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Dates for your Diary

June	Tue 21 School Council Thu 23 Music/Italian	Wed 22 Dream Seed (Grade 5/6) Fri 23 End Term 2 2:30pm dismissal
July	Mon 11 Start Term 3 Wed 13 Library Mon 18 Art Tue 19 School Council 6:30pm Tue 26 Cooking Thu 28 Music/Italian	Tue 12 Cooking Thu 14 Music/Italian 18 - 20 Ski Camp Thu 21 Music/Italian Wed 27 Library
Aug	Mon 1 Art	2-5 Grade 3/4 Cluster Outdoor School Camp

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

Around the Classes

Technology has been a big part of the curriculum in the F/1/2 class recently with the students learning how to code. We recently purchased a set of Botleys which are small robots that can be programmed to move in a certain direction. The students have been busy trialling their programs and then evaluating how it can be improved.

The Grade 3/4 class have been looking at shape as their measurement topic (**Mathematics**). This has involved them learning terminology such as faces, edges and vertices. As part of their **English** work they have been working on an explanation piece about an invention.

And finally the Grade 5/6's have been using *Miss Lily's Pink Feather Boa* (Margaret Wild) as its mentor text. Margaret is an amazing Australian author and we have used a number of her texts to analyse her creative use of language. The students replicated her style for an introduction of their own story and some samples are at the end for you to enjoy.

Student of the Week

Our congratulations go to the following who have recently received a Student of the Week award:

Ned - working really hard in Little Learners

Maddie - improving her writing and spelling

Elsie - multiplication work

Oscar – his explanation piece
Josh – responsible attitude towards his
work

Ilka – respectful interactions with her peers

Social Enterprise

Last Friday we had a representative from the Social Enterprise Academy come and talk to the students about the work they will be doing next term. Students learnt about businesses, profits, expenses and charities and helping those in need. From here the students had their first session in the group they will be working in collaboratively next term and will soon start thinking about the product/service their group will work on and also what charity they would like to support.

Cross Country

Our congratulations go to Arabella and Alex who last Friday competed in the Regional Cross Country. A brilliant effort kids. Alex came first in his age group and will now be going to the State level. Good luck Alex and well done to both of you.

Dream Seed Workshop

Tomorrow our Grade 5/6 class will be joining with the other cluster students for a session entitled *Dream Seed*.

The workshop aims to enable young rural Victorians to overcome barriers to education, aspiration, and participation. Students will be provided the opportunity to discuss and share their aspirations with their peers; and connect this to the importance of community and values.

This is encompassed in their core values of aspiration, resilience and connection.

No hot lunches this day for these students please.

Pie Drive

This Thursday our pies are coming so you can pick them up from 3:30pm onwards.

We don't want to put large orders on the bus, so please come and pick them up from the school.

Thank you for supporting us and we hope you enjoy every bite.

Kate and Ilka

Executive Publicity Officers

Tree Drive

Kasey has now received all the order forms for our tree drive. We will let you know when they will be ready for collection. Thank you very much to everyone who supported this venture.

Mid-Year Reports

Reports are almost completed and will be sent home this week. Please read through the report and feel free to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss any aspect of it.

It is a requirement of the Education Department that we include into your child's report their attendance for the semester. I noted as I entered this information into the reports that we have had a significant number of students with less than 90% over the semester. (*Our goal is for ALL students to attend a minimum of 95%.*) We acknowledge that at the start of this year and throughout term 1 we had many students away as a result of Covid, but I do ask that you make every effort to send your child to school each day when they are well. Each day counts and matters.

Fashion Show - Casual Clothes Day

For the last half of the term 2, students have been studying the topic of clothing in Italian. They have been learning the words for the most popular items of clothing and how to say what they are wearing. All in Italian, of course. Students have also been encouraged to include the different colours in their descriptions which sounds simple enough but includes some more

complex Italian grammar. To showcase what they have learnt students will be holding a fashion parade on Thursday. Students in Grades 3/4/5/6 are asked to wear their favourite clothing to school for the day and then present it as part of the fashion parade. Please remind your child/children to organise their clothing and to wear it on Thursday 23rd. We'll take lots of photos which will be in the newsletter next term.

Signora Acca

The F/1/2 students are welcome to wear casual clothes this day as well even though they will not be part of the fashion parade.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

TANYA:

- Proof read
- Student of the Week
- Make pretty
- Crafted by Coops

Up North where the fish smell like rotten flesh and sharks are as fast as bullet trains was Joe the octopus.

Max

Up North where the waves were as tall as mountains and the fishes swam as gracefully as a swan was Joe's fishing shop.

Tyler

Up in the mountains where lifts hummed gently like a bee and the lodges glow like the moon on a dark night was Bill the cockatoo sitting high in an ancient tree.

Josh

Students are welcome to wear casuals on Friday as well given it is the last day of term.

End of Term dismissal 2:30pm

A reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm this Friday for the school holidays. Term 3 commences Monday 11 July.

From my staff and myself, have a lovely holiday and recharge in readiness for a busy Term 3. Thanks so much everyone for your ongoing support.

Up north where wind bites like ants and the ice beams like sapphires was Bill the cockatoo.
Murphy

Down deep where predators have sight like eagles and pray is hiding like a scared rabbit were fishing nets swallowing all who come near.

By Shelby

Up north seagulls wail like sirens and the sand stings like Mr G singing is where the boats head out.

Tom **Editors note: I need to find this location – it sounds idyllic!!!!**

Up north where the currents are as deadly as cyclones and waves are as tall as skyscrapers was Jamole's Sushi Shop.

Cody

Out East in the Snowy Mountains where the wind hissed like a giants roar and ice sparkled like a star in the night lived a lost bird named Bill.

Mitch

Up in the Snowy Mountains where wolves were as still as rocks and storms bubbled like a brewing cauldron was shivering Bill the cockatoo.

Ilka