

Term 4 Week 9

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4 December  
2017**IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY!****Dates to****Remember**

December

4-8—Yr 6 Transition—Ouyen P-12 College

5th—VCOP PD Mildura

8th—VCOP Follow up—Ouyen

12th—Meet &amp; Greet Christmas Carols

15th—School Concert

20th—Movie Excursion—Mildura

22nd—Last Day of the year!!!

**WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS WEEK?**

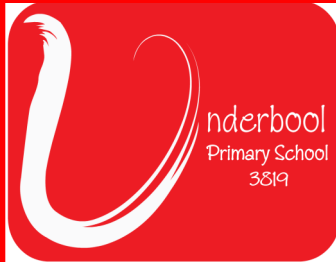
Molly, Penny and Helen will be attending VCOP PD in Mildura—They will be replaced by Raelene Vine.

Helen will be attending the VCOP Follow up in Ouyen on Friday.

Colleen will be attending EOY Finance and Admin Training in Ouyen.

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**

No Birthdays this week.

**Newsletter****2017*****School Council Meeting***

We will have a brief School Council Meeting on Wednesday at 3pm for those who can make it. We realise this is short notice and it is a very busy time, however we are required to have 8 meetings per year and there are some financial and other school reports that have to be presented and passed before the end of the year. If you are unable to attend please text your apology to Sonia and this will form part of the quorum if required for our meeting. We will also need to discuss whether or not to have a School Council/Parents and Friends end of year get together.

***Staffing 2018***

We are very happy to report that our staffing for Term 1 2018 has been finalised. We are pleased to announce that Fiona Scott has been appointed as the full time teacher in the Senior Room for Term 1. Molly will continue in the Acting Principal role, Helen has been reappointed at .8, Francey .7, Colleen .4 and Lisa Renkin 3 days per week. Staffing for the remainder of the year will depend on the outcome of the Principal Selection Process which will take place during Term 1. Molly and Fiona will be in the Middle and Senior Rooms and Helen in the Junior Room. Year level break ups will be—Senior Room, years 3-6, Middle Room, years 1 & 2 and Junior Room—Preps. We are thrilled to have Fiona on our staff and we are all looking forward to working with her.

***Year 6 Transition***

Jack, Caleb and Thomas are attending the Ouyen P-12 College all this week as part of the transition to Secondary School. We hope you all have a good week.

***What's Happening This Week?***

Molly, Helen and Penny will be attending VCOP—Big Write—PD Training in Mildura tomorrow. Raelene Vine will be working with Mrs Kate for the day as a replacement. Helen will also be attending a follow up PD for VCOP in Ouyen on Friday—she will not be replaced. Colleen will be attending CASES21 End of Year Training in Ouyen on Tuesday.

**MOBILE LIBRARY  
DATES**

*December 12—this will be our last visit for the year so please bring all books etc for return*

**Hot Spud Lunch**

**Thanks Prue!**

*Mowing & Watering  
Roster 2017*

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 & 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.

**Hot Spuds**

A reminder to everyone to return your “Hot Spud” orders so Prue can get organised. Please have these back at school by tomorrow if you haven't already. Thank you once again for your offer Prue.

**School Concert**

Please make sure you mark Friday 15th December on your calendar so you don't miss this annual spectacular!! The students are well into rehearsal and it's looking great. Please invite your family and friends to come along and support the school. Mrs Kate will be sending home details for costume requirements in the next few days. Please check your children's bags.

**Meet & Greet**

The students have been invited to sing some Christmas Carols and other concert songs at the Seniors Meet and Greet luncheon on the 12th December. This will be some valuable practise for the concert and a great opportunity for the students to interact with the senior members of our community..

**School Excursion—Movie “Wonder” - Years 3-6!!**

After much backlash and bluster last week from Jack, Caleb and Thomas, year 6 are more than welcome to attend the school “Movie Excursion”!!! (I did send home a permission form with the boys so they weren't completely overlooked! Sorry boys!). Please return your permission forms.

**Lisa's Chaplain's Corner**

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle” -St Francis of Assisi

Sometimes it seems that darkness surrounds us, we receive bad news, we see very negative things portrayed on the news. Even the movies and television series that we watch for entertainment centres around violence, pain and drama. It is the hope that is given to us that can make the dark parts of our journey bearable. Knowing that there will be other days and other moments that we will take joy from. May we all be carriers of hope shining for those suffering in darkness.

**School Concert Roster**

As you are aware, the school concert will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December and as usual, parents have been rostered on to assist on the night. Please arrange your own swap if necessary please.

Hamper: Molly (Donated by Molly)

Set Up Christmas tree: Kristen, Prue & Lee

Door Entry: Kaela & Cassey (\$5 Adult, \$2 Sec Students)

Raffle Tickets: Nic K & Angel (\$1 Ticket)

Cordial/Milk/Ice: Sonia (Cordial & Ice to be purchased and made up prior to concert. 2ltr milk)

Tea & Coffee: Cherie & Nic M

Dishes: Jo & Nat

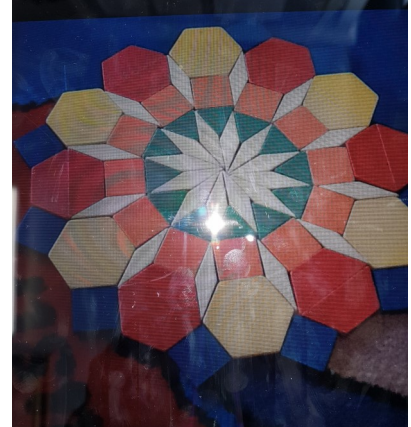
Purchase Lollies & Gifts: Pennie

Can all parents please stay behind to clean up the hall and stack chairs after the concert. All families are asked to bring a plate of cakes or savouries for supper please.

Cassey & Kylie are to supply sandwiches instead.

### *Tessellation Designs*

The students in the Senior Room have been working with tessellations in Maths this morning and came up with this great design which they wanted to share with everyone. Well done kids!



### *Kinder Transition Day*

The Kinder Kids were at school for whole day on Wednesday of last week and enjoyed making hats after reading the “Kinder Hat” book with Mrs Gloster. We look forward to having them at school in 2018.

### *Year 3 Transition Into the Senior Room*

Students in year 3 will be working in the Senior Room each day this week as part of the “Transition Week”.

### *Free Parenting Workshops in Ouyen February 2018*

CCS Family & Relationship Services deliver workshops that provide education, support and information to parents, carers and the community. These workshops are free and available to parents/carers of children aged 0-18 and professionals working with parents/children. Ouyen Preschool is organising an evening parenting workshop in February 2018. If you are interested, please contact Louise Fitzpatrick Leach 0427941235 with your name, chosen topics (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice) and a contact number. Thankyou.

#### **WORKSHOPS**

**These workshops are available to parents, carers and professional working with families.**

**Kids and Worry** - This workshop discusses strategies that may help children worry less; providing information and practical tools to assist children manage their emotions.

(2 1/2 hours)

**Kids and Anger** - This workshop covers the reasons why children get angry, understanding your own responses to your children's anger and ways to help children express their anger appropriately.

(2 1/2 hours)

**Knowing your Teenager** - This workshop covers the developmental changes for teenagers, peer relationships, and tips for building and maintaining positive relationships with teenagers.

(2 1/2 hours)

**Connecting with Kids** - A workshop focusing on using emotional intelligence to understand and guide children's behaviour, this workshop covers beliefs around parenting as well as information on brain development and children's emotional development.

(2 1/2 hours)

**Boys Brains** – This workshop will give insight into the workings of a boy's brain and how their needs are different from girls. It will provide practical strategies to help parents and carers understand boy's needs and how to meet them.

(2 1/2 hours)

**Self-Care for Parents and Carers** – This workshop provides participants the opportunity to explore their current level of self-care. This practical and fun session also provides effective positive strategies for reducing stress levels, while keeping up with the demands of caring for others.

(2 hours)