

## Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

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| <b>March</b>                                |                                    |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>                   | Cross Country - Burrumbuttock      |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>                     | Good Friday Holiday                |
| <b>April</b>                                |                                    |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | Easter Monday Holiday              |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>                    | P&C Meeting – 2.00pm               |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April                | Small Schools Athletics Carnival   |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> /Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> | Year 3/4 Excursion                 |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>               | <b>Last Day Term 1</b>             |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>                  | ANZAC Day                          |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>                     | Staff Development Day – Walbundrie |
| <b>May</b>                                  |                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>               | <b>Students Return – Term 2</b>    |



### Australian Early Development Census

Our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

A separate parent letter and information about this initiative has been sent home with your child this week. Please take the time to read the information and please contact Mrs Sayasenh if you have any concerns or queries.

Parents, families and carer's are a child's first and most important teachers. Parent engagement in education is about parents being positively involved in their child's learning and school community - to help them learn and enjoy school. As a parent, you and your family play an important role in supporting your child's education. The earlier you and your family become engaged, the better it is for your child's learning.

Research has identified five ways that you can make a big difference to your child's learning:

- set positive expectations
- have regular conversations
- support good study habits
- encourage reading
- build a partnership with your child's teachers.

Here is a link to a great resource called Learning Potential that may be useful for parents to use.  
<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/>

Learning Potential is full of tips and ideas on how to put these ideas into practice, with specific suggestions depending on whether your child is under five, in primary school, or in high school. Other useful resources for parents are available, providing practical and in-depth information on issues ranging from child health to reading tips:

- The Raising Children Network is an Australian parenting website with comprehensive, practical, expert child health and parenting information covering newborns to teens: Raising Children Network.
- Regular reading with children from birth helps build the skills that your child needs for school and for life! Visit the Let's Read website for tips and tools: Let's Read.



### Stage 2 Overnight Excursion

It's not long before our Year 3 and 4 students head off to the Great Aussie Resort. Please let Mrs Sayasenh know where your child will depart and be picked up from as notification will need to be sent through to the teachers who will be at the different pick up/drop off points.

**Final payment is now due** and will need to be paid by **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**.



### Cross Country

Our small schools cross country carnival will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Burrumbuttock. We are still waiting on some ***permission notes to be returned***. Could parents please return notes tomorrow so we can finalise transport.



### Athletics Carnival

Please return ***permission notes*** by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 as transport organisation will need to be finalised. Thank you.

### State Swimming Competition

We wish Alex, Josh, Ed and Jaz all the best for the State Swimming Competition in Sydney on the 12<sup>th</sup> April. A fantastic achievement and good luck guys!

### Easter Activities

Students will be participating in Easter activities at school tomorrow (Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March) and we will be having an out of uniform 'mufti' day also. Please remember children are to wear appropriate clothing ie no slip on shoes, no midriff or strapless tops etc.

### Harmony Day – Student Writing

'First we had recess and then we started our activities. Our first activity was the cooking. We made flat bread and it was fun. We had to put flour and milk in it and roll it out to make it flat and then cook it on the BBQ'- Jaz

'On Tuesday the school went to Harmony Day. It was fun. We got our bags then we got on the bus.' – Taya

'At Walla school I made some friends.'- Tahlia



'On Tuesday Rand went on a bus to Walla Public School to celebrate Harmony Day.'- Taryn

'First we got on the bus and it was good and I was looking at nature and I was playing rock paper scissors with Max.' – Alex

'On the bus I saw this awesome tree which looked like it had a skull on it. Then Alex and I had a little chat then we arrived at Walla Walla PS. I thought this is going to be fun.'- Toby

'On Tuesday we went to Walla. The whole school went on the bus. The whole school got off.'- Beth

### Coles Sports for Schools Program

Thank you to all of our families and community members who have been sending in the Coles sports vouchers. A reminder, this program ends on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May so keep collecting!!



### Learning Awards

Taya – demonstrating persistence and responsible risk taking in her writing.

Tammy – consistent effort in her learning and demonstrating good leadership skills.



### Easter Art

Here are some very creative Easter artworks that our students have been making. Tomorrow we look forward to a fun day in our rotation groups doing a range of Easter related activities.



## Community News



### NOMINATE A SPORTS VOLUNTEER – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES

Summer may be over but appreciation for summer sport volunteers isn't!

Say thank you to a special volunteer that made summer sport possible with the Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award, where winners receive \$250 toward a sports development course or program endorsed by Office of Sport.

Tell us why your volunteer should receive the award in 150 words by Friday 13 April to go into the running:

[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/volunteer-award](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/volunteer-award)