

Term 2 Week 3

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IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY!**Dates to****Remember**

May

9-11—Naplan testing Yr 3-5

16—Cross Country—Mildura

25—GRIP Leadership—Yr 5 & 6—Mildura

June

6th—Regional Cross Country

12—Queens Birthday—Public Holiday

14—Lightning Premierships—Football & Netball

26-28—Prins Conference Melbourne

30—Last Day Term
2—Staff PD—Pupil Free**WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS WEEK?**

Colleen will be attending HR & CAS-ES21 training in Mildura on Thursday.

THIS WEEKS BIRTHDAYS

No birthdays this week.

**Newsletter****2017*****State Government Budget***

We are excited to report that it was announced in the State Budget last week, that our school will be receiving significant maintenance funding in the very near future. We will receive \$111,000.00 of which \$20,000.00 is for A3 medium risk asbestos removal (this was identified during a recent state wide asbestos audit). The remaining funds will be used for maintenance issues which were identified in the 2012 Condition Assessment Report following a maintenance audit conducted by the Department. Molly and Colleen will be attending a Bricks and Mortar session scheduled for the 18th May where all issues relating to this funding will be discussed.

Naplan Testing

Students in years 3 & 5 will be participating in the Naplan Testing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The Naplan is a national testing program used to gather data on students all over Australia. An information sheet has been sent home today with students in years 3 & 5.

GRIP Leadership Course

Students in years 5 & 6 have been enrolled in the GRIP Leadership course to be held in Mildura on the 25th May. Permission forms will be sent home during the week.

Cross Country—16th May

A Great Big Thank You to Jo Morrison who has been training the students on Fridays for Cross Country. Jo has been using “the FART” running program” which is a combination of fast and slow running which greatly assists fitness levels. (not sure what the acronym stands for but it’s something!!)

Age groups for the Cross Country in Mildura are 9/10 and 11/12 and we are able to enter 5 boys and 5 girls in each of the age groups. (Please note— students must be able to run the distance in the time set and age groups are as at the 31st December 2017). Students are currently training each morning and are all doing a great job.

Students who have qualified and are eligible are:

9/10 Girls—Kate, Eleanor, Isobel and Breanna

9/10 Boys—Finn

11/12 Boys—Jack and Caleb

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Tuesday May 16

Tuesday May 30

SHOP LUNCH

Walpy shop every
Friday

Mowing & Watering

Roster 2017

February— Steve
McVicar & Matt Brown

March—Mark Jolly &
Theo Magnalis

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
& Mark Jolly

October—Cameron
Gloster & Molly

November— Matt Brown
& Chris Vorwerk

December – Steve
Donnellan & Chris Lynch

**Could you please
check garden beds and
the edge of the oval for
weeds.**

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

Further information regarding the Cross Country has been sent home with the students today. Parents please note: students will have to organise their own travel arrangements for this event. Any questions, please contact Molly.

Year 6 Transition Program

Forms and information regarding the very important Transition Program to Secondary School. Parents are asked to complete these forms and return them to school by Friday of this week.

Jars Wanted

Helen is preparing some dried herbs and needs some very small jars such as sample jam jars, spice jars or something similar. If you have any of these to spare please send them to Helen. Thank you in anticipation.

Student "Home Work"

As recently discussed with parents, formal "Homework" has been replaced with informal "Homework" and we have been receiving many favourable comments and support for this. We encourage students to share their "Homework" activities with us and other students so we can report on them in the newsletter. Some ideas already shared are: helping at the Pink Lakes Pantry, taking photos, looking at our beautiful Mallee sunsets, helping out with the dishes, cooking tea, packing school lunches, getting the washing off the line, feeding the dog. A great big thank you to Izzie Kelly who has brought 2 photos of an echidna they have on the farm. Izzie tells us it is really big and they have found "echidna digs" everywhere!



Home Reading

While no formal homework contracts or books are being sent home, all students are still expected to read each night. Reading shouldn't be classed as "doing homework" as it is a learned skill required for life. Reading is used in every aspect of our lives no matter what we are doing—driving a car—road signs and directions!, doing the shopping—reading the labels! Watching TV—what's on and when! Planning a holiday—where to go!

Flying Doctor Dental Visit

The Flying Doctor Dentist will be visiting the school on Monday 22nd May to check children's teeth and gums. I have sent home a consent form for each child today. Please fill these in and return the form to school by Friday of this week—12th May.

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