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THURSDAY, 15TH JUNE 2023

CALENDAR

Thursday, 15th June

Walker's Doughnut Fundraiser Collection Day

3:00pm–3:30pm in the Multipurpose Room

Monday, 19th June

Payment due for Middle Unit Gym - \$38

Tuesday, 20th June

School Council Meeting

Wednesday, 21st June

Pizza Day orders due in by 9:00am

Payment due for Senior Unit Gym - \$37

Junior Unit Gym program concludes

Friday, 23rd June

LAST DAY FOR TERM 2, early dismissal of 2:20pm

9:00am End of Term Awards Assembly – all welcome

PIZZA DAY – no normal Canteen orders but iced treats are available

Deposit of \$100 due for Year 5/6 Camp

FIRST DAY FOR TERM 3

Monday, 10th July

Senior Unit Gym commences

Tuesday, 11th July

Senior Unit Gym continues

Wednesday, 12th July

Senior Unit Gym continues – NO CANTEEN

Thursday, 13th July

Senior Unit Gym concludes

Friday, 14th July

2nd Instalment of \$90 due for Year 5/6 Camp

Middle Unit Gym commences – NO CANTEEN

Monday, 17th July

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS – NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

Monday, 24th July

FSN ONLY PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS – school as normal

Friday, 4th August

3rd Instalment of \$90 due for Year 5/6 Camp

Friday, 8th September

Final Instalment of \$65 due for Year 5/6 Camp

School Organisation

Dear School Community,

After a long weekend, I'm hoping that families found the break of routine on Monday refreshing and an opportunity to rest up and enjoy some quality family time together. Having Friday as a Curriculum Day gave that extra-long rest for families also. The staff and I worked hard on Friday, focusing on our PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC) work - which is very valuable for improving student outcomes. We were joined on the day by Julie Brady, our LODDON CAMPASPE MALLEE PLC LEADER and Mel Hunter, the LINK SCHOOL LEADER from Gisborne Primary School - both ladies ran the day with our LEARNING SPECIALIST, Ainsley. These days of adult learning are very important - as teachers are refining and updating their skill set to ensure that your child/ren are taught by a professional whom is continually updating and refreshing their credentials and skills. I thought it was helpful to let families know what happens on these set Curriculum Days that schools have throughout the year 😊.

SOCCER

Congratulations to the students from Year 5/6 that represented Big Hill PS at Division Soccer yesterday. Our boys team did exceptionally well, coming 3rd overall. Well done to the boys. The girls team were also very skilled and actually won the tournament, coming in 1st place. What an achievement! A big thank you to Brett Strange for organising Big Hill PS's involvement... and to Leisha and Max who went along on the day to help out with supervision, coaching teams and umpiring. What a great day for all involved!

COVID

COVID is certainly going around at the moment - with families reporting positive cases and it is affecting our staff. There is another wave hitting the State currently and as a result, our school is experiencing the effects of this. Please regularly check your child with a RAT if symptomatic (tests available from the Office). If positive, remain at home while unwell and returning a positive test - this is really important as we want to stop the spread and ensure that we can have teachers and education support officers well and working with children. If your child is unwell with COVID, please advise the school as we will code the absence as pandemic meaning no medical certificate is required.

PLANNING WEEK

Next week is planning for Term 3, with each classroom teacher released from classes to plan the next term's work with their team. On this day when teachers are planning, classes often have an alternative program with either specialists or a CRT. Due to this, for the majority of classes, specialist programs won't run next week. To help families prepare their children, our PREPS / FOUNDATION (First Steps) will have planning on Monday, JUNIOR UNIT on Tuesday, MIDDLE UNIT on Wednesday and SENIOR UNIT on Thursday.

STAFFING

Sharyn Burnett remains on Carers Leave, returning next Wednesday. If you have the need to speak to Sharyn, please contact me in the meantime. Nick Reid has commenced leave this week, covered by Eve Acquisto, until the end of term. Nicole Peach is also teaching her class on the Fridays while Nick is absent. Kate Dole returned this week from sick leave and the students in Year 5/6 have been very happy to have her return. Roberta Mathers is on Long Service Leave until August, with Roberta's Monday in the JU picked up by Ainsley Stanley (teaching the class full time during this period) and her Wednesday STEM days delivered by some of our regular Casual Relief Teachers (CRT's).

SCHOOL REPORTS

Semester 1 school reports are in the final stages of production. Parents can expect to see their child's report go live on COMPASS on the final day of term. If you don't use COMPASS, please contact the Office or your child's teacher to arrange a printed copy. Our school reports are set up to clearly show families where their child is in relation to the expected year level. Personal comments are also provided to enable parents to get a sense of specific strengths or areas of improvement relating to their child. The written report is half of the reporting and is expanded upon at the Parent Teacher Student Interview Day, so please take some time off work on the 17th of July... and book in to discuss the report in more depth. For our PREP / FOUNDATION families with their first child/ren at school, the first school report can seem a little strange, so I encourage you to do a follow-up interview to discuss and clarify the report 😊.

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Next term, on Monday, 17th July, parents, teachers and staff will meet to share learning progress for Semester 1. There is no school on this day, so advising families early to arrange care. We expect all families to attend an interview on this day. Due to Nicole Peach being absent on the 17th, her families can book in for an interview on Monday, 24th July instead - students from this class won't attend school on the 17th of July either, however, will be able to attend school on the 24th as Nicole's class will be covered by a CASUAL RELIEF TEACHER, enabling her to meet with parents and ensure children in this class have a normal day. Interview booking arrangements have opened on COMPASS, with instructions on how to book posted on COMPASS. If you don't use COMPASS, please contact the Office to book a time. We have had a lot of interest already from families, with lots of bookings taking place. Please prioritise this time and take an hour off work to attend, as this is an important opportunity to hear about your child's progress and ask any questions / share information with the teacher.

END OF TERM AWARDS

On the final day of term, next Friday, 23rd June, we will once again have our END OF TERM AWARDS CEREMONY. This occurs at 9:00am, outdoors if fine, indoors in the Multipurpose Room if not. At this ceremony, each class will have winners in the following categories: EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS, ENGLISH, VISUAL ARTS and PERFORMING ARTS, ENDEAVOUR IN MATHEMATICS and ENGLISH, OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES and THE PRINCIPALS AWARD. Winners will be announced in the final newsletter, next Thursday, 22nd June - so please check this edition to see if you will want to attend the ceremony.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting of School Council is next Tuesday, 20th June at 7:00pm. Members can expect information for the meeting this week - some has been sent home already and other information to come tomorrow. Finance committee members - we will meet at 6:30pm as normal and confirm our new meeting day and time for Term 3.

END OF TERM DISMISSAL

With the approach of the June / July school holidays, may I remind parents that next Friday, 23rd June is the last day of term, with an early dismissal occurring at 2:20pm. Both buses will run earlier to accommodate this time - families need to adjust pick up times from bus-drop-off-points therefore. If you can't pick your child up at 2:20pm, please book into our OSHC service instead.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Eli V.

With one week left of term, we are almost at the half-way-point of the school year. I imagine this time has passed quickly for families... and is that constant reminder to make the most of NOW and do things today. Starting today, not tomorrow, to improve attendance, supports at home etc, is the best way to make sure the journey to improvement has begun... so don't wait for tomorrow... because we know, there's always tomorrow... and before you know it, time has gone. Today and moving forward is a fresh start - so good luck! To those whom have had great success and commitment - well done and keep up the excellent work!

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' by being kind and caring towards others:

FSN Archer M
FSJ Mila C

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying our School Values of 'Safety', 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' during the Jets Gym program:

JAR Charlie L
JW Sonny H
JJ Connor O

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Responsibility':

MD Lyla E
MC Remi R
MP Abigael L

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating empathy and being a great friend!:

SB Blair M
SK Sierra S
SL Clare P

Brett, Kate & Leisha

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

PICTURE PRODUCTS FUNDRAISER

All products have been delivered to the Office and they look amazing! Please collect at your earliest convenience and we hope you enjoy your keepsakes. Thank you.

WALKERS DOUGHNUTS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who ordered, we had a great response to this fundraiser, so thanks 😊. Orders can be collected **TODAY** from 3:00pm to 3:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please let the Office know if you can't collect at this time or need them sent to After School Care.

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ATTENTION families! We need your help 😊. Our canteen is run by the school and does not receive any funding, with profits going back into the school. With the help of our volunteers, we are able to keep prices down.

If you can spare 1 hour once or twice per term on a **Friday – morning OR lunchtime**, and you are able to help (it's lots of fun and you don't need any cooking experience), please leave your contact details at the Office. Thank you, your help is greatly appreciated.

You don't have to be a mum or dad to help, aunties, uncles and grandparents are all welcome, you just need to have a Working With Children Check card – it's free for volunteers, and easy apply online. Thank you.

OSHC NEWS

PAYMENT METHOD CHANGE

Due to new regulations, from Saturday, 1st July, no cash payments can be accepted for OSHC accounts, only electronic methods can be used – that is, EFTPOS & Qkr. Thank you.

ACCOUNTS

Just a friendly reminder that accounts are to be finalised by the end of term, please make regular fortnightly payments, so it's easier to manage.

Remember, if you are having trouble paying, please contact the Office to arrange a payment plan, that way your place/s are secure in the program. Thank you.

CCS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Check out www.childcaresubsidy.gov.au

Have you visited www.childcaresubsidy.gov.au yet?

From 10 July, most families using early childhood education and care will get more Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Some families previously not eligible for CCS will now get it.

Find resources, including fact sheets, posters and translated materials to help you understand the changes at www.childcaresubsidy.gov.au.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Everyone welcome! Just bring your gold coins

Sausage
Sizzle

Books
Galore



Bake
Stall

All for the
cost of
gold coin

Where: Village Early Education Maiden Gully
749 Calder Hwy, Maiden Gully

When: Sunday June 18th from 10am-12pm

All funds raised go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation

FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE

PIZZA DAY MEAL

\$5.00

HAWAIIAN

OR

MEATLOVERS

OR

VEGETARIAN

WITH PRIMA OR MILK

(No choice in flavours, sorry, can only choose between prima or milk)

- ✚ If you wish to order an extra slice, the cost is \$2.00 per slice
- ✚ Orders can be cash and order details put in an envelope, or ordered on our Qkr app
- ✚ **Orders need to be placed by 9:00am on Wednesday, 21st June.**
Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ Iced treats will be available as normal
- ✚ **YOU CAN ALSO PREORDER ICED TREATS ON QKR!**

**THE CANTEEN'S NORMAL FOOD MENU
IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**

