2016 WHAT'S COMING UP

JULY 2016
Wed 13 MARC Library.
Fri 22 Book Club orders and monies are due back at school.
Wed 27 MARC Library.

AUGUST 2016
Mon 1 PUPIL FREE DAY.
Wed 3 Open Morning in the Prep class and tour of the school for Kindergarten parents of 4 year old students from 9.15am to 10.00am.
Thurs 4 Open Morning for the general community at the Dunkeld Consolidated School from 9.30am – 11.00am followed by morning tea. Visitors are encouraged to stay and have a look at the Kitchen and Garden classes commencing at 11.30am.
Mon 8 Olympics Day at School.
Wed 10 MARC Library.
Thurs 11 Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament at Parklands Golf Club, Hamilton.
Fri 12 Ignite, Innovate and Integrate Conference at Kingswood Primary School - Professional Development Day: Paul Jeffreys and James Stephens will be attending this PD.
Mon 15 Year 5 (6) Excursion to BioCATS Geelong – Simonds Stadium.
Wed 24 MARC Library.
Sat 27 Trivia Night – To be held at the Dunkeld Community Centre at 7:00pm. $15 per person.
Tues 30 Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.
Wed 31 Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.

SEPTEMBER 2016
Thurs 1 Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.
Fri 2 Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.
Mon 5 Year 2/3 Norval Camp.
Tues 6 Year 2/3 Norval Camp.
Wed 7 Year 2/3 Norval Camp.
Wed 7 MARC Library.

OCTOBER 2016
Fri 14 The Greater Western Region Athletics Championships to be held in Ballarat at Llanberris Athletics Track.

2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES

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FORM’S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

School Traffic Guidelines 2016
Communications Policy Survey –return by Wed 20 July
SAKG Kitchen Roster – Term 3
SAKG Garden Roster – Term 3
Open Morning Flyer

PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2016
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

I am not sure what the children say at home in the morning, on facing their first day back at school after holidays. Especially when the weather has been like it is. I think though, in their heart of hearts, they look forward to coming back. It really is a pleasure when children enter the school and march with a smile on their face and optimism in their minds towards their classrooms on that first day. “Hello Mr Jeffreys.” Smile on the face. Sparkle in the eye. How lucky am I to have to put up with this every day? Welcome back children.

A survey is included with this newsletter regarding communication between school and families. It is very important. Please help us make the best possible decision on how the school can most effectively communicate with you. It will benefit all of us, so take the five minutes required and return the slip as soon as possible. Thank you in anticipation.

Over the coming months, there will be occasion when excerpts from our ‘Play Is The Way’ program will be included in the newsletter. To me, it makes great reading and continues to make cause for reflection about myself, my colleagues, children and society in general. I hope you will enjoy the pieces of reading to follow here today and in the weeks and months ahead.

Here’s something I think about. A lot. What can I do to cause every child to trust me enough to go beyond the unknown and dive into the pool of uncertainty?

Play is The Way – Self Regulation

Emotions are a powerful force and regulating them a life long journey.

Keeping emotions under the control of reason, denying the need for immediate gratification, resisting the urge to act inappropriately takes knowledge and practise – lots of practise.

The worst thing is, just when you think you’ve mastered those powerful inner forces something unexpected happens and you’re over run by emotions that seem to have a life of their own.

Not a problem if they are socially acceptable: like sobbing at a funeral, or screaming and going crazy when your team finally wins the cup, or trembling with excitement at your child’s first solo concert.

But a considerable problem when they are not: like refusing to participate in things you’re not good at, or hitting people who upset you, or making a nuisance of yourself because you’re stressed or anxious.

Our emotions can either work for us or against us. They can be friend or foe, but they can’t be stopped. The skill is to channel them into productive service or prevent them from derailing us by successfully placating them.

Self-regulation is always a work in progress and the better children get at it the more self-empowered they feel.

OPEN MORNINGS

There will be an Open Morning in the Prep class and tour of the school specifically for Kindergarten parents of four-year-old Kinder students on Wednesday 3 August from 9:15am – 10:00am.

An Open Morning for the general community where all classrooms will be ‘open for visitors’ from 9:30am – 11:00am will take place on Thursday 4 August. During the course of the morning classes will be at times conducting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities. This will be followed by morning tea. After morning tea, we will have Kitchen and Garden Classes running. We encourage visitors to stay and have a look at the wonderful programs our school has to offer.

CLASS CAPTAINS FOR TERM 3

The following Term 3 Class Captains have been presented with their certificates and badges: Congratulations to:

Charlotte Alderman Prep
Nate Davoren Year 1
Hayden Phillips Year 2
Campbell Glazebrook Year 3
Charlie Field Year 4
Ella Jackson Year 5/6

SCHOOL CAMPS

School Council has approved the following school camps:

- Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp Tuesday 30 August to Friday 2 September
- Year 2/3 Norval Camp Monday 5 September to Wednesday 7 September
PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR SEMESTER 1

Congratulations to the following students who received Perfect Attendance certificates for Semester 1 2016 at Tuesday’s school assembly:

Maxi Graham, Year 1
Connor Gordon, Year 2
Sarah Symes, Year 5
Oliver Fenwick, Year 6
Anna Schurmann, Year 6

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Welcome back for Term 3! We have a busy term coming up. A couple of policies are being prepared and reviewed which may be of interest to parents and carers.

The Communications Policy – a survey has been prepared to find out preferred methods of communication for times of emergency and general news. Your feedback is welcome as timely, reliable and equitable access to information continues to be a priority for our school. Survey forms to be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 20 July.

Dress Code Policy - this policy is currently up for review. A survey will be sent out to parents in the next few weeks to seek your thoughts. Keep an eye out for it!

The school’s major social/fundraiser this year will be an Awesome Super Dooper TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday 27 August at the Dunkeld Community Centre - save the date!! Put it in your diary and get a table of eight together!!

Lucinda Peterson
School Council President

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

On Monday 11 July, the Parents and Friends Association were to hold their General Meeting unfortunately however; we did not have a quorum to conduct an official meeting. One cannot be blamed for not wanting to come out in the terrible weather at the moment. Let’s hope we get more people at our next meeting.

Exploring the world of Coding! At our next meeting Paul has kindly offered to hold a brief information/hands on session on the wonderful world of Coding! It will give us “IT deprived” parents an insight into what our children are learning at school. Please let Naomie or Ally know if you will be attending as computers etc will need to be organised prior. We welcome all new and existing members to come along.

Meetings: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 8 August 2016 at 7:30pm at the school.

If you require any further information about the P & F Association please contact Ally Gordon, President on 0429 900 747 or Naomie Phillips, Secretary on 0429 998 504.

GRaSS BioCATS Excursion – Monday 15 August 2016 - Year 5 and 6

Children from the GRaSS (Grampians Rural and Small Schools) network of schools are being given the opportunity to attend an excursion to BioCATS, held at the headquarters of the Geelong Football Club, at Simonds Stadium in Geelong. Students in Years 5 and 6 are reminded to return their Expression of Interest form by Thursday 14 July.

About the program
Welcome to the inner sanctum of the Geelong Cats and the cutting edge science and maths of footy! BioCATS is a partnership program brought to you by BioLAB and the Geelong CATS. The Geelong Cats employ a team of scientists and mathematicians to help ensure that their athletes are able to analyse and refine their performance and technique to gain the winning edge. BioCATS is run from the new Deakin Cats Community Centre at the Simonds Stadium as a full day program. Students and teachers participate in dynamic scientific experiments, using problem solving, statistical analysis and observation skills to learn about the science and maths of football and career pathways in sport. The program also reinforces the concepts of health and wellness and the benefits that come from sports participation.


SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL – Term 3

For any change of travel arrangements for the Mirranatwa and Woodhouse School Bus travellers, could you please send a note or make an entry in your child’s diary so it can be included on the bus roll. A late change may mean a phone call to the school office. The school will not take the student’s word for a change in bus travel.

If students are attending activities after school on a regular basis e.g. Dance, hockey training, Sporting Schools, etc parents may make a note in the diary advising that their child/children will not be travelling on the bus on a specific afternoon. For example ... “Tony will not be travelling on the bus on a Friday afternoon for Term 3 as he will be attending hockey training.”

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders and monies are due back at school by Friday 22 July.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen.....

Welcome back! We are looking forward to another exciting term in the Kitchen. This term students from Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a day in the Kitchen. Further details will follow closer to the time.

Please refer to the attached Kitchen Roster for Term 3.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

From the Garden...

Thank you to our chook-checkers and their families over the holidays - Emma Gordon, Ally Gordon, Geoff Potter, Kate Brian, Penny Fraser and Valetta Bolton, we really appreciate your help. I’m really looking forward to being back in the garden again with the kids, and our fantastic Friends - just hope the rain holds off a bit on Thursday!

And as it looks like 3rd Term is promising to be cold and wet, please send a coat, hat and gumboots with your children on Thursdays, as when we can, we want and need to be in the garden, and they need to stay warm and dry.

Our Grade 6’s are wanting to design and build a small structure in the garden so we are hoping that someone may have some bricks they could spare to help us please? Please contact me on 5574 9235.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

FOUND
School Rugby Jumper – Size 12 (has the name of a past student on tag). Please see the Office Staff.

LOST

BUDDING ARTISTS

Andy Warhol Cats – Andy Warhol was a leading figure in the ‘Pop Art’ movement during the 1960’s. He took his inspiration from everyday objects or famous artists, often painting or printing them in odd colours and repeating them several times in the one piece. He is famous for his ‘Campbell Soup Tin’ painting, which was an accurate drawing of an everyday tin of soup.

ASTHMA AUSTRALIA

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! www.asthmakids.org.au