

Term 1 Week 8

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**Dates to****Remember****March**21—Regional Tennis Championships  
Swan Hill24th—Last Day of  
term 1—2.30pm  
finish**April**11th—First day of  
2nd term13—15—Whole  
School Camp20th—UDSSA  
Cross Country—  
Ouyen P-12**WHO'S DOING  
WHAT THIS WEEK?**Mrs P is attending a  
Meeting at Ouyen-  
P12 College at 3.30  
this afternoon**THIS WEEKS  
BIRTHDAYS***No Birthdays this  
week***Holiday Birthdays***A great big happy  
birthday to Daniel  
Lovitt who will be 6  
on the 29th March.  
Have a great day  
Daniel and don't eat  
too much cake!!!***Newsletter****2016****Last Week of Term**

The staff would like to wish all families a very safe and happy holiday break. If you are travelling during this time on the road, in the air or on the water, please be careful and travel safe. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 11th April. Parents are reminded that dismissal time is 2.30pm.

**School Council Meeting**

Office Bearers elected at the SC AGM held on Wednesday of last week:

President—Sonia McVicar

Vice President—Theo Magnisalis

Secretary—Alice Farnsworth

Ass Sec/Treasurer—Kaela Thomson

DET Member—Leanne Stone

**2 year SC term**—Cam Gloster, Sonia McVicar, Matt Brown & Simon Morrison (welcome to the council Simon)

**1 Year SC term**—Theo Magnisalis, Kaela Thomson, Alice Farnsworth & Prue Lynch

**Buildings & Grounds Committee**—Theo Magnisalis, Cam Gloster, Matt Brown, Chris Lynch, Mark Jolly, Steve McVicar, Simon Morrison

**Curriculum Committee**—Rebecca Prentice, Sonia McVicar, Theo Magnisalis, Kaela Thomson & Prue Lynch

**Finance Committee**—Rebecca Prentice, Colleen Aikman, Alice Farnsworth, Sonia McVicar, Prue Lynch, Kaela Thomson

**Oval Liaison**—Theo Magnisalis

**School Fees**

These were set at the meeting on Wednesday and are \$150 per student and are payable from any time now on. Payments can either be made by cash, cheque payable to the school, EFT BSB 063 732 AC 10029655 either in a single payment or by payment plan. I will send home a payment plan home today. Parents who receive the Conveyance Allowance may elect to pay their fees from these funds. Please indicate this option on the plan.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

We have decided to conduct Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday of this week and have attached a timetable to the newsletter. If you are unable to make the time allocated please contact the teacher concerned to make a time that suits.

### MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Tomorrow—last  
visit this term

### SHOP LUNCH ORDER PICK UP

School staff will  
pick up

Mowing & Watering  
Roster 2016  
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February— Steve McVicar &  
Matt Brown

**March—Mark  
Jolly & Theo  
Magnisalis**

**April— Chris  
Lynch & Cameron  
Gloster**

May- Day and Lovitt Families

June—Garth Aikman &  
Simon Morrison

July—Steve Donnellan &  
Scott Brown

August—Piers Farnsworth &  
Buzz Wisneske

September— Adam Kelly &  
Matt Brown

October—Cameron Gloster &  
Molly

November— Mark Jolly &  
Chris Richardson

December – Theo Magnisalis  
& Chris Lynch

**Don't forget to fill in the  
calendar when you  
water.** Please arrange  
your swap if necessary.

### ***Last Day of Term***

The school Captains, Jayden, Samuel and Indie have an action packed day in store for all of the children on Thursday—last day of term 1. There will be lots of activities including colouring, egg hunt and lots of games. The students will be making Easter Bonnets which will be on parade just prior to dismissal. Parents are encouraged to come to “pick up” a bit earlier to see the parade—maybe 2.15pm—***Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm.*** We will be having a normal lunch on Thursday and shop lunches will also be available.

### ***School Oval Update***

The oval is looking fantastic and families on duty aren't required to do any watering as it is now set to come on automatically at 7pm each day. However on the other page! - the oval and yard will now need to be mowed about 3 times per month.



### ***Swimming Results***

Congratulations to Samuel Magnisalis who came 3rd in the Breast stroke event at Swan Hill on Thursday. Whilst not placing in their events, Jack and Zoe also swam well. Well done kids!



### ***Regional Tennis***

All the best to Jack Wisneske who is competing in the Regional Tennis Tournament in Swan Hill. This is a great effort Jack.

### ***Middle Rooms News***

Homework was sent home on Friday. Some students have completed Contract 6 already and returned it. Well done! For those who are still to complete their homework, it will be due on Wednesday of this week. We will also have our Spelling test on Wednesday due to the Easter fun day on Thursday. Students will have time in class to learn words, but are welcome to do extra learning at home. Holiday readers for students who need them will also be sent home Wednesday.

### ***Holiday Reading***

All students are encouraged to keep up their reading practise during the holiday break. Reading can include the TV guide, books, newspapers, magazines, road signs, notices, cereal packets and many other things. Being able to read is one of the most important parts of a child's education and is something that makes everything in later life much easier.

## ***Mobile Library***

A reminder to everyone to bring their books etc ( DVD's must be returned) for exchange at the mobile library tomorrow. This is the last visit for this term.

## ***Forms to be returned***

Families who have not returned Forms by the due date will be listed here until returned.

Immunisations Forms— ASAP (information where to obtain these forms has been previously sent home) Lovitt—Jayden, Cheyenne and Thomas  
Camp Medical & Permission Forms—Friday 18th  
 Gloster, Dummett and McVicar

## ***Photography Course***

A reminder to those who have put their names down to attend this course—it is on tomorrow evening.

Session one—Beginners—all cameras —5pm—7pm (students welcome)

Session two—Advanced (SLR Cameras) 7-9pm.

Cost for both courses will be \$20 per head—\$10 for students . Please make sure you bring your camera with you.

If you are enrolling in the Advance Session please bring 5 photos on a USB—4 of your best and 1 that you're not sure what went wrong to share with others. Looking forward to seeing you there

## ***'MESSY CHURCH'***

'Messy Church' Easter after school activity event for 1<sup>st</sup> term will be hosted by members of Underbool churches.

WHEN: Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4.30-6.30pm.

WHERE: Underbool Fire Station and Cooperative Church building

WHAT's On: Craft activities, Art, Easter Bible story, Easter Egg Hunt

A light meal and drink for all attending

Children to be accompanied by an adult. Gold coin donation

Activities begin at the Fire Station at 4.30pm

If you intend to participate in this activity, it would be appreciated if you could phone Nita 50496226 or Rosemary 50946394 by midday Tuesday to help with catering etc.' *Note: In view of SRI (or formerly CRE) not being able to be held within the classroom setting at school this year, an after school activity program currently in the planning stage, is anticipated to be held on a more regular basis during terms (more information coming later). Messy Church will be held once a term as a special event.*

## ***Homework***

### ***Contracts***

#### **Senior Room**

No homework this week

#### **Middle Room**

Contract No 6—Due  
Wednesday

#### **Junior Room**

Contract 6

### **Quickbeds Grassroots Fundraising: REMEMBER:**

*If you are booking accommodation for an upcoming holiday or trip away, book it through Quickbeds, and you will help raise funds for your club. Click on this link:*

[www.quickbeds.com](http://www.quickbeds.com)

Enter our school's unique grassroots code 1273

## SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - HOMEWORK

Following the Parliamentary Inquiry into the approaches to homework in Victorian schools, focussing on the impact on student learning outcomes, the Education and Training Committee's report provided an opportunity for the Department to review its Homework Policy Guidelines for Schools.

The revised Guidelines reflect current national and international research, best practices and approaches to homework.

Homework is seen as one way of supporting and fostering lifelong learning and connecting families with the learning of their children.

### Value of homework

The current evidence and research shows that the quality of homework assigned is likely to be more important than the quantity. Research has established that homework has a positive effect on learning, particularly at the middle and secondary school levels (Xu, 2010; Zimmerman & Kitsantas, 2005). Although homework's effectiveness has been challenged by educators, parents, and students (Kohn, 2006), it continues to be an important educational supplement used by most teachers to enhance the learning experience of their students (Patall, Cooper, & Wynn, 2010).

### Homework helps students by:

- ◆ complementing and reinforcing classroom learning
- ◆ fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- ◆ providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning
- ◆ developing self-regulation processes such as goal-setting, self-efficacy, self-reflection and time management supporting partnerships with parents by connecting families with the learning of their children

### Quality practice

It is not necessary to assign large amounts of homework; however it is important that homework provides students with opportunities to practice skills, review content and deepen understanding of concepts learned. Homework and practice can also help students to develop self-regulation processes, such as time management and study skills.

The table below describes quality homework practice for the different year levels.

Years	Homework
Prep to 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ can foster a sense of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare students for upper grades</li> <li>✦ enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials</li> <li>✦ will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings</li> </ul>
5 to 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ should include daily independent reading</li> <li>✦ should be coordinated across learning areas in secondary schools to avoid unreasonable workloads for students</li> <li>✦ may extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research.</li> </ul>