**Term Four Diary: Upcoming Dates**

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“A smiling face makes a happy place” 😊

**These notes were sent home over the past week. Please make sure you have received them:**

- Parents and Friends Christmas Fundraiser (sent home today)

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

This week our staff had the opportunity to share and compare some of students’ writing with staff from district schools. This is the second time we have met this year for these writing moderation sessions. All of our schools are involved in the VCOP/Big Write program. It was pleasing to see the improvements in students’ writing. It was also worthwhile talking about what each student is achieving and what writing goals need to be set for their future writing pieces.

Thank-you to families that have continued to support the “TALK” homework part of Big Write, where students discuss ideas and “WOW” words that may be used in their next Big Write topic. Remember our catch-phrase: “**you need to talk it before you can write it**”

The next part of our Big Write process, currently being practiced, is to proof-read, edit and improve the writing piece just completed. This is usually done the day after the Big Write and involves using highlighters to show different parts of the writing – parts that are good and/or could be improved. Highlighting is done in different colours, representing the different parts of VCOP (Vocabulary: yellow, Connectives: pink, Openers: blue, Punctuation: green. As students move into the higher grades they will do more and more self-checking and partner work before meeting with their teachers.

Congratulations to some of our students who received prizes at the recent Numurkah Show.
Ribbons and certificates will be given out at assembly on Monday to the following students:


Regards, **Jeff Blackley** (Principal)
Canteen Duty – 1.30pm to 2.05pm

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<td>Sam Storer</td>
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<td>Tanya Crocker</td>
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<td>Selyna Wilson</td>
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<td>Denise Fraser</td>
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<td>Tony V.</td>
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Please note:
School will be open on Tuesday (Cup Day), as we took our public holiday on Numurkah Show Day

Please note:
NO LUNCH ORDERS
Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November as PALS is closed

BUS TRAVELLERS
Buses will run as normal on Monday 31st October 2016 and Tuesday 1st November 2016. Due to some schools having these days off we would like parents to be aware that buses may be a little earlier than normal due to less stoppages.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
RSL Poppy Appeal
Once again we are supporting the fundraising of the Returned Services League (R.S.L.) by selling poppies and other items for Remembrance Day. Each day two students will visit the classrooms, from Monday 24th Oct, to sell poppies for $2, $5 or $10, pens $5, wrist bands $3, bag tags $4 and tokens $1. Please support this worthy cause.

YEAR 3-4 CAMP REMINDER
Our Year 3-4 camp is coming up soon. Thank you to those families who have made payments towards the camp and returned permission notes. All forms are due back tomorrow, Friday 28th October and final payments are due next Friday, 4th November. If you have any questions in regards to forms or payments please contact the office.

2017 PLANNING & ORGANISATION
In order to effectively plan our school structure for next year (taking into account budgets, staffing, enrolment, rooms, etc), could the following two items be considered by parents:

Transfers/enrolments: If there are any parents still to enroll their children, would they please organise enrolment forms as soon as possible. If there are any families moving away from the district, etc and not returning to our school next year, please let Jeff know as soon as possible.

Special needs: There may be some parents who wish the school to consider their child’s special needs, regarding class placement for 2017. If this is the case, please collect a Special Needs form from the General Office and return it in the confidential envelope to school by Monday 7th NOVEMBER (no late requests, please)

2017 BOOKLISTS
2017 Booklist information was sent home a few weeks ago. Please take note of the return dates, to help with the ordering process. Payment arrangements for 2017 will remain the same as last year (Full payment on collection, or instalment payments prior to collection)

WALK TO SCHOOL ACTIVITY
We had about half of our school participate in the walk-to-school activity today. Several starting points were organised around the town and with teacher and parent support, children enjoyed the group walk to school. A group breakfast of milo, toast and fruit was a highlight of the activity. Thanks to parent helpers, Tony & Kathleen and student helper, Jake, for their efforts to keep up with the “high demand” breakfast today. Thanks to staff who also helped with the walk or the breakfast.
P&F TERM 4 FUNDRAISER

Information about the Term 4 Parent & Friends fundraiser will go home today. This fund-raiser is something a bit different and may be useful for Christmas present ideas. Funds raised will go towards P&F’s commitment to buy some extra reading material and Big Write resources for our students.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NUMURKAH SINGERS INC - NSI KIDS - TERM PROGRAM

The NSI Kids term program has been arranged to give young people in the area a creative outlet other than the Winter Holiday Program currently available. The Winter Holiday Program will still continue as usual.

The NSI Kids term program is for children aged 7 to 17 years. As we will need to work around other shows that will be in production throughout the year, the program will run on a Monday night from 5pm to 6.30pm during the school term. The cost per term will be $200 per child. There are limited spaces available with a maximum of 30 at this stage...

The kids will do one show with two performances to be held in June and if there is sufficient interest a second show in October/November.

If you have any further questions please contact a committee member or contact our facebook page at www.facebook.com/numurkahsingers

Post Separation Co-Operative Parenting Program

3 Hour Seminar to help separated parents have healthy and strong relationships with their children.

Seminar includes:
- Ways of communicating with the other parent
- Impact of separation and conflict on children
- Setting goals for future parenting

Once participants complete the Intake Process they are registered to attend the seminar.

To register or for more information please contact:
Berry Street, Post Separation Services. Phone 5822 8100

Kid’s Turn Around

Kids Turn Around (KTA) is a program for children aged between 7 – 11 who have or are experiencing family separation. KTA operates for three days during school holidays.

Family separation is a major change for children that can leave children worrying about their future, feeling uncertain and anxious. KTA provides an opportunity for children to explore and express feelings associated with parental separation or divorce or conflict, with other children going through similar experiences. Children develop coping strategies, stress management and problem solving skills – to assist them to make a more resourceful and confident transition.

Topics explored are:

- Getting to Know You
- Learning New Skills and Coping Plans
- Recognising Feelings
- Promoting Positive Self Esteem – What’s Special About Me
- Exploring Feelings
- Moving Forward and Celebrating the Future

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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### Prep S
Sienna Kubeil
For always using your manners when talking to teachers and other students. Keep it up!

### Pr/1H
Peyton Duggan
Congratulations on settling into your new school and fast becoming a valued member of our classroom.

### 1/2S
Jade Hester
Responsible - Jade can always be relied upon to make sensible choices.

### 3/4T
Lucas Spokes
Responsible - Well done Lucas for consistently displaying responsible behaviour in the classrooms and the yard.

### 3/4W
Noah Good
You have shown responsible behaviours towards your learning this week. Well done!

### 4/5H
Talia Gentry
For always showing a respectful attitude towards all teachers and students.

### 5/6I
Daylen Grahame
Having a fantastic learning week. Well done!

### 5/6S
Rhiannon Jose
For effectively applying your English and Maths knowledge and understanding to very successfully complete a range of end of year tests.

### Art
Zoe Van Breda
For always producing her personal best art work. Especially in her charcoal owl art.