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## NEWSLETTER 10 May 2022

### Dates for your Diary

#### MAY

Thu 12 Music/Italian

Mon 16 NAPLAN

Tue 17 Cooking

Thu 19 Music/Italian

Mon 23 Art

Thu 26 Music/Italian

Fri 13 NAPLAN

Tue 17 NAPLAN/School Council

Wed 18 Library

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sports Practice @ Whitfield

Wed 25 Athletics Sports @ 9.45am

Fri 27 Athletics Sports – Backup date

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2. We trust all our mums had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. Can you please note the following:

#### Around the Classes

Our Foundation/1/2 students have been busy looking at narratives as part of their Writing (**English**) work, using *Rose Meets Mr Wintergarden* as a mentor text to undertake a character study. As part of their Reading work they have been looking at retells. In **Mathematics** they have been exploring shape – 2D & 3D.

Meanwhile in our Grade 3/4 class the students have been exploring multiplication (**Mathematics**) along with length and perimeter. As part of their **English** work they have been exploring how to plan for a narrative piece of writing and exploring character traits as part of their Reading work.

And finally, our Grade 5/6 students have been looking at various methods of

multiplication. We all learn differently and so students are taught a variety of ways to perform the same equation. Last week we were looking at the lattice method which most students thought was easier than the traditional method. More to come! Our writing focus (**English**) has been on ideas. It is relatively easy to come up with an idea for a piece of writing, however our work has been on how to develop that idea and to remain focussed on the key idea.

#### Student of the Week

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

Angus for his respectful listening in class,  
Lily R for working hard to improve her handwriting,

Max for his persistence on his lattice multiplication.



Kate for her creative ideas for writing,  
Oscar for creating strong persuasive arguments and a good start on your persuasive piece,  
Lily R for being inclusive of all her games at recess.



### Reading Achievements

Congratulations to the students in the F-2 room on their reading achievements. Tom, Lily.R, Toby, Ted, Lilly S and Sophie have all completed 50 nights of reading.



Maddie has completed 100 nights of reading.



A fantastic effort by all.  
Keep up the great work F-2!

### Coding

Recently we purchased several Botleys (Robots) which the students have been using to learn coding. We were able to purchase these thanks to the generosity of several donations that we have recently received. The Botleys are being utilised by all grades and last week students were using them to assist with learning about perimeter.

### Genius Hour

Genius Hour is project-based learning which is guided by the interests, knowledge, and their own curiosity to learn. It is less teacher based and focuses more on students developing their own skills of researching, developing, and presenting their work at the end of the project.

The 3-6s spent most of Term 1 being introduced to this concept and will continue to work on it throughout Term 2. There have been some amazing projects

being completed by the students including looking at chemical reactions, making a business, creating a sport and much more. The kids have loved every step of the process and we look forward to seeing what further projects the kids are able to create.

(see attached photos)

### **Thank you**

A belated thank you to Kate Shepherd who looked after the chooks over the recent holidays.

### **Lunch Area**

Following the successful outcome for an application for funding, we were able to make a start of our new lunch area over the holidays. We had a canopy constructed and a concrete slab put down and we have started to place in some seating. Our final piece is to have rubber laid over the concrete which will happen shortly. A great asset to our infrastructure.



### **Staffing**

We welcome Kym Larkin to our teaching team. Kym will be teaching the Grade F/1/2 students on a Monday, replacing Lisa who has taken leave for the remainder of the year. Kym comes to us with many years' experience, particularly in the Early

Years which will make her a great asset to our school.

### **Pie Warmer**

A reminder that now we are into Term 2 our pie warmer will be available daily to heat students' lunches. We ask that lunches be wrapped in foil and are clearly marked with your child's name.

### **Athletics**

Practice has commenced for our Athletics sports. More details will come closer to the time, but can you please note Wednesday 25 May (with a backup of 27 May) as the date for our sports. As we will be running or practicing the various events most days, can we please ask that your children have suitable footwear for this.

There will be a practice day for all the cluster schools on Friday 20 May at the Whitfield School. This will give all students an opportunity to not only practice the different events but also have the opportunity to meet the other students in their age groups.

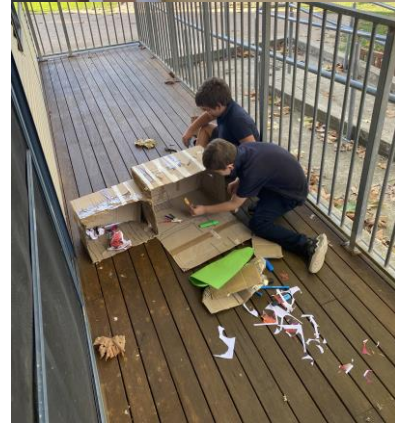
The sports will once again be held at the Athletics Complex in Appin St, Wangaratta. All students need to be there by 9:45am to meet their teacher to collect their score card. Events will commence at 10am. A timetable for the day will be issued closer to the time. No buses will be running on the day, so you need to ensure that your children are there by the designated time. It is a great opportunity for parents to join us for the day and to support and encourage their children.

A BBQ is run by the Moyhu Lions Club along with a cake, tea/coffee stall and the five cluster schools take it in turn to coordinate this with the profits coming to the coordinating school. It is Greta Valley's turn this year and details of what we need are set out below. Please take the time to read through it and return the slip to us as soon as possible.

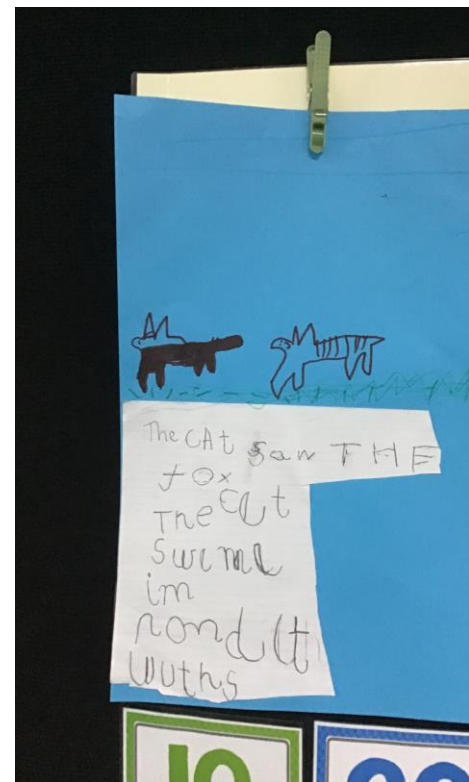
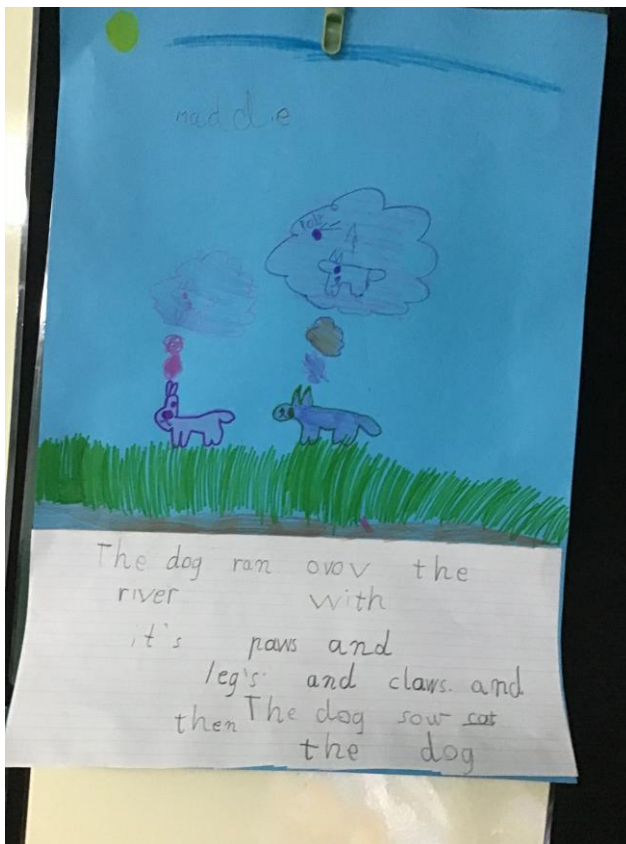


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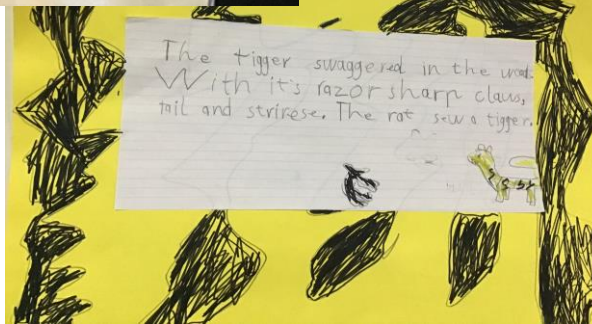
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Principal



ABOVE: Genius Hour



Tom Maddie Kara



# Athletics Day BBQ Roster

Time	Name	Name
<b>9:30-10:30</b>		
<b>10:30-11:30</b>		
<b>11:30-12:30</b>		
<b>12:30-1:30</b>		
<b>1:30-2:30</b>		

Hello Parents and Guardians,

This year it is our turn to cater for our yearly Athletics Day, with all funds being raised to go to our Parents and Friends Association.

Our Athletics Day will be held on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> May(see newsletter for times).

We are after someone to assist Kasey to co-ordinate for the day. This person will need to be there all day and may need to assist Kasey prior to the day with shopping etc.

If you are able to spare an hour of your time on the day, can you please place your name in the roster above. I will send home a completed roster so as you are aware of your allocated time.

We would also love for each family to make a slice to be served with tea/coffee on the day of the athletics. This can be delivered to the sports complex on the day (when you bring your children).

If you have any queries or can assist, please don't hesitate to contact myself on 5766 6344.

Kind Regards

Tanya