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Dates for your Diary

Oct	Mon 10 Art	Tue 11 Foundation Transition morning
	Tue 11 Ultimate Frisbee	Thu 13 Music/Italian
	Tue 18 Cooking (Grade 5/6)	Wed 19 Library
	Thu 20 MSO performance	Mon 24 Art
	Mon 24 Foundation Transition	Mon 24 Smile Squad
	Tue 25 Smile Squad	Wed 26 School Council 6:30pm
	Thu 27 Music/Italian	Fri 28 PUPIL FREE DAY
Nov	Tue 1 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Wed 2 Library

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of the year! It only seems like the other day that we were starting the year. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable break. We have lots of great things planned for this term – so another busy, but productive, term ahead.

Can you please note the following:

Social Enterprise

What a brilliant day we had yesterday. Our students were actively selling all their products that they had been busy preparing over the last few months - which was a great way to culminate the program. Seeing our students confidently sell, take money, work out change, explain their products and their charity was terrific for us as teachers to see. Each group, with the exception of one, sold all their products which was amazing. The dog biscuits, Doggy Delights, was the only group not to sell out - however their CEO Shelby spent many hours on Tuesday night making more biscuits which was terrific. More details about this program shortly, but the children have done an outstanding job, learnt many new skills, and ultimately supported a charity of their choice. Whilst the profit for each business is still to be worked out, yesterday we made \$904 in sales. Amazing. Well done everyone.

Group	Sales	Charity
Picture This (frames)	\$110	Dylan Alcott Foundation
Rainbow Leads	\$112	Breast Cancer Foundation
Magic Masks	\$130	North Shepparton Learning Centre
Marvellous Marmalade	\$150	Crisis Support Services
Adored Boards	\$270	Out of Home Care (Wangaratta)

Doggy Delights	\$132	Dolly's Dream
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Special thanks to Joseph who oversaw this program all of last term. Thank you also to everyone, including Connie and Dave, for agreeing to the earlier bus timetable – that made it so much easier.

MSO

On Thursday 20 October we will all be heading into the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre to hear a performance by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Your local excursions form will cover this. A number of seats will be available on the bus if any parent would like to join us – we'll leave pretty much straight away and should be back around 11:30am. Let me know if you are interested.

Thank you

Our thanks to Kate Shepherd who once again looked after the chooks for us over the holiday period. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Pupil Free Day

School Council has approved Friday 28 October as a Pupil Free Day. As such there will be no school operating for students. All the teaching staff from across our cluster will be meeting at Greta to undertake a day of mathematics Professional Development.

Planning for 2023

We are well and truly in the planning stage for 2023 in terms of our staffing and Grade structures. Once we have this finalised I will advise you, however I am not anticipating many changes to they way things are currently. Read into that what you can!

Frisbee

We had our first of two sessions of Ultimate Frisbee on Tuesday. Each grade had an hour with an instructor and learnt various ways of throwing a frisbee before playing a game of Ultimate Frisbee. We're all looking forward to the next session.

SAKG Cooking Program

This term we will be trialling a different approach for our cooking program which will mean that rather than going to Edi Upper fortnightly for 1.5 hours, we will be going just twice in the term for four hours on each of these occasions. These longer sessions will, we hope, mean that the sessions are not as rushed and most importantly we can introduce students to more complex recipes such as bread making. Our two dates have been set (18 October and 15 November). Please let me know if you would be interested in coming along as a volunteer to support our Grade 5/6 students. No cooking expertise is required!

Grandparents Day

Unfortunately we haven't been able to hold a Grandparents Day for several years, but we are looking forward to reintroducing this on Friday 18 November. Our students will be writing invitations to their Grandparents shortly, however please let them know of the date so they can keep it free. Warn them to limber up in readiness for lots of games!

Dr Rob Gordon

Dr Rob Gordon is a clinical psychologist who has extensive experience in trauma and disaster recovery. I have heard him present before and I highly recommend him. He is coming to Oxley Primary School on Thursday 10 November (1:30 – 2:45pm) to run a session for parents on the impacts of COVID-19 and bushfires on staff, children, and families in our community. This session is designed to support parents to increase their understanding of:

- the impacts of prolonged stress, disruption and uncertainty on health and wellbeing
- self-care strategies to support yourself and others during tough times
- the impact of disasters, trauma, and tough times on children and practical ways

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal



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to support them (both academically and socially)

- post-traumatic growth, hope and optimism

If you are interested in attending can you please let me know so I can book you in.

And finally

Our congratulations go to Joseph and his partner Amber who got engaged during the holidays. We wish them many years of happiness together.







