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School Diary

September 2nd — TONIGHT
Rebels Basketball AGM - 7pm in EPEE Centre

September 3rd
Division Basketball Competition

September 4th
Father’s Day Stall
Winter Sports Year 5/6 at St Mary’s

September 6th
Uniform Orders Close

September 18th
Last Day Term 3 — 2.30 Finish

October 5th
Term 4 Commences — 9.00am Start

2015 Term Dates
Term 3: 13/7 — 18/9
Term 4: 5/10 — 18/12

2016 Term Dates
Term 1: 28/1 — 24/3
Term 2: 11/4 — 24/6

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ELLY NEWS

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From the Principal’s desk.....

Welcome to Spring!

Chaplaincy
I’m delighted to announce that we have been able to secure some funding through ‘INSPIRE’ network that will facilitate Mrs Helen Jones rejoining our staff team in a Chaplaincy role, commencing in two weeks time.

Helen has been part of the EPS community for a number of years and has worked successfully with both our students and their families over these years. We are very excited to welcome her back.

Special Religious Instruction
I’m sure you’re aware from the media that the Victorian Government recently announced that SRI (Special Religious Instruction) is to no longer be included in the direct teaching time (5 hours per day) but instead needs to be a before/after school or lunch time activity. This decision affects all government schools and comes into force in 2016. Our current SRI program for students in Years Prep to 4 will continue until the end of this year, at which stage we’ll evaluate our options regarding provision in 2016.

New App
The Department of Education and Training have released a new ‘app’ that is “packed with tips and inspiring ways to be more involved in their child’s learning. It’s for all ages, from the high chair to high school, and it gives you: tips and hints, relevant information tailored to your child’s age, fun and easy ways to stimulate learning”. The app, called ‘Learning Potential’ can be downloaded from either the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

Father’s Day Stall
This Friday is our annual Father’s Day stall, run by our amazing Parents and Friends group. This is always a successful event as it’s a chance for our students to ‘shop’ for their own father/special man and the delight they take in doing that is a joy to watch. Items will range in price from $1.00 up to $5.00. If you are able to assist on the day, please let us know.

‘TRACE’ program
Over the next two weeks we will be hosting various speakers and events provided by our local RoadSafe group focussed on our children’s safety on and around roads. This is a free program that is assisted by the Colac Otway Shire.

Part of the program for parents is the offer of free Child Restraint checks. These will take place on Monday 14th of September from 3pm onwards. Bookings for these can be make directly through RoadSafe on 52321088.

We’ll also be conducting a final assembly for the term on Friday 18th of September at 11:30am when prizes for the associated competitions will be awarded and we’ll have a hybrid car on display which the RoadSafe group will educate us about. Parents are encouraged to attend this assembly.

Basketball
Tonight is the Annual General Meeting for our Rebels Basketball Club. Parents of interested players are required to attend this meeting. See later in newsletter for details.

We also have two teams, a girls team and boys team, attending the Division Basketball Championships tomorrow at Colac Primary School. We wish our athletes all the very best!

Angela Hall
Principal
Canteen
Friday 4th September, 2015
Morning Supervisor:
Renee Hall
9:00am: Deb Reynolds, Bev Vesey, Renee Bourke
Afternoon Supervisor:
Casey McCoombe
12:30pm: Karen Harrington, Leonie Walton

SWIMMING Prep S and Prep/1 H
Next term, students in Prep S and Prep/1 H will visit Heather’s Swim School for 6 swimming lessons. The first lesson will be on Friday, October 23rd. The cost will be approximately $50. The cost will be confirmed on the permission slip which will be sent home week 1, term 4.

DEANS MARSH MARKET
‘BEST OF THE OTWAYS’
CALL FOR STALL HOLDERS
Dates: 27th September & 29th November, 2015
Do you Make, Bake or Create....Locally?
If you’re a locavore, 100 miler (near about) & want to showcase your produce or talent then join us at the Markets.
Emerging stallholders will be supported & fostered with reduced rates.
For more information contact The Cottage
Email: cottage@deansmarsh.org.au
Phone: 52363388/0428604208 (Ruth Hamilton)

QUEENSCLIFF EXCURSION
PREP TO YEAR 2

REBELS BASKETBALL CLUB NEWS
The AGM will be held in the EPEE Centre tonight Wednesday 2nd September starting at 7pm.
Parents of interested players are required to attend the meeting.
Registration forms are at the school office.
STUDENT AWARDS

Prep  Freya B for an amazing recount about our visit to Queenscliff.
1T  Gavin R for his outstanding effort and tremendous attitude towards the spelling bee!!
2G  2G for role model behaviour at the Queenscliff Marine Discover Centre.
3/4R  Nikita G for her excellent attitude towards teamwork activities, with good listening, communication and sharing.
3/4T  Bailey S for his terrific attitude to his nude food project and his improved attitude.
       Tamika F for her happy attitude in class and the playground and her improved organisation.
Science  Angus Z for coming to science with a positive attitude and doing his personal best!
       Mitchell H for his fantastic behaviour and participation during Science Week.
Indonesian  Zara C for outstanding comprehension of Indonesian.

Principal’s Award

This week the Principal’s Award goes to Taylor H.

Taylor has adjusted to life at EPS like she’s always been here!

She demonstrates all four of our school values every day, shares her smile readily and is a delight to have as part of our school community.

Keep up the good work Taylor and keep smiling!
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