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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEB	Sun	3	Working Bee 9am
	Mon	4	Art
	Mon	4	Foundation Information Evening 7pm
	Wed	6	Foundation Day Off
	Wed	6	Cooking Grade 4/5/6
	Wed	13	Library
	Wed	13	Foundation Day Off
	Fri	15	Welcome BBQ 6pm
	Mon	18	Art
	Wed	20	Foundation Day Off
	Wed	20	Cooking
	Wed	20	Greta Cemetery Gr 1/2/3

TOILET ROSTER

FEB	1	Brosig Welch
	8	Cavicchiolo
	15	Clancy
	22	Comolatti
MAR	1	Cunneen
	8	Cursons
	15	Flanigan
	22	Graham

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 another year – one that hopefully won't go as quickly as the last one, although one month has virtually passed us already.

We have many great things happening here this year – the staff were busy yesterday planning excursions, themes, camps, curriculums, and much more. In general, another busy, but exciting, year.

Welcome

Firstly I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Foundation students. Starting school for the very first time we have:

Alice Bordignon
Elsie Cunneen
Oscar Graham
Max Hadj
Lachlan Osborne
Cooper Randell
Lily Rothera
Lucas Younger

We also welcome Shannon Orr who joins us in Grade 1. We look forward to continuing a long lasting relationship with them all and the Greta Valley Primary School community.

Staffing

We're all back refreshed and ready to go!!!!

Welcome back Lisa Buckley (Gr 4/5/6) who will be working two days a week (Monday & Tuesday) and Fenella will make up the other three days, and Rosalie (F/1) and Justin (Grade 2/3). We have Cheryl and Tanya back with us as our Integration Aides. For our new parents, Tina, our Business Manager, works Monday, Tuesday Wednesday (full days) and Thursday afternoons.

Leonie Brien, our music teacher, will be taking some leave in the first part of the year. We look forward to her return, but in the mean time, we welcome Claire Bradbury as our music teacher. Claire comes to this position with much experience and we

are all looking forward to working with her. She has worked here as CRT last year and so is known to our kids. We welcome back all our specialist teachers as well:

Claire Bradbury – Music
Peg Halbwidl – Italian
Anthony Lawler – Library
Sandra Moore – Art
Linda Forrest – Cooking (Grade 4-6)

The Library van will continue to service us fortnightly on a Wednesday and the Art Van will visit us every second Monday. Italian is weekly on Tuesday and music is weekly on Friday's. The Grade 4-6 children will go cooking fortnightly to Edi Upper Primary School commencing Wednesday, 6 February. Keep an eye on the calendar at the top of each newsletter to see what is happening.

Working Bee

There will be a working bee at the school this Sunday, 3 February commencing at 9am. We have a number of general jobs (gardening, clearing branches, cleaning sandpits etc) that need to be taken care of. If you are able to bring items such as rakes, shovels, trailer, chain saw, pressure washer for the walls that would be great.

Thank you

Thank you to Caz Preston who looked after our chooks over the holidays – I hope they behaved themselves!!!!
Thank you also to Cunneen, Flanigan, Shepherd, Tanner and Woods families who assisted in keeping our gardens and lawns watered over the holidays. And finally, thank you to Scott Flanigan who attended to a number of jobs in the grounds over the break. All your efforts are much appreciated.

Bus

At the end of last year everyone should have received a bus timetable for this year. If you have misplaced it please let me know so I can get you another copy.

A reminder that unless we have been notified of any alteration to your child's normal designated bus stop, then that is where they will be dropped off. We cannot rely on your

child telling us that mum or dad is picking them up or mum said I'm to go to my friend's house. Please either send a note or ring us.

Family BBQ

Please mark Friday 15th February in your diary for our annual 'welcome to the new year and new families' BBQ. This will be at the school commencing at 6pm. All meats will be provided, but we ask that you bring either a salad or dessert and your own drinks. This will be followed by a tabloid sports session (get in training!!!) that our older students will organiseor maybe a water fight like we did last year.

School Fees

Invoices for School Fees will be sent out shortly. These fees are used to cover Student Insurance and the purchase of all their books and pencils etc and to cover the Art and Library levy that we are charged for these fortnightly services.

Foundation Information Night

We will be running an information evening for all our Foundation parents on Monday, 4 February commencing at 7pm here at the school. The key focus of the evening will be to inform you particularly about our teaching of literacy and numeracy, and how you can assist at home, along with some other general information about your child's first year of school. This is a great opportunity for you to learn some valuable information, particularly as for many of you this is your first child at school. Please make every effort to attend.

Hats

A reminder that all children are required to wear a hat while they are outside during Term 1. Please ensure that your child has a hat with his/her name in it.

Medication Plans & Student Details

As you will appreciate, we need to be kept up to date with your relevant details that apply to us. As such, attached is a copy of all the records

that we currently hold on your children.

Please be sure to check all details – medication, emergency contacts, telephone numbers, etc. We would appreciate all the details being returned to us by no later than next Friday, 8 February. Please sign and date each page.

New parents to Greta Valley will not have received this data as you have all just completed an enrolment form – hopefully your details won't have changed in this short time!

Term Dates

For you diary/calendar the school term dates for 2018 are:

- Term 1 - 30 January to 5 April
- Term 2 - 23 April to 28 June
- Term 3 - 15 July to 20 September
- Term 4 - 7 October to 20 December

Applicable Public Holidays are:

Labour Day	11 March
ANZAC Day	25 April
Queen's Birthday	10 June
Melbourne Cup	5 November

School Council

I will be sending home shortly information regarding the election of Councillors for our School Council. Please read this information carefully when it arrives and if you have any queries feel free to contact me. We have six parents on our School Council – all elected to serve for two years. Elections are held at the start of each year and we have five positions vacant this round. These positions are currently held by David Cavicchiolo, Scott Flanigan and Nathan Manning - all of whom are eligible to renominate if they wish to. There was one position held by Peter Paccagnan but as he no longer has children enrolled here he is unable to be a Councillor.

Council meetings are held twice per term. School Councils play an important role in the operation of a school. More information soon!

Foundation Day Off

A reminder to our Foundation parents that in accordance with Education Department policy our Foundation students are allowed one day off each week for February. We recommend these children have the Wednesday off, simply to break the week up for them. However the choice is basically yours as you will be the best judge of when your child is getting tired and would benefit from the day at home. These will commence next week through to and inclusive of Wednesday 27 February.

Cooking

As mentioned earlier our Grade 4/5/6 students will be participating in the Stephanie Alexander cooking program fortnightly commencing Wednesday 6 February. Can you please complete the attached permission form and return as soon as possible.

If any parent is interested in coming along to help out please let me know as soon as possible. We leave here around 10:45am and are back about 2pm.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds (CSEF)

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer regarding the CSEF that we encourage all eligible parents to apply for. The funds are allocated to the school and we then use the money to offset your families account in relation to camps and excursion. For example for those families in receipt of CSEF we will use the funds to pay for Term 1's swimming instructors.

Families who are already in receipt of CSEF do not need to reapply – it simply rolls over. For our new families, eligibility is based on you holding a current means tested Concession Card. If you have one of these please complete an application form (available from the office) and return to us by Friday 8 February. We will need to take a copy of your Concession Card. Any queries please feel free to contact me.

Book Club

Attached is the first book club order form for the year. For our new parents, these come out approximately twice a term and are a cheap way of purchasing books for your children. There is no obligation however for you to purchase anything – it is entirely up to you.

All orders are now done online. The details are on the order form. Orders

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

need to be placed by Wednesday 13 February.

Swimming

Our swimming program will be conducted in Term 3 this year. Normally its Term 1 however as we didn't secure any Sporting Schools funding for this term we have put it off until later in the year.

