25 May 2015

Dates to Remember
27—School Council Meeting—8pm
28—GRIP Leadership—Yrs 5 & 6—Mildura
June
3rd—Prins Meeting to be held at Underbool PS
10—Lightning Premier-ships Ouyen—yrs 3–6
18—Bus Inspection Nunga
26—Last Day of term 2
August
13—Interschool Athletics—Ouyen p-12 Oval
September
3rd—School Photos—please mark this on your calendar
October
16—P & F Garden Walk

WHO’S DOING WHAT THIS WEEK?
Mrs P will be travelling to Mildura to GRIP on Thursday—Helen will be working all day.

THIS WEEKS BIRTHDAYS
A Great big Happy Birthday to Isobel McVicar who will be 7 on Friday. We hope you have a great day Isobel.

School Council Meeting—27th May
A reminder to all councillors, we have a meeting on Wednesday night of this week commencing at 8pm. All councillors are urged to attend.

Interschool Cross Country
Congratulations to all students who participated in the interschool cross country on Monday of last week. Tyler finished 9th in his section and has qualified to run at the next stage in St Arnaud. Well done Tyler.

We won $10000.00!! Australia—The Story of Us
We are excited to announce that we have won $10000.00 following our submission to the “Australia—The Story of Us” competition. Mrs P received a phone call on Tuesday of last week with the wonderful news. Following is a copy of the submission students in yrs 3-6 and Mrs P submitted.

Our submission: We are a rural remote school in North West Victoria (over 500kms from Melbourne), with only 25 students in total from Preps to Year 6. All our senior students participated in the quiz, so after consultation with the students, they have come up with these fabulous ideas. After watching Episode 2 on the Eureka Stockade, students were extremely keen to go to Ballarat to experience it for themselves. I looked into organising a whole school camp, but costs were out of our reach. Students are now hoping that winning this money would allow us to go and experience everything Sovereign Hill has to offer, a major learning experience for every student. The other main focus was to use the money to build a fruit and vegetable garden, it would help improve a large range of learning skills and as quoted by a student, “Something that our future students would also continue to learn from”. Other student suggestions were updating our teacher Maths and English resource books to reflect the latest learnings. Lego for both boys and girls. New high jump mat and poles for practise before our Athletics sports day. A blue tooth printer to use with our couple of ipads and ipods. The fabulous list of items to improve our students learning went on, and I was extremely proud of the learning that took place by completing this task with them.

We are still waiting to hear further details. Well done students and Mrs P.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
The Victorian government has announced $148.3 million for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities. Families hold-
Mowing & Watering Roster 2015
February—Buzz Wisneske & Garth Aikman
March—Mark Jolly & Adam Kelly
April—Chris Lynch & Cameron Gloster
May—Theo Magnisalis & Piers Farnsworth
June—Molly - Chris Richardson
July—Steve Donnellan & Scott Brown
August—Steve McVicar & Matt Brown
September—Buzz Wisneske & Garth Aikman
October—Day and Lovitt Families
November—Mark Jolly & Adam Kelly
December—Theo Magnisalis & Piers Farnsworth

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

ing a valid means tested concession card will be eligible to apply. A special consideration category will also apply. Eligible families will need to apply for the CSEF through the school. A payment of $125 for primary students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion cost for the benefit of the students.

A form has been attached to today’s news letter—if you are eligible, please fill out this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Access Ministries—permission notice
I have sent home another permission notice for Access Ministries Chaplain, to those families who still haven’t returned them. Please fill these out and return them by the end of the week. Any queries please contact the school.

SBS Television Interview
SBS television will be at the school at 10am on Wednesday for an interview regarding our use of My Chinese Tutor program via the polycom. May—our Chinese Tutor will be online as part of this process, thank you May. A reminder to all families—there may be a possibility that students will be filmed—if you do not wish your children to participate please contact the school.

Book Club
Order forms were sent home last week and are due back at school on Friday of this week—29th May.

GRIP Leadership—Thursday 28th May (this week)
Mrs P and students in years 5 and 6 will be attending this very valuable conference on Thursday of this week. They will be travelling by bus which will be leaving Mrs P’s house at 7am—yes, that’s 7am!!! Hamish and Tyler are to meet at Mrs P’s house and Indie and Samuel will be picked up from home. Jayden will be picked up at Walpeup at 7.20am. Students will be returning to Underbool at approximately 4.30pm. Mrs P will text a time when leaving Ouyen. As Thursday is football and netball training, parents will need to inform Mrs P where they would like their child to be dropped off.

Bus Inspection
The bus is booked in for the Annual Inspection at Nunga on Wednesday 18th June and we require a volunteer to drive the bus to do this on our behalf. If you are this person and are able to do this please contact the school asap.
Lightning Premierships—Wednesday June 10th
Students in years 3—6 will be participating in the Lightning Premierships at Blackburn Park on Wednesday 10th June. We will be combining with Tempy PS for Netball and AFL 9’s. We will be travelling to Ouyen on the bus and will be leaving at 9am. We will require parents to assist with umpiring and organising teams on this day. Please contact Mrs P if you are able to help out. I have attached a permission slip for this day. Please return this by Monday 1st June (next week).

Free App—Schoolmate
We have received information regarding a free department app that all parents can download onto their phone or tablet. This app is designed to inform parents of what their children are doing at school and what parents can do at home as part of their children’s education. I have printed off the document with all information regarding this app and placed it on the parent notice board in the corridor. The app can be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au/schoolmate or your app store.

Homework Contracts
Preps—No 12 Due Friday Years 1 & 2 No 12 : Due Friday Yrs. 3-6 - No 12—Due on Monday.

Mobile Library
Please bring your books for exchange tomorrow as we will be going to the Mobile Library.

Open Day Thank You
A huge thank you to parents, grandparents, PAG members and other members of the community who came to our Open Day last Wednesday. We sincerely thank you all for your interest in our school and hope you all feel welcome to call in again at some stage.

Claws and Talons
Students in years Prep—2 attended the “Claws and Talons” excursion at the Kinder on Thursday of last week. There were lots of lizards, spiders, birds and other interesting creatures on display.