 21 May (with a backup of 23 May) as the date for our sports. Once again we have been fortunate to engage a coach from the Wangaratta Athletics Club to work with our kids each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. As we will be running or practicing the various events most days, can we please ask that your children have suitable footwear for this.

We will be at the Whitfield School for a practice session on Monday 13 May. Please sign attached Permission Form and return by next Tuesday. Students will need to bring lunch, snacks and a drink bottle.

Benalla Historic Cars

On Friday 17 May we will be catering for the Benalla Historic Cars tour at the Greta Hall. We are seeking donations of cakes/slices/biscuits. Below is a return slip for you to indicate how you can help. We will also require

helpers on the day. If you would like any further information please contact Elsie or myself.

Save the Date

Kasey Flanigan is once again organising a Greta Valley Ladies Who Lunch for Saturday 1 June. More details to come closer to the time.



Grade 3/4 Cluster Camp

Our Grade 3 and 4 students will be off to the Outdoor Education Camp next week with the other cluster schools. This will be a great four days of educational activities as well as an opportunity to develop friendship and develop social skills such as resilience.

Students will be bussed there on Monday morning and will return here Thursday afternoon by bus. All food will be provided by the camp (including lunch the first day) so there is to be no food taken. Please ensure however that your child has a lunchbox and refillable drink bottle that they can use on the day they go off site – and a backpack. A required clothing list is attached for these students.

Oil Diffuser

Mrs Allan would like to put a small oil diffuser into her Grade 2/3 classroom. Please let either her or myself know if you have an objection.

Book Club

Any orders for the attached bookclub need to be completed online through LOOP by 10 May.

Pie Warmer

At this time of year, over the cooler months we usually have children bring a lunch to heat in the oven. As the school has grown, it is no longer possible to do this. We are working on purchasing a pie warmer and will let you know when we have it up and running

ANZAC Day Service

We were very proud of all our Grade 4/5/6 students last week when they facilitated a major part of the ANZAC Day ceremony at the Greta Cemetery. In small groups the students had researched the lives of the people buried there who had served in any war. Each group presented their research to the audience as we moved from

grave to grave and placed a flag and poopy on the graves. Well done kids.

NAPLAN

Our Grade 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the national NAPLAN testing shortly. Greta Valley is one of the first schools to transition to the online version of this. Given that we are doing it online we are able to choose the dates for the various English and the Mathematics test. We will commence them in the week beginning 13 May. It is an expectation that all students will participate, but if you wish to discuss any aspect of these with please feel free to do so.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

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BENALLA HISTORIC VEHICLE TOUR CATERING


Friday 17 May at Greta Hansonville Hall
From 9.30 until 12.30 to help serve morning tea for approximately 220 people.

The following items are required to be at the school by 9.00 am on May 17
Homemade cakes / slices / biscuits
Donation of 5 loaves of bread to make sandwiches.

3 people to help prepare and serve the morning tea

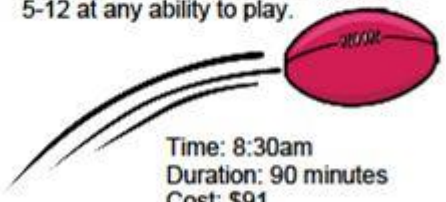
I _____ can help on the day 9.30am - 12.30pm

I can make the following _____

Greta Auskick Centre

NAB AFL Auskick is simply the best introduction for kids into the world of Australian Football. Auskickers run, jump, kick, laugh, express themselves and create their own special moments that just happens to be footy. No matter if you know the game or not, Auskick is inclusive for everyone aged 5-12 at any ability to play.



Time: 8:30am
Duration: 90 minutes
Cost: \$91

Location: Greta Sporting Complex -
448 Reserve Rd, Greta, Vic, 3675

To register go to
<https://play.afl/auskick>

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