**2013 CALENDAR DATES**

**MAY**
- Wed 8th: P.A. Meeting - 9 a.m. Staffroom
- Fri 10th: Mothers Day Stall
- Sun 11th: Mothers Day
- Mon 13th: Food Allergy Awareness Week
- Tue 14th-16th: NAPLAN Testing Grades 3 & 5
- Mon 20-25th: Education Week / Enrolment Week School Council
- Fri 24th: Curriculum Day — Pupil Free Day
- Fri 31st: Gr 6 to Year 7 Transition forms due

**JUNE**
- Mon 10th: Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- Sat 15th: Trivia Night — Highton Bowls Club
- Thu 27th: Chocolate/Herbs coming home today
- Fri 28th: Last day Term 2—last day Mrs Nunn Assembly 2.00pm - Dismissal 2.30pm

**TERM DATES 2013**

- Term 2: 15 April to 28 June
- Term 3: 15 July to 20 September
- Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

**NOTES HOME THIS WEEK**

- Chocolate / Herb Fundraiser
- Bank Books
- Newsletter - Gr 5/6
- Woolworths Earn & Learn Form

**SCHOOL HOUSE SPORTS - WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

Our House sports last Friday was a great day for our community. The fun ‘athletic’ activities were undertaken with enthusiasm and the students all did their best for their House. The relays provided some great barracking and support from all onlookers. I hope the parents who ran are resting those hamstrings!

Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported the day. I think we had the largest crowd ever to cheer on the Houses. It was a fabulous scene.

Thanks to Mr David Fawkes for his organisation and his team who put the day together.

Congratulations to Windmill on their victory—their first since 2008.

Thanks to all students on their sportsmanship and support of their housemates.

**STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS - JUNE 2013**

The reporting system we use for students has altered slightly for June this year. The delivery of the reports will be new as we have a statewide provider for all schools and this means you will notice changes in format. We also are assessing to AusVels which is a step towards the Australian National Curriculum. This national curriculum is based on the Victorian VELS curriculum so changes for us are minimal. Staff are looking over what is required and will spend time making sure we meet all the requirements. We will give more information leading up to June to make sure everyone is up to date on any changes.

**SAFETY AROUND WINDMILL/COOK ST CORNER**

A house is being built opposite the school on the corner of Windmill and Cook Streets, and as such, large trucks and tradesmen are busy coming and going. This impacts on drop off and pick up and we ask parents to be extra careful when students cross the street. Students are easily hidden by trucks and we suggest escorting students or crossing further along either street away from the corner. Can we also suggest parents park further away. Trucks come and go and we would hate to see cars damaged. A short walk is a small price to pay for safety of you and your children. Thank you.
An update from SunSmart … ‘From May put sun gear away’

Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones, muscles and general wellbeing. The best natural source of vitamin D is the sun’s UV.

From May to August when UV levels are low (below 3), Victorian schools are advised to put sun hats and other sun protection gear away and ensure staff and students get some sun for vitamin D.

At this time of the year, staff and students need to expose their face, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) to midday winter sun for 2-3 hours spread over the week. Those with naturally very dark skin may need 3-6 times this amount.

Sun protection is not required at this time of year, unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow, outside for extended periods or when the UV reaches 3 and above.

2014 ENROLMENTS - enrolling siblings

Due to anticipated enrolments we would like to finalise numbers of Preps for 2014 as soon as possible. If you have a child you would like to enrol, enrolment forms can be obtained from the Office. Interest from outside our area is particularly high so we need to finalise numbers from existing families as soon as possible. Thank you.

Literacy
Tool of the Week!

http://www.getnetwise.org

Get NetWise is a resource which aims to help parents who are concerned about the risks their children may face when using the Internet. The site contains a wealth of information, including a guide to online safety, a directory of online safety tools that allow parents to block, monitor or filter Internet content and a guide to good Internet content for children.

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

* Mother’s Day Biscuit Decorating Evening - Tuesday 7th May

If you are interested in learning to decorate biscuits and would like to help raise money for the school Mother’s Day Stall, we are holding a biscuit decorating evening in the school staffroom from 7pm on Tuesday 7 May. Any helpers welcome. No prior decorating skills are required as training will occur on the night. Please bring a rolling pin and an apron is recommended. For any further queries please call Kelly Jenkins on 0430 108 008.

* Mother’s Day Stall - Friday 10th May

is coming up and the PA require donations of items such as candles, soaps, pens, etc. On the Wednesday 8th May the PA will be having a meeting where we wrap gifts and have a chat at the same time. ALL WELCOME. Helpers are also required on the day of the stall (Friday 10th) from 12.00 to 1.30pm. Coins coins coins … please, it would be of great assistance if children could come with up to $5 in coins rather than notes. Thank you.

* FPPS Trivia Night - Saturday 15th June

Keep this date free and book your table of 10 at the Office.
Remembering the ANZACS
Thank you for going to war and fighting for our country, so that we can live our lives in peace. We really appreciate that you sacrificed yourself for the generations ahead. We will always remember you. Lest we forget. From Zara Berry and Alana Henderson - 5/6D

Thank you ANZACs, for helping make Australia the country it is. For sacrificing your lives and for fighting for Australia and New Zealand. Lest we forget. By Abby Lewis - 5/6D

To the ANZACs, thank you, for making Australia what it is today and risking your lives for us. Just remember that we think of you. Rest in peace, Lest we forget. From Chloe Nelson and Paris Bray - 5/6D

I put my head down and closed my eyes for the one minute silence. I was thinking of all of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who died in battle. It was unimaginable. Then everyone said, “Lest we forget.” Everyone pulled their heads up and listened to the talks. By Andre Joubert - 5/6J

ANZAC Day
On the 25th of April, 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers went to Gallipoli, to fight against the Turkish soldiers to make Australia a better country. Sadly, soldiers had to leave mates back at Gallipoli. Some went home but badly injured. Now we say: “Lest We Forget.” By Keira Marsh - 5/6J

April the 25th Gallipoli
I am standing on the boat gun ready, hardly aware of what was to come. Suddenly a trench erupted with gun fire. Men fell as we jumped out of the boats. It was hell. Men were shot as bullets peppered and bounced on the ground. We scaled the cliff but took many casualties. This was no holiday. We struggled the whole night. Once we took the position we looked down on the beach below where it had all begun.

“Lest we forget.” By Henry Rodda - 5/6J

ANZAC Day
The 1500 troops arrived at the Gallipoli Peninsula on the 25th of April, 1915 at 4:25am, some drowning on the way. Dropping their packs, they charged up the hill towards the Turkish. Those troops risked their lives so we can live in peace today. They should be very proud of themselves. Emma Zanghi - 5/6C

A Memory of War
I felt fear and excitement all at once. I held my rifle as the boats quietly fell ashore at ANZAC Cove. Everything was perfect until one of the boats accidently let off a spark and then, that was when it all started. BANG!! My worst nightmare had come to life. Eliza Broad - 5/6C

ANZAC Day is a day we have to remember the soldiers who fought for us at Gallipoli. We have a minute of silence to remember the ANZACS; some were uncles, fathers or even sons. No matter who they were we will always remember them. Lest We Forget. Kia Daglas - 5/6C

ANZAC: Australia New Zealand Army Corps. ANZAC Day is a day to remember, thank, celebrate, think about the people that fought for us and made Australia be Australia. When you think of ANZAC Day you often think of sad, mournful thoughts, yes people did die, but they died in honour. LEST WE FORGET. By Charlotte Elsworth - 5/6C
**Chrissie Fair Preserves Stall**

Thanks to those families who have donated ingredients and jars to date and have earned valuable house points for their children!!

We have run out of things as we have been jellying, jamming and relishing so could you please put in your trolleys when you shop next:

- **white vinegar** (Homebrand, big bottles are perfect!!)
- **white sugar** (Homebrand 2 or 3 kg would be brilliant!!)

Also we need **jars** (labels removed, sticky stuff that always makes this job tedious comes off with eucalyptus oil) with plastic lids (around the 400g Vegemite jar size - fabulous!!).

Drop these goodies off in the box at the Office, make sure they are labelled with name and house of your child to earn more house points.

Thanks in anticipation.

Helen Purnell (mother of Henry and Eloise Rodda 5/6J and Prep M)  
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Hi Families,

What a week we had in OSHC with Earth Day on Monday and ANZAC Day on Thursday. In OSHC we celebrated Earth Day with talking about what we can do to help our Earth have a sustainable future, some of the ideas were to have an electricity free day, plant more trees, recycle our materials, only use recyclable materials, have a nude food day and to ensure we don’t forget to REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE! What do you do in your everyday life to help the Earth?? Is it different to our ideas? If so why not pop in and let us know what you do to help. We would love to hear from you.

As we weren’t here on Thursday to celebrate ANZAC Day we had a minute’s silence on Wednesday morning and in the afternoon as well. It was fantastic to see the children be respectful and so knowledgeable about the ANZAC spirit. We made posters, poppies, and wreaths. The children that made the poppies did an amazing job, they look really good.

We are still in need of dress ups and dolls house furniture. If you have some old clothes/toys you would like to get rid of why not recycle them to us in OSHC? We would be grateful of the donations.

We have vacancies on all days before and after school so why don’t you come along and join in the fun at OSHC.

Come and play with us today in OSHC!!

Cheers and Keep Smiling

Jodie, Lynne & Jess