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Newsletter

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TERM 3 CALENDAR

TOMORROW – Life Ed Van (Bolinda)

Community Meeting—Thursday, 10th August
6-00pm to 7-00pm

Thursday 17th August—P/1/2 Excursion
(Bugs Alive-Melbourne Museum)

Friday 1st September—Sovereign Hill

Saturday 16th September—150th

Wednesday 20th September—
Responsible Pet Education

Friday 22nd September—End of term



Jack: For amazing writing about bugs.

Nash: For helping teachers in the class and being a great contributor in all discussions.



You Can Do It! Champion

Resilience

Tahlia: For not letting mistakes hold her back.

Tom: For trying his best in Maths and not getting distracted.



EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

One sticker is given for every \$10 of sales.

There is a collection box for our DGPS at the Wallan Woolworths store and in our school office foyer.

Stickers sheets are available from the supermarkets (until they run out) and also on request from the school office.

ALL SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

We are off to a good start. Thank you.

ACTING PRINCIPAL REPORT—CAROL BOOKER

Another great week at Darraweit Guim (although I'm still getting used to the chilly mornings, -3 on Tuesday morning.) The grades F-2 continue to investigate 'Mini Beasts' and will have a wealth of knowledge to take on their excursion to the museum in a couple of weeks. The grades 3-6 have been looking at gizmos and gadgets and are designing and making their own fidget spinners. It is also great to have *Rani Hadi* back this term to teach the students Indonesian. This term they are focussing on colours and food names.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN EXCURSION TO BOLINDA

Tomorrow we are travelling to Bolinda to see Harold in the Life Ed. Van. The bus will be leaving @ 9.10 am sharp so we are ready to start the activities at 9.30am.

During the day the students will have a one hour session in the Life Ed Van: Grades F/1— 'Harold's Friendships' Grades 2/3/4 — 'All Systems Go' Grades 5/6—'Decisions'.

BOOK WEEK MON 21ST AUG—FRI 25TH AUG

We will be celebrating 'book week' through-out week 6. The classroom programs will incorporate activities on favourite books, famous authors and intriguing illustrators. On *Friday 25th*, we would like the students (and parents if they wish) to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Parents and friends are invited to come to school from 2pm to enjoy some fun activities to end the week.

DGPS VALUES

As you are aware Mr Boxall has been reviewing the school values. He has collected input from Staff, Students and the School Community and has narrowed down our preferences into four values: RESPECT, HONESTY, WILLING TO LEARN & CARING. These four CORE VALUES will be embed into everything we do.

COMMUNITY MEETING—THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST @ 6.00-7.00 PM. FOR SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN: IN THE BLUE STONE BUILDING.

The School Strategic plan (SSP) is a significant document that charts the school's priorities and direction over the next four years. It outlines the schools goals and key improvement strategies that will guide the learning for your children.

I would like to invite you all to come along to the Community meeting Thursday, 10th August.

The purpose of this meeting is to look at, and unpack, the different elements of the SSP. The priorities areas and Key Improvement strategies will be directly related to the recommendations outlined in the recent School Review report, however, parents will be given the opportunity to have input into the various stages.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017

Each year, the school conducts a Parent Opinion survey to get feedback from the parent community. The information we receive through this survey helps us in future planning and improvement.

This year, for the first time, the Parent Opinion survey will be accessed online. Today each family will receive an envelope with details of how to complete the survey.

The survey will be open from MONDAY 7th AUGUST—SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST.

Parents are requested to:

1. Read the information and instructions.
2. Complete the survey using the specific survey key, any time between Monday 7th and Sunday 27th August.

NB: if you do not have a device that will enable you to complete the survey OR you have any further questions, please contact the school and we will arrange for you to access it at school.