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School Diary

February 13th
Swimming Commences for 1T & 2G

February 16th
Parents & Friends Meeting
- This is our first meeting of the year, everyone is welcome to come and share ideas and enjoy being amongst like minds.

February 17th
Family Bush Dance Picnic Night — 6pm at school.

February 19th
Student Free Day

February 20th
School Photo Day

February 25th
School Council Nomination Close

March 6th
Athletics Carnival

March 10th
Parent Teacher Meetings

March 19th & 20th
Year 3/4 Camp

From the Principal’s desk.....

Family Bush Dance Night
Next Tuesday, the 17th of February we are holding a Family Bush Dance Picnic evening for our entire school community! This is a great opportunity to come along, meet other parents, chat with your child’s friends and their parents and to chat informally with our staff. Pack a picnic tea, the picnic rug and chairs and bring the whole family along to school. The ‘Billy Tea Bush Band’ will be providing workshops during that day at school which will teach our students a variety of bush dances which they’ll be able to perform, and encourage you to join into, on the night! It promises to be a lovely night of family and school community fun! The evening starts at 6pm and should finish around 8pm.

Student Free Day
Next Thursday, the 19th of February is a School Council approved Student Free Day. On this day our teachers are taking part in a professional learning opportunity around the AusVELS Writing Curriculum. This is a great opportunity for whole school improvement through revising and updating our approach to the key area of writing.

Parent Teacher Meetings
Forewarning that the introductory Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday March 10th. Preference forms for times will be sent home closer to this date— with times being available between 2pm and 6pm.

School fees
Over the coming days invoices will be sent out to families for the following items:

- Subject Contributions—$140 per student
- Gardens and Grounds—$30 per student
- XOs—Prep—5 Grade 6 ICT Usage Charge $20 per student

There are a number of ways you can pay these fees which will be included with your statement. We appreciate your prompt attention to these accounts as it’s this money that allows us to provide educational opportunities for your children.

The XOs will be available for students to take home once the $20 annual lease fee has been paid.

ICAS
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Students from over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Pacific region and the USA participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) each year. This year we are offering the ICAS tests for any students who would like the experience of testing themselves against the world! The tests are available in 6 different curriculum areas, and vary in cost. For the cost you receive the test materials, a certificate (graded High Distinction to Participation) and an assessment report. Subjects and costs are as follows:

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The testing period begins in April. If your child is interested in participating in this testing, please complete the order form from the newsletter and return, with payment, to the office.

3/4 Camp
Our Year 3 and 4 students will be heading off to Camp Wyuna in Queenscliff next month for their overnight camp! Deposit letters went home earlier this week. Please ensure you speak to your child’s classroom teacher with any questions/concerns regarding the camp.

Angela Hall
Principal
**Student Awards!**

**Prep**  
**Tyler F** for always striving to achieve his personal best. A great effort Tyler!

**P/1H**  
**Mary I** for using the language of ‘personal best’ and trying to achieve it in her work. Fantastic effort Mary!

**1T**  
**Ayisha B** for having a go at difficult tasks!

**2G**  
**Nalani B** for being a helpful and happy team member!

**3/4R**  
**Mickey H** for using initiative and being a positive role model and for being super helpful.

**3/4T**  
**Kiahna M** for her bubbly, happy presence in class and for doing her best with our reading task.

**5H**  
**Chloe B and Aysha M** for their effort at settling in to a new school.

**6H**  
**Alana J** for always putting in 100% for all her tasks.

**Art**  
**Indigo D** for being on fire in Art.

**Sport**  
**Emily M** for her work ethic and participation in the PE program. Congratulations Emily!

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**Principal’s Award**

This week’s Principal’s Award goes to **Zara C**!

Zara has been an outstanding Year 6 buddy, making the transition to school as smooth as possible for her two lucky Prep buddies Ruby and Mary. A fantastic effort Zara! Keep up the great work!

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**SCOOL BANKING**

Just a reminder to all families that our school banking day is **Tuesday**. Please make sure you have your bank book in by the end of the day Tuesday.
Canteen
Friday 13th February, 2015
Morning Supervisor:
Nita Carson
9:00am: Ally Groves, Rebecca Graham,
Afternoon Supervisor:
Kerrin Irvine
12:30pm: Julie Walters, Leanne Scott

Hygiene!
Lately a couple of our younger students have been suffering from a vomiting bug—it’s a timely reminder to speak to your child(ren) about hand washing. At school students are reminded to wash their hands after toileting and before eating. ‘Bugs will be bugs’ as they say, but a little bit of extra care at this time will go a long way!

BOOKCLUB
Our first book club order forms for the year were sent home yesterday. Orders can be placed in the box in the office. If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to ‘Scholastic’. If you wish to order books without your child’s knowledge please mark this request very clearly on the order form. You will be personally contacted when the orders arrive so that you can collect the books from the office.
Orders for this issue are due back on Friday 20th February.

Thank you,
Jane Watts

NETBALL
If anyone’s son/daughter is interested in playing netball this year, could you please collect a form from the school office and fill in all details and return it to school by Friday 27th February.
For more information call Nicole Walter on 0433 717 244.

A big thank you to all of our sponsors, as well as our families who supported the Parents and Friends 2014 Christmas raffle by either selling tickets to family and friends, volunteering time to sell tickets at Safeway, arranging donations from generous sponsors and/or promoting our school. A fantastic effort all round to raise $2300!

ICAS Order form
Please complete the below information and return to school with payment in an envelope clearly labelled with ICAS and student name.

Student Name: __________________________ Year: __________________

Test name & cost: (add more if required)
1. __________________________________
2. __________________________________
3. __________________________________

Money enclosed: _______________________
Thank you to our sponsors....