Term Four Diary: Upcoming Dates

- 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
- Monday 19th December: Last day of school for students, for 2016
- Tuesday 20th December: Staff planning day (Pupil free day)

“A smiling face makes a happy place” ☺

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

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We had a terrific group of Kinder students visit us on Tuesday, on Orientation Day. They enjoyed some activities with their teachers for next year (and also enjoyed a sausage sizzle at the end of their visit). Meanwhile our Yr 6’s were experiencing some classes at their Secondary Colleges ready for next year.

This year has really flown and soon we will be into our last week of school. There will be a number of celebratory events which will keep us busy next week, and we hope the wider school community can join in with some of these events. Please check out the rest of the newsletter for details.

Just a reminder that the Pool Picnic Day is a “Chill-Out” out-of-uniform day, where we are asking for $1 donation towards Red Cross. This will be our special annual Christmas present to a worthy cause.

We have recently had two of our students participate in the 10-day district camp at Somers. Nakia and Nathan had a wonderful time. Our music teacher, Michelle Davis, was also at the camp.

Regards, Jeff Blackley (Principal)

Thought for the week: (looking towards 2017......)

What the New Year brings to you, will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year.
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.

- **No assembly on Monday 12th Dec, due to our final assembly on Friday 16th.**
- 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
- 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

THANK YOU LUNCHEON

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, we are holding a luncheon in the Multi-Purpose Room, beginning at 1.30pm

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 was sent out last week. 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.
AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to these students. They were presented with their certificates at assembly on Monday:

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<td>Pr</td>
<td>Annabella Boschetti</td>
<td>For being a caring member of the class. You try your hardest to display all the school values in all areas of the school.</td>
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<td>Pr/1 H</td>
<td>Ella Carlisle</td>
<td>Showing our school values in all areas, working hard at all learning tasks and displaying a love of learning.</td>
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<td>1/2 S</td>
<td>Shaye Bowen</td>
<td>A super friend who is guaranteed to make you grin!</td>
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<td>Jordan Van Breda</td>
<td>For getting on with his work and doing brilliant writing. “He works like a rocket taking off.”</td>
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<td>Conner Waite</td>
<td>Using all of the NPS values, and for being a good friend to all in Grade 3/4T.</td>
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<td>Noah Good</td>
<td>Playing by the rules in a game, being a good friend, a fabulous learner, kind and super friendly.</td>
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<td>Shaylee Patrick</td>
<td>Being a caring friend who always tries her best when she does any task. She respects others and is a responsible learner.</td>
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<td>5/6 I</td>
<td>Tyler Crocker</td>
<td>Is a caring, considerate and resilient person. He consistently shows all the school values and willingly assists others.</td>
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<td>5/6 S</td>
<td>Jack Tremellen</td>
<td>Being a fantastic learner in the classroom. Consistently listening and asking questions. He shows great leadership by always being helpful and organised and avoids distractions.</td>
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2017 TERM DATES

Term 1
- Monday 30th January: Staff commence (no students)
- Tuesday 31st January: Pupil-free Curriculum Day (no students)
- Wednesday 1st February: Yr 1-6 commence school
- Wednesday 1st February: Prep attendance for a short interview time (by appointment).
- Thursday 2nd February: Preps commence school
- Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd Feb: Preps do not attend school.
- Friday 31st March: End of Term One

Term 2
- Tuesday 18th April: Start of Term Two
- Friday 30th June: End of Term Two

Term 3
- Monday 17th July: Start of Term Three
- Friday 22nd September: End of Term Three

Term 4
- Monday 9th October: Start of Term Four
- Thursday 21st December: Final Day of Term Four for students
- Friday 22nd December: End of Term Four (Pupil-Free Day)

2017 ORGANISATION

The following grades and roles are likely to take place next year. Nine classes will be in operation:

- Anticipated 2017 staffing / grades, etc:
  - Acting Principal: Debbie Oliver
  - Assistant Principal: David Jenner
  - Classes:
    - Pr-1H: Sue Herlihy
    - Pr-1S: Shantelle Hives
    - 1-2 S: Rob Smith
    - 1-2 R: Narelle Robertson
    - 3-4 D: Christine Doyle
    - 3-4 W: Julie Wilkinson
    - 4-5 H: Jacqi Hope
    - 5-6 I: Nick Iorianni
    - 5-6 S: Jenny Sartoria
  - Specialist Programs
    - Art / Music / and some Literacy Support: Michelle Davis
    - Science: Jody Tilley (.4)
    - Literacy Support: Denise Riordan (.6)
  - Support staff:
    - Business Manager – Ann Shephard
    - Office Support (part-time) – Danielle Sullivan
    - Aides- Deb McKewon, Kylie Jones, Julie Williamson & TBA
    - DE&T Tech Support – TBA
    - Contract Cleaner & Groundsperson - Adrian Leitch
    - Chaplain: Tam Joyce

LIBRARY BOOKS & OTHER READING MATERIAL

We encourage all families to have a good hunt around for overdue library books or other reading material, which should now be returned to the school before the end of the year. Books are a big expense for schools and the return of all books is encouraged. Interesting places to look for school books at home are: book shelves, amongst magazines/newspapers, under beds, in cupboards!!!!!!

SPARE UNIFORMS

If you happen to be cleaning out your child’s cupboard over Christmas and find some of their old, but still wearable uniforms from their younger years, please think about donating to our spare uniforms cupboard.
LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of lost property items (mainly unnamed windcheaters) unclaimed. Please check to see if you are missing any items. Call in at the office to have a look through Lost Property (located in Room 5).

BREAKFAST CLUB

FINAL ONE FOR 2016!
MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Come and enjoy our last breakfast together, for this year! We will recommence next year, second week of Term 1.

Thank you to all our staff, parent and student helpers who have made our breakfast club such a success!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met last Monday and the following main items were discussed:

- Information about the Planned Maintenance Grant was tabled and an overview of the maintenance items was confirmed. Maintenance on some roofing, the exterior walls of the main buildings, and some heating/cooling replacements were the main items listed. Quotes will be sought over the next few months
- Thank-you's were extended to all School Councillors who have contributed this year and also thanks and best wishes given to Susan Clark (School Council President) for her contributions to our school over many years.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Parents & Friends met last Monday and the following main items were discussed:

- Organisation for the Pool Picnic BBQ, Orientation day & final day activities were discussed – helpers needed on the day of the Pool Picnic, please
- 2017 Fete (Friday 24th March): Several activities have been booked and discussion took place of some new activities to be investigated.
- A major raffle will be conducted in conjunction with the fete, with first prize a family weekend away at a holiday apartment in Echuca.
- P&F will continue to purchase school hats for our new Preps student in 2017, as a welcome to the school.
- P&F will also continue to purchase graduation mugs as a farewell to our Yr 6 students
- It was agreed to use the donation from the Webster family to purchase a Buddy Bench – more info. next year.

SHOW US YA WHEELS THANK-YOU

Last Sunday, the school organised Careful Cobber rides at Show Us Ya Wheels. Despite the hot weather, we had a successful day, raising $177 for the school. Thank-you to parents who accompanied student helpers, but a particular thank-you to our student helpers who were rostered on to drive the cars: Ryan Cook, Billy Smith, Jack Moody, Titch Bowen, Santino D’Agostino, Abi Higgins, Amity Hollands, Ainsleigh Banner, Bella Peatling, Savannah Shanahan, Zoe Van Breda, Skyla, Kobi Hipwell, Jack Tremellen, Charlotte Brown, Jake Beggs, Shaylee Patrick and Talia Gerity.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Show us Ya Wheels
Colouring Competition

Well done to all students who entered the colouring competition, there were lots of fantastic entries. Congratulations to the winner Jake Beggs.

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For more information please contact Bev O’Dwyer on 0437 733 800
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**WEEK ENDING 02/12/2016 STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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<td>Mia Weygood</td>
<td>For giving 100% in all activities this week. You are a very hard worker!</td>
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<td>Pr/1H</td>
<td>Anna Newham</td>
<td>For taking more responsibility for her learning and showing me just what she can do!</td>
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<td>1/2R</td>
<td>Savina D’Agostino</td>
<td>For always taking pride in her work and giving her best effort.</td>
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<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Cooper Tetley</td>
<td>Learner – For an incredible attitude to your numeracy work! Fantastic progress!</td>
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<td>3/4T</td>
<td>Summer Storer</td>
<td>Caring – For demonstrating care and support when another student lost an item. Thank you for assisting her to find it.</td>
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<td>3/4W</td>
<td>Adam Kennedy</td>
<td>For displaying great leadership skills during our team games this week. Well done!</td>
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<td>4/5H</td>
<td>Tyree Preston</td>
<td>For demonstrating some excellent maths skills and producing a great &quot;house&quot; poster in maths this week.</td>
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<td>5/6I</td>
<td>Charlotte Brown</td>
<td>Being a helpful member of the class working with her peers to complete interviews for Graduation and speeches for 2017 leadership roles. Your support, advice and feedback has been outstanding.</td>
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<td>Maddie Lyons</td>
<td>For always producing quality work, having a responsible attitude and also using excellent time management strategies.</td>
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