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NEWSLETTER 6 June 2023

Dates for your Diary						
JUNE	Wed	7	Cross Country	Wed	7	Art
	Thu	8	Music	Mon	12	Public Holiday
	Tue	13	Cooking Gr 5/6	Tue	13	School Council 6:30pm
	Wed	14	Library	Thu	15	Music
	Mon	19	Art	Wed	21	PIE DRIVE COLLECTION
	Fri	23	End Term <mark>2:30pm dismissal</mark>			
JULY	Mon	10	Term 3 commences	Tue	11	Grade 3-6 St John's
	Wed	12	Library	Thu	13	Music/Italian
	Mon	17	Art	Tue	12	Grade 3-6 St John's

Dear Parents,

Less than three weeks to go until the end of the term. I'm not sure where this term has got to, but we have certainly been busy with lots of great things happening. Can you please note the following:

Student of the Week

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

Josh- for always giving his best to all his work.

Hunter- for working hard to create a detailed narrative.

Sophie- for sharing and extending herself in numeracy.



Pie Drive

A huge thank you to all the families who have supported the Grade 5/6 Pie Drive.



Today they started collating all the orders and placing the one large order. This, in itself, provided practical learning for this group of students.

The produce will be delivered to us on Wednesday 21 June. We would greatly assist anyone who is available to help us pack the orders from 11am. Orders can then be collected from the school anytime after 12noon.

Once the students have worked out their profits they will then decide which charity they would like to donate to this year as part of their social justice learning.

Public Holiday

There will be no school operating on Monday 12 June as it is a Public Holiday for the King's Birthday.

Cross Country

We have 5 students who will be heading to Wangaratta tomorrow for the Ovens and Mitta



Zone Cross Country. We wish them well in their endeavours. Joseph will be at the course from 10am. We look forward to hearing how they all go.

Mid Year Reports

Staff are currently busy writing the Mid Year reports for their classes. These will be sent home at some stage in the last week of the term. Please take the time to read through your child's report and feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report.

Community Engagement Project

By now you would be fully aware that our Grade 3 to 6 students will be embarking on an exciting project next term as part of our Community Engagement theme. We have partnered with St John's Respect in Wangaratta where our students will participate in a social program based on the ABC's concept 'Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds' and Old People's Home for Teenagers.

In the first season of the ABC's Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds, preschoolers were brought into а retirement home for a heart warming social experiment aiming to improve the health and wellbeing of older people. In the next season they brought teenagers together with retirees. Now it's our turn.

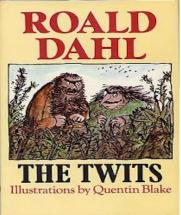
Our students will 'work' with their elderly buddy for the 10 weeks of the program on a weekly basis. Most weeks we will be bussing the students into Wangaratta, but there are several reciprocal trips planned where they will visit us.

We are hoping to see many benefits emerge from this - for both our students and the St John's residents. Things may very well be awkward and difficult at the start, but given time we hoping to see relationships are developed through participating in a variety of tasks and challenges. We have a range of activities planned, such as gardening, cooking, technology, family history, physical challenges etc. We had the activities coordinator from St Johns come and visit us last week to get to know our students and we have stayed to match them up with their buddy.

As the program evolves I would like to invite parents to come and join us if possible to see for themselves the benefits that we are expecting to see.

The Twits

Our students has a wonderful time yesterday at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre where they saw an adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic '*The Twits*'.



<mark>Leonie</mark>

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Leonie's mother on the weekend just gone. Leonie won't be here this week or next and our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family at this difficult time.

Thank you Howard Gibson Principal

