

Term 1 Week 3

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12 February
2018**IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY!****Dates to****Remember**

14—School Council Meeting—7pm

15—Royal Flying Doctor Optometry visit

16—School Swimming Sports with Tempy PS 10am start

23—UDSSA Swimming Sports -Yrs 3—6 Ouyen Pool

March

1—Cancer Talk—Di Thornton—2pm—

2—Clean Up Australia Day

9—School Financial Audit

12—Labor Day Long Weekend

13—School Council AGM 7pm (to be confirmed)

15—School Photos (maybe)

24—P & F Loop the Lake Fundraiser

29—Last day of term 1

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS WEEK?

Swimming Program each afternoon except Wednesday.

School Contact**Numbers**

School—50946342

Molly—0429 941211

Fiona—0429 922600

Helen—0428 390991

Colleen—0407 946376

**Newsletter****2018****School Council Meeting**

We will be having a School Council Meeting on Wednesday of this week (14th February), commencing at 7pm. All Councillors are urged to attend if possible.

Parents & Friends AGM & General Meeting

We will be having the AGM followed by a general meeting on Wednesday 21st February at 3pm at the school. As Pennie has finished at the school we will be looking for someone to step into the President's position. All parents are urged to attend please.

Swimming Program

PLEASE NOTE—NO SWIMMING ON WEDNESDAY—students to be picked up from school as normal.

Helpers this week

Today—Cassey, Joy —Staff—Molly, Francey, Helen & Lisa

Tuesday—Nic Kelly, Chicko, Nat & Rick Staff—Molly, Francey, Helen

Wednesday—no swimming

Thursday—Chicko & Rick Staff—Molly, Francey, Helen & Fiona - if students have a life jacket at home, could they bring it to swimming please.

Friday—Swimming Sports with Tempy PS

Swimming Sports

Students are to come to school as normal and will be walked / bused to the pool for a 10am start. Parents are asked to be at the pool at 9am to assist with the set up of lane ropes, gazebos etc. We will be having a BBQ, tea & coffee and soft drinks for sale. Thank you in advance for your help.

Students will be dismissed with their families from school at the end of the sports.

Peanut Allergy

A prior warning to parents and students in relation to the swimming sports with Tempy which is to be held on Friday 16th February. **Tempy PS has a student who is severe anaphylactic to peanuts and we are asking parents not to bring anything to the pool that has any traces of peanuts.** The student has been known to have a reaction to someone who has peanuts on their breath. I will publish this warning in next weeks newsletter as well and we are asking for your co

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Tomorrow 13th
February!

This Weeks

Birthdays

A Great Big Happy 11th birthday to Kate Stone today. Hope you have a great day Kate.



BOOK CLUB

All Book Club Orders are to be returned to school on Monday 19th



operation. Thank you.

School Safety

It has been brought to our attention that some cars are leaving the car park the wrong way and this could cause safety issues. When using the lane way at any time please make sure you enter and leave the correct way. It has also been mentioned that parents riding to school with their children must be wearing a helmet. Please make sure you help set a good example for our students.

VCOP (Vocab, Connectors, Openers, Punctuation)

Following the staff PD in Ouyen at the beginning of the year, Helen presented the VCOP program to the staff and students last week. Students were introduced to Vinny Vocab where they explored different words and they are used to make our writing more powerful. This was a most enjoyable and informative session for both staff and students. We look forward to



continuing this program in the weeks to come in our classrooms.

Overdue Library Books

Could all families please have a look at home for the following library books which are long over due from the Mobile Library—if you find them on your shelves, please return them to the school asap.

These were borrowed from by the students in Molly's room last year, so please check your shelves at home—we have had no response as yet.

Horse Girl—Larkin John x 2

Leader of the Pack—Andrew Daddo

The secret of swords—Frances Watts

The playful Panda—Amelia Cobb

The land of magic medicines—Enid Blyton

Working With Children Checks

Letters have been sent home with new students / families today regarding WWCC for parents/volunteers at the school. It is Education Department policy that all volunteers have a WWCC if they wish to participate in school events. As we give parents of Preps the opportunity to attend the Whole School Camp it is vital that you have a WWCC. If you already have a WWC card could you please present it to the school so we can put it with our records. Thank you in anticipation.

Cancer Talk with Di Thornton—Preliminary Notice

Di Thornton has kindly offered to come and talk to the students and parents about cancer and the services available on Thursday 1st March. Di will be speaking with the students from 2pm—2.30pm and parents from 2.30pm to 3.20pm. (parents are welcome to come and join the student talk at 2pm if they wish). Di will be focusing on breast cancer with the parents and Veronica Stone has kindly offered to come and talk about her recent journey with cancer. A huge thank you in advance to both Di and Veronica for their generous gesture. Please mark this very important event on your calendar.

Chaplaincy Parent Consent Forms

These forms have been sent home today to each family and are to be filled out and returned by Monday of next week. There are lots of things that happen during the school day that Lisa can discuss with the students to help them deal with what ever they are feeling.

Lisa's Chaplain's Corner

Trust is the glue of life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the foundational principle that holds all relationships. Stephen Covey

Trust is a word that is used often, in various contexts, but what does it mean? We often think it means that when we trust another that they will not betray or hurt us. However due to our human frailties this is not usually true, most of us have hurt those we love, often unintentionally. The key to honest close relationships is forgiveness. To remain trusting and open in our relationships we often need to forgive and be prepared to stay vulnerable and allow others in. While humanity is capable of hurting it is also capable of great love and loyalty.

A Bit About Bulling!

Bullying is a word that we often hear, especially in the recent context of cyber bullying. However what is bullying and what can be done about it? The official definition of bullyingis repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behavior of a group directed towards a less powerful person or group that is intended to cause harm, distress or fear (Victorian State Government- Education and Training).

Types of bullying behavior are verbal or written abuse (name calling, notes), violence or threats of violence and cyber bullying (use of social media on other online sites to humiliate or alienate another). Discrimination against a person or group due to gender, race or any other aspect of their identity is also bullying. Some acts of unkindness can be unpleasant and distressing but are not regarded as bullying. Such as mutual conflict (as long as there is not an imbalance of power, single acts of nasty or aggressive behavior and social rejection. However deliberate and repeated acts of social exclusion that causes distress, is bullying and made worse if other peoples view of the victim is being manipulated.

Students that suffer from bullying can exhibit behaviors such as school avoidance, being tense and unhappy, loss of confidence and self-esteem as well as signs physical aggression such as cuts and bruises. Struggling academically and not having school friends are also signs that can indicate bullying. Consequences of bullying can impact a child as they grow into adulthood especially with development of confidence and self-esteem.

RESPECT

ENTHUSIASM

ACHIEVEMENT

PERSISTENCE

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UNDERBOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

A parent can assist a child that is being bullied by listening to them, giving supported considered advice and helping the child develop strategies to deal with bullying situations (walking away or avoiding situations). Getting the facts about incidents is also important as is discussing incidents and concerns with the child's teacher. Encouraging a child to talk to an adult at school, if they feel that are being bullied is also very important.