Term Four Diary: Upcoming Dates

- 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
- Monday 12th December: Thank-you Luncheon
- Wednesday 14th December: Year 6 Graduation
- Thursday 15th December: Pool Picnic
- Friday 16th December: Year 6 Family BBQ
- Friday 16th December: Final Assembly

“A smiling face makes a happy place” 😊

These notes were sent home over the past week. Please make sure you have received them:
- Year 6 Graduation Information
- Thank-You Luncheon Invitations

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Planning for 2017 is continuing with classes being announced in a few weeks’ time. Our staffing is close to complete for next year, and we will let families know of teacher allocations to classes over the next few weeks, but in the meantime, we would like to inform our school community of the following new or returning staff members:

- As announced earlier, Mrs Debbie Oliver will be Acting Principal for Terms 1 & 2 of next year.
- Christine Doyle who has been our Art/Health teacher this year, will be one of our nine class-teachers next year.
- Jody Tilley will be returning from family leave for a part-time Science specialist position.
- Michelle Davis will increase her time fraction and become our Music / Art Specialist

As you can see, there are a few changes next year, but we are confident that our new “configuration” of staffing will continue to work hard to provide solid learning for all students at our school.

Parents & Friends provide wonderful support to our school, and over the next few weeks they will be busy helping us to finish off the year on a positive note, especially with the upcoming Pool Picnic. Their final meeting for the year is next Monday 5th December, straight after assembly. It would be great to have a good attendance at this meeting to help with final organisation, and maybe some planning for next year’s Fete.

Regards, Jeff Blackley (Principal)

Thought for the week: Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.
UPCOMING END-OF YEAR EVENTS

Here’s an overview of school activities coming up over the next few weeks as we finish off the school year. New families to the school may be particularly interested in the dot points below. Over the next few newsletters, and, at times, in separate notes, further details will be provided.

- School Council and Parents & Friends End-of-Year Dinner (Monday 5th Dec): Final meeting of School Council and dinner afterwards
- Orientation Day (Tuesday 6th Dec): Yr 6 students spend a day at their Secondary Colleges in preparation for next year and Kinder students visit us through to 1.30pm as their final session before starting Prep next year.
- Thank-you luncheon (Monday 12th Dec): parent helpers and community volunteers are invited to a luncheon in the Multi-Purpose Room at 1.30pm as a thank-you from the school for their support during the year.
- End-of-Year Reports and 2017 Classes (Tuesday 13th Dec): Reports and a note outlining your child’s class, teacher and room for 2017 will be given out
- Yr 6 Graduation (Wednesday 14th Dec): A graduation ceremony for Yr 6 students, and their families and friends, will be held at the Secondary College Hall that evening
- Pool Picnic (Thursday 15th Dec): 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 Dec): 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 Dec): This will be spent in classes, packing up, etc
- Pupil-Free Planning Day (Tuesday 20th Dec): Staff planning for 2017

ORIENTATION DAY – TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

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

- Here are the times:
  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.

P&F / School helpers / Volunteers / Staff Luncheon
MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 2016

As a thank-you for your help and support to our school during 2016, you are invited to a luncheon in the Multi-Purpose Room, beginning at 1.30pm

RSVP: Wed. 7th Dec Ph: 58621426
YEAR 6 GRADUATION

An invitation is extended to all school community members to attend our Year 6 graduation ceremony, Wednesday 14th December, commencing at 7.30pm (at the Numurkah Secondary College Hall).

The graduation ceremony celebrates the successful completion of our students’ primary school education and is a chance to wish them well as they move into Year 7 next year.

FINAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Friday 16th December

Because the last day of the school year (Tuesday 20th December) is a PUPIL-FREE Planning Day and Monday 19th December is “low-key” school day, we have made the FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER our final day for whole-school activities. Please note some of the activities and times:

- 7.45am: Yr 6 BBQ breakfast (Yr 6 students and their parents, siblings)
- 9.00am: Final Assembly (all parents welcome to attend). We will have a number of end-of-year items to share with our school community.
- 1.30pm: Lunch as normal
- 2.30: We hope to have a visit from a “special Christmas visitor in a red suit”
- 3.20: Normal home time

2017 BOOKLISTS

Please make sure your booklists for next year have been returned to the Numurkah Newsagency, as this helps the Newsagency with their ordering process from suppliers, before the Christmas break.

END-OF-YEAR STUDENT REPORTS

Student’s end-of-year reports will be sent out on Tuesday 13th December. Please let us know if you need double copies. Included in the reports, will be students’ proposed classes for next year.

2017 STUDENT PAYMENTS

Information about student payments for next year is being sent out today. Payments are not required this year, you will receive a family statement in Term 1 next year. Please return your student payment form ASAP (without payment) to indicate your preferred payment options so that planning can continue for next year.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 Swimming Club

Summer Season
01.12.16 - 14.03.17

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Registration and Information night - Outdoor Pool
Thursday 1st Dec 3:30-6pm
POOL PICNIC / Out-of-Uniform Day
("Chill Out" Theme)
Thursday 15th December, 2016

- We will be continuing our annual End-of-Year Pool Picnic with a variety of water activities being organised to suit all age levels and swimming abilities.
- Parents & Friends are also organising a Sausage Sizzle Lunch – parents may like to join us for this.
- It will be an out-of-uniform day with a CHILL OUT theme - $1 donation towards Red Cross charity. Your donations would be greatly appreciated, and would promote the spirit of giving at Christmas. When Santa comes for his visit on Friday 16th Dec, we will ask him to take our donations to the Red Cross on our behalf.
- Please return the below form in the attached envelope with correct money
- SUNSMART: Even though we are having an out-of-uniform day, we still need to be Sunsmart. We need to have everyone covered well during the day, even in the water; eg no bikini tops without a cover-up rashie or t-shirt, no singlet tops. ALSO, no thongs. Please. Wide-brimmed hat is still required on the day.

Here's an outline of the day: (Students will come to school at the normal time, and be dismissed from school at the normal time)

- 10.20 to 10.45 Early Recess
- 10.45 to 11.15: Walk to pool, change, etc
- 11.15 to 12.00: Water activities
- 12.00 to 12.45: Picnic Lunch (BYO or Sausage Sizzle/Moosie)
  - Parents most welcome
  - No normal lunch orders available / Swimming Pool Canteen NOT open
- 12.45 to 1.30: Water activities
- 2.00 to 2.30 Pack-up, change, return to school

OUT-OF-UNIFORM / POOL PICNIC THURS 15TH DEC. ---- ATTENDANCE REPLY SLIP

To help with the organisation of the day, please indicate the following:

☐ Yes, my children ___________________________ (list names) will be attending the Pool Picnic Activities
☐ No, my children will be away on the Pool Picnic Day

☐ Yes, I will be able to help staff with the supervision of the water activities during the day. Name: __________________________________________

OUT-OF-UNIFORM / POOL PICNIC THURS 15TH DEC. ---- BBQ REPLY SLIP

(FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE RETURN BY Friday 9th Dec.)

Family Name_______________________________________________________________

Sausage and Moosie = $3.00 Out of Uniform= $1.00 Donation

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Helpers: If you can help with cooking & serving, please indicate below:

Name: ___________________________ Contact Phone No: ___________________________
All About the Perfect P-1 Activity Evening and the Grand Grade Two Sleepover!

On Thursday the 24th and Friday 25th November 2016, the P-2 Children had a brilliant time participating in action packed activities to support our Camp Program. All the children showed our School Values and had an excellent time!

On Friday the 25th November it was the year two sleepover. The first thing we did was set up our beds, the girls slept in Mrs. H's classroom and the boys slept in Mr. Smith classroom. After we set up our beds Miss. Young came along, and we did three FANTASTIC dances such as the hockey pokey, nut bush and booms daisy it was SPECTACULAR!!! Then we had a sausage sizzle and we had cordial and fruit and it was all SCRUMPTIOUS!!! After we had dinner we did a word hunt, the word was SLEPOVER!!! Then we got ready to watch the movie and the movie was called HORRID HENRY it was AMAZING!!! Half way through the movie we paused it and we had a DELICIOUS chocolate paddle pop and a toilet break and brushed our teeth, then we put the movie back on and a few people nearly fell asleep. But the movie was AWESOMELY AMAZING!!! When the movie was done we all had to go to bed. In the morning we had breakfast it was YUMMY!!! Then we went for a walk.

Soon after, our parents picked us up.

By Lily Patrick Oudeman, Ava Morgan Trease, Bridget Brown, Skye Young and Jade Holmes (Year Two)

Last Thursday the Preps and Year Ones had their activity evening.

The treasure hunt was wonderful and we got lollies.

The activities were great. We did French Cricket, parachute games, an exquisite obstacle course and egg and spoon races. We also had a sausage sizzle. The sausages were juicy. At the end we had rainbow paddle-pops which were fantastic!

By Teddy Smith (Year One) and Jaxson Stonehouse (Prep)

HEALTH EDUCATION

The last two weeks 4/5H, 5/6I and 5/6S were asked to produce a Bully Stopper poster that would reach out to all areas of the school. Myself and Deb judged the finished posters and the winners were:

Pim Hipwell
Tracey Crocker

They both won a gift voucher to Smiggle for all of their hard work. Congratulations!
### WEEK ENDING 25/11/2016 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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<td>Carley Bowen</td>
<td>For always being respectful in all areas of the school. You always do your 5Ls and follow instructions. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Chloe Lawson</td>
<td>For displaying emotional resilience and participating in all facets of her learning with a wonderful attitude.</td>
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<td>Cody Peatling</td>
<td>Learning- For demonstrating excellent ICT skills when writing his camp recount.</td>
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<td>3/4W</td>
<td>Declan Crisp</td>
<td>Congratulations on managing yourself so well on camp.</td>
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<td>Whole Class</td>
<td>Congratulations on your excellent researching skills on notable Australians.</td>
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<td>4/5H</td>
<td>Jesse Powlesland and Coby Van Breda</td>
<td>For being excellent helpers on 3/4 camp – you were well organised, responsible and respectful. You represented N.P.S. really well.</td>
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<td>Ryan Cook</td>
<td>Displaying some excellent leadership skills during a P.E. session. Organising a game of tennis where everyone worked cooperatively together, enjoying the session.</td>
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<td>Rhett McPherson</td>
<td>For showing great organisation as you efficiently managed your class workload and Da Boyz band commitments. You also showed great leadership!</td>
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