

## NEWSLETTER 30 April 2024

### Dates for your Diary

MAY	Wed	1	Library	Fri	3	Italian
	Mon	6	Art	Mon	6	School Council
	Tue	7	Music	Fri	10	Italian
	Tue	14	Music	Wed	15	Library
	Fri	17	Italian	Mon	20	Art
	Tue	21	Athletic Sports	Fri	24	Athletic Sports Back up
	Tue	28	Music	Wed	29	Library
	Fri	31	Italian			

Dear Parents,

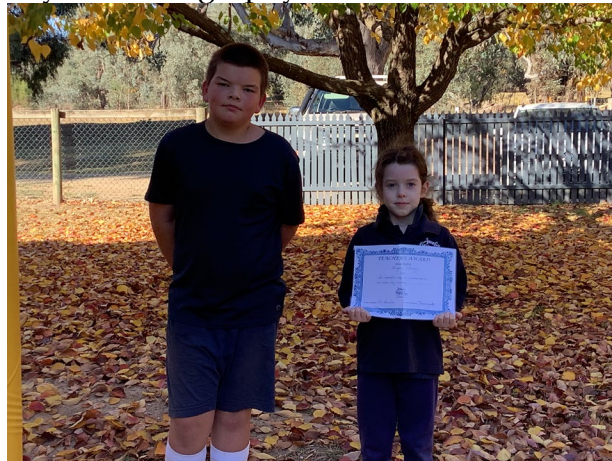
Can you please note the following:

#### **Student of the Week**

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

Abi – respectful participation in the F/1/2 ANZAC service

Hunter – excellent delivery of his biography to the audience at the ANZAC Day ceremony



#### **Grade 3/4/5 Camp**

Our Grade 3/4/5 students had a fantastic time at the Outdoor Education School camp ... even if some returned home crook and then 'shared the love'. My thanks to the various staff members who attended and made this experience possible for our students.

### **ANZAC Day Service**

I was very proud of our Grade 3/4/5/6 students last week with their presentations of the biography they had written about a soldier buried in the cemetery. Speaking in front of an audience can be daunting, particularly when you don't know many in the audience, but they all did a fantastic job. A number of descendants were there and it was great to hear their appreciation and such positive comments about the day. There are a number of photos and videos on our Facebook page.

Whilst we were at the cemetery, our F/1/2 students had their own service to mark ANZAC day which was brilliant. Thanks Jen for organising this experience for our younger students.

### **Athletic Sports**

Our annual cluster Athletic Sports are planned for Tuesday 21 May with a back up date of Friday 24 May. More details closer to the time, however we have commenced training so please ensure your child has suitable footwear for this.

### **Pie Warmer**

During Terms 2 and 3 we make available a pie warmer for reheating students lunches. Please ensure that your child's lunch is wrapped in foil and clearly has their name written on it.

### **uEducateUs**

Can I please remind you all that you can now notify us of students absence via the uEducateUs app. You all have a unique log in details and the app can be used to notify us of a student's absence and the reason (code). Contact us if you are having any difficulties with the app.

### **Music in our Classrooms**

In our Years 3/4/5/6 Music classes we have been learning *chair drumming*. This has involved sitting on a chair and using a pair of drumsticks to develop the skill of playing a rock beat:

- 1) Right foot stomps the floor to replicate the *kick drum* on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> beat of a 4 beat pattern.
- 2) Left hand hits the seat of the chair to imitate the *snare drum* on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> beat.
- 3) Right hand hits the top of the chair to imitate the *high hat* playing 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &.

Our drumming activities are fostering rhythm and coordination and enhancing our motor skills and physical dexterity. Drumming can be a powerful outlet for self-expression, channelling our emotions creatively and building confidence in our abilities. Moreover, engaging in rhythmic activities like drumming has been shown to improve concentration and cognitive function as well as enhancing academic performance. With a drum kit now in our middle room students have been taking it in turns to transfer their skills to the real thing. You might like to give *chair drumming* a try at home with mock drumsticks and a chair. It's a

challenge our students have taken up enthusiastically as they drum along with their favourite rock tunes. Perhaps a new family musical activity to share?



Thank you

Howard Gibson  
Principal

# Grade 3/4/5 Outdoor Ed Camp



# Greta Community ANZAC Day Service

