Term Four Diary: Upcoming Dates

- Thursday 24th November  
  Pr-1 Activity Evening
- Friday 25th November  
  Yr 2 Sleepover
- Wednesday 30th November  
  Yr 5-6 Personal Development Session 1
- Monday 5th December  
  Parents and Friends Meeting
- Monday 5th December  
  School Council Meeting
- Tuesday 6th December  
  Orientation Day
- Wednesday 7th December  
  Yr 5-6 Personal Development Session 2

“A smiling face makes a happy place” 😊

Although, 2016 hasn’t yet finished, planning for 2017 is well underway. Classes are being finalised – this is always a fine balancing act of gender, year level, available staff, friendships, the need not to be distracted by peers, etc. In some people’s eyes, we may not be able to get things totally right for your child, but remember we have to balance things out for all children across the school.

At assembly each Monday, we remind students about our school values. Continuing to put effort into learning and into positive social interaction, as we head towards the end of the year, is very important. This is especially true for our Yr 6’s who should remain good leadership role models right through to the last day, and for Yr 5’s who will step into some more formal leadership roles next year. With our major camps completed, and our Pr-2 after-school activities being completed this week, we will now settle back into routines that will see us finish the year in a positive way. End-of-year assessments are also currently taking place, final class theme work is underway, and some special events will occur as the weeks move into December: Orientation Day, Leadership work with Yr 5, Pool Picnic, Yr 6 Graduation. Together with family commitments leading up to Christmas, this is a busy time of the year. We encourage everyone to continue to practice our important school values as we move towards the end of the year.

Regards,  
Jeff Blackley (Principal)

Thought for the week:  
Realize that not all movement is progress. When stress and tension and chaos surround you, pause for a moment and relax. The best time to take a deep breath is when you don’t have time for it.
Meanwhile our Yr 6's will attend their respective Secondary Colleges in preparation for next year. These activities are part of our “camps and excursions” program with the aim of encouraging students to participate in different events outside of normal school hours, in preparation for the more “formal” camps in Yr 3-6.

- The Pr-1 Activity Night will be held tonight Thursday 24th November. The Yr 2 Sleepover will be held tomorrow, Friday 25th November.

Here’s an overview of school events and a chance to farewell Yr 6 students etc at our final assembly for the year.

### Yr 6 Family BBQ, Final Assembly, Santa visit (Friday 16th December)

- Pool Picnic (Thursday 15th December): To celebrate the end of the year, all classes will head to the pool for some pool activities and sausage sizzle. This will be an out of uniform day and proceeds will go to the Red Cross to support them over Christmas.
- Yr 6 Family BBQ, Final Assembly, Santa visit (Friday 16th December): This will be the last day of school-wide organised events and a chance to farewell Yr 6 students etc at our final assembly for the year.
- Last day for students (Monday 19th December): This will be spent in classes, packing up, etc.
- Pupil-Free Planning Day (Tuesday 20th December): Staff planning for 2017

### ORIENTATION DAY – TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Yr 6’s will attend their respective Secondary Colleges in a few weeks’ time. Meanwhile our new Preps (and their parents) will attend our school on the same day for an Orientation session.

- **9.30am**: Parents and children arrive at 9.30am and go to the Multi-Purpose Room. The children will need to bring some snacks for Morning Tea. The children will be placed into one of our two Prep Classes for next year and meet their proposed Prep teacher. The children will go with their teacher to their Prep Room for next year, for their activities.
- **9.40am – 10.30am**: While the children are involved in their classroom activities, parents will be invited to stay in the Multi-Purpose Room for a Parent Information Session. This session is very important as uniforms, school routines, etc are discussed. Every family will receive a Prep package, with a variety of important information sheets. If you are not able to attend this session, it is important to make another time with the school to catch up on this information.
- **10.30am**: Morning Tea for Parents, provided by our Parents & Friends Club. After Morning Tea parents may head home. Whilst this is happening, children will be eating their morning snacks, and continuing their activities with some of their Yr One buddies for next year.
- **1.00pm**: Parents will be invited to return to school and join their children for a Sausage Sizzle lunch (supplied by the school). Current Preps will also join in the BBQ.
- **1.30pm**: When the BBQ is finished, parents and children may depart.
HEALTH EDUCATION

Term Four has been a busy term so far with all students learning about Bullying and how to be a bully stopper. The school has strong values and guidelines about Bullying and how we will not tolerate any form of bullying. A refresher on our Bullying Policy:

**Bullying behaviour is not tolerated anywhere**

Everyone should be proactive and help reduce it

**Bullying is a negative behaviour that is repetitive, deliberate and targeted. It is not a “one-off”, impulsive action.**

- Verbal: name calling, teasing, bad language, put-downs, spreading rumours
- Emotional: note-writing, body language, exclusion
- Cyber-bullying: verbal or emotional bullying via social media, phones, etc
- Physical: fighting, pushing, kicking, hitting, shoving

**How can I deal with bullying behaviour:**

- Don’t react; be a “COOL, CALM KID”
- Say: “Stop it. I don’t like it” in a calm, cool manner
- Be confident and move to something that’s more positive

Classes 4/5H, 5/6I and 5/6 S are competing against each other to produce the best anti-bully poster which will be displayed in the school. So far there are some amazing posters. It’s going to be hard for Debbie and myself to choose the winner. The winner will be in next week’s newsletter.

### PHOTOCOPIER FOR SALE

Konica Minolta Bizhub C280 colour copier with finisher.

- Comes with a set of colour toners.
- In Excellent condition.
- Selling as no longer required.
- $650. All enquiries to School office.

### TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Last Tuesday we finished the 5/6 Table Tennis competition with our Grand Final. Fraser Jones and Kye Warrin were battling out for 1st and 2nd places. It was a close match, with it going to a third set, but Fraser was stronger coming out on top. Regan Collins and Jack Tremellen fought it out for 3rd and 4th. Jack was called in to replace Rhett who was away. Another close match with Regan being the winner.

On Tuesday Fraser played against myself. It was another close match with it going to 3 sets again. Fraser was victorious, breaking away in the third set.

I would like to congratulate all players that took part in the competition as well as Jake Beggs and Billy Smith for setting up and umpiring each Tuesday.

*Miss Hives*
Congratulations to all the 3/4 campers at Swan Hill, it was wonderful to see such respectful and caring students on our camp. A real credit to parents/carers, students and NPS staff! Everyone had a wonderful time, as you can see in the photos below. Students have also been writing stories about their experience and we have included some samples for you to read.

On camp the first thing we did was butter making. We used a butter churn to make butter. Near the end we washed out the butter milk from the butter, then we ate the butter on bread. Yummy! Then we went to photo parlour. The boys were in old mens’ clothes and the girls were in old ladies’ clothes. We all had a photo of every one in our our groups. We had group photos and we went back to the lodges, where we stayed, and had dinner. The next morning we had breakfast. I had cereal and toast. Then we went to the settlement. First we did peg doll making and then blacksmith.

*By Bobby Hall 3/4T*

On Wednesday we went to the pool. It was so much fun but my mum forgot my goggles so I didn’t go under the water! Swan Hill camp was the best. You get free food!

*By Gemma Poar 3/4T*

When we got to Swan Hill we unpacked our bag and put them in the dining room. Then we got into our groups. I was in the Pioneers. Then we went to the Pioneer Settlement. We met Jess there and we had a look at all the old stuff that they used to use. We did the butter making first. It was so much fun. We had butter on bread. It tasted so delicious. It tasted even better than the butter at my house.

*By Keisha Broad 3/4T*
Hi I would like to talk about the 3/4 Swan Hill camp for a moment. At Swan Hill I went in a group called the Gems and I went to the Pioneer Settlement. I went to the West School. It’s called Education Department Victoria Certificate of Merit. This is to certify that Kayne has passed in all subjects of instruction prescribed for the sixth class. Dated at State School, Pioneer Settlement. This 17th day of Nov. A.D. 190...2016.

By Kayne McNair 3/4T

We had a boat ride. It was loud and it smells like water and water smells yuck. The boat looks big and fat. It feels bumpy.

By Harmony 3/4T

Hi I would like to tell you about the 3/4 Swan Hill Camp. It was a three and a half to four and a half hour drive. When we got to Swan Hill we went to the front of the lodges, sat down and ate lunch. After we did some activities we got our rooms. I was in Room 4 with Zac N, Chase D, Jay M, Bobby H, Cody P and me. I reckon the highlight for everyone was the Paddle Steamer. I hope you enjoyed this message.

From Jacob Woolley 3/4T

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Show Us Your Wheels Colouring Competition

Colouring sheets were sent home with every student on Tuesday 15th Nov.

If students would like to enter please return completed pictures to the school office by Wednesday 30th November.

CAREFUL COBBERS at Show Us Ya Wheels: Some of our Yr 5 & 6 students will be helping with Careful Cobbler rides at Show Us Ya Wheels on Sunday 4th December (Similar to the rides at our fete). If you are 12 or under come and visit us for a ride/drive.

Numurkah Secondary College Awards Evening
28th November, 2016
7:30pm NSC College Hall

Our Students’ Time to Shine
WEEK ENDING 18/11/2016 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep S  Arianna Hope  For a great Cold Write about what you have enjoyed this year. Well done!
Pr/1H  Tyler Bodsworth  Responsible – Being a responsible class leader. Displaying our school values in all settings.
1/2R  Arthur Smith  For always following the School Values and for doing a top job on his Sea Creature project.
1/2S  Lily Mullane  An absolutely brilliant week of involved learning. Well done Lily!
3/4T  All the Room 10 campers  For displaying great use of all the values while having a wonderful time.
5/6I  Paige Sobey  Preparing a fantastic speech as part of our leadership program. Engaging your audience by speaking clearly when practising.
5/6S  Montana Hill  For working co-operatively with others and taking opportunities to extend your leadership skills. You also explained your thoughts clearly during Graduation activities.
Art  Lily Mullane  For always being supportive of other students. Well done Lily.