2013 CALENDAR DATES

NOVEMBER

Fri 1st       Preps to Donegan's Farm
             Movember begins!
Wed 6th      Gr Prep to 4 - MSO Excursion at Costa Hall
Mon 11th     Remembrance Day
             Gr 2/3 parent 1:1 info session 4.00pm
Tues 12th    Prep 2014 Transition #1 - 2.30pm ELC
             Gr 2/3 1:1 parent info session 7.00pm
Fri 15th     Curriculum Day - pupil free
Mon 18th     T20 Blast Cup - Grade 5/6
             School Council - 7.00pm
Tues 19th    Girls Kanga Cricket
Wed 20th     Prep 2014 Transition #2 - 2.30pm ELC
Tues 26th    Prep 2014 Transition #3 - 2.30pm ELC
Fri 29th     Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

Mon 2nd      Prep 2014 Information Evening 7.30pm
Fri 6th      Prep 2014 Transition #4 - 2.30pm ELC
Tues 10th    Orientation Day - Grade 6
             Prep 2014 Family BBQ - 6-7.00pm
Thurs 12th   Helpers Morning Tea 11.00am
Fri 13th     Student Progress Reports home
Mon 16th     Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 18th     Grade 6 Day Out
             Grade 5 Leadership Day
             Grade P-2 Xmas lunch
Fri 20th     Term 4 concludes
             Assembly 2.00pm
             Dismissal 2.30pm

WORKING BEE THANK YOU

Our thanks to the families that gave their time to our working bee on Sunday last. We were able to complete some maintenance jobs around the school which would otherwise not have been done. Great also to see the kids getting in and helping as well.

To the Combridge, Poulter, Wilson, Clifford, Mack, Walton, Nelson, Rushbrook, Carter, Dimentiev, Campbell and Corless families, we say a big thank you. We shouldn’t forget staff with Miss O’Donnell and Mrs Smart also helping out. Thank you all.

2014 CLASS ORGANISATION

We have had a couple of families indicate they are leaving our school at the end of the year due to relocation. We really appreciate knowing this information now so if there are any other families relocating for 2014, please contact the office and let us know. Thank you. This information will help with the make up of classes for next year.

Enrolments for 2014 (285) at this point in time are similar to 2013, and as such we will run 12 classes in the same format as this year.

We have 47 Preps for 2014 which will fill 2 classes beautifully. Enrolments in our prep for next year are closed with a waiting list in place.

Classes for 2014 will be finalised after teachers have completed their individual student reports. Parents will again have opportunity to have input into our arrangements for 2014 and we will let you know through the newsletter when this will be. Plans and organisation for next year will continue during November.

At this stage we have a number of staff changes with Mrs Mahoney taking family leave, Miss Castelow has accepted a position in Kununurra W.A., and Mrs Hermans is shifting to Adelaide. Replacement process is underway.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION END OF YEAR

There will be no Xmas church service this year with celebrations taking place at school. R.E. teachers will lead Christmas activities in classes.

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

* Bank Books
* Receipts
* ‘Movember’ invitation
* Gr Prep to 4 - MSO Excursion Form
* What’s On Magazine
SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MAGAZINE
The production of the annual school magazine is well underway! We expect the magazine to be available for distribution in the last week of Term 4, if not before. We expect the magazine will cost approximately $12-$13 per copy. We will shortly issue an order form, so watch out for that in coming weeks. We will only arrange for the printing of enough copies to meet demand, so please give some thought to how many copies you might like to order.

MUSIC COUNT US IN
Our Grade 2 students represented our school at Costa Hall today for MCUI. Throughout Australia, 2,100 schools were involved in singing the song written by the winners of the annual competition. Overall more than 600,000 students sang this song at 1 o'clock today to embrace the importance of music in education and in our lives.

Special guests at Costa Hall were: Cam Henderson (Runner Up - Australia’s Got Talent and father of Taylor Henderson - grand finalist X Factor 2013), also Imogen Brough (The Voice 2013), Kiyomi Vella (finalist The Voice 2013) and Aiden Rolfe (Kardinia International College - who was one of the students who wrote the song).

CLOWNING AROUND WITH MELVIN TIX MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Students from Prep to Grade 3/4 will be attending Costa Hall on Wednesday 6th November, to be entertained by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

This educational programme has been devised specifically for primary school children to introduce them to the Symphony and for them to gain a greater understanding of music and the instruments of the orchestra. It is presented in an entertaining format by Melvin Tix, the clown.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience the MSO and hear music from the great composers of the world.

Mrs Jacobson

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2013 INVITATION
For the month of November, you are invited to “Grow a Mo (moustache) for Movember!” By getting online and registering at http://au.movember.com/team/1077737 you can join the Fyans Park PS team and raise awareness and understanding about men’s health in our community.

We look forward to having as many Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers and ‘Blokes’ join the team and change the face of men’s health.

Mrs Jacobson

STARS OF THE WEEK

Darcy - 2V
India - 2H
Liam - 1H
Poppy - 1C
Congratulations to our State athletic representatives at this week’s State Championships

Will - High Jump - First (progressing to Australian Titles) and Triple Jump – Second

Eliza - 80m Hurdles – First and Long Jump – Third (progressing to Australian Titles)

Hamish - 80m Hurdles – First and 100m – Eighth in Final

EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS AT FYANS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2013 - Week 1 & Week 2

- You Can Do It! Focus - Resilience (whole school)
- Prep Inquiry Based Learning topic - What is a farm?
- Grade 1 Inquiry Based Learning topic: How and why do things change around us?
- Grade 2 Inquiry Based Learning topic: Push and Pull/ How does my toy move?
- Grade 5/6 Inquiry Based Learning topics: Share Market Maths, Multiculturalism in Australia and Australian Science
- Grade 6 - major focus continues to be on developing independence, organisation and personal learning skills in readiness for Secondary School
- Grade 3/4 Inquiry Based Learning - Discovery Time topics - Science (with a focus on environmental science), Multi Media (planning, scripting, rehearsing, recording and editing advertisements to save the planet), Problem Solving (Numeracy) and ICT (developing researching skills and sharing information about saving the planet)
- Whole school bush dance
- Geelong Show Owl exhibit - organised by Anne Morell
- Family Blogging info session (Grade 1)
- Preparation for Puberty - Liz Worpel (Grade 5 - 4 weeks / Grade 6 - 6 weeks)
- Regional Athletics: Tuesday 15th October (Grade 4-6)
- Preparation for Puberty - Grade 5/6 Parent Information Session - Tuesday 8th October
- 3pm Project continues to be produced by students and broadcast on the blog (Grade 3/4)
- Class blogs to support the home school partnership (Grade 1, Grade 3/4)
- 3/4 Sport continues to be based around gender groups
- Health and P.E Week (whole school)
- Project 15 - Grades 4, 5 & 6 transition program - ‘Game On!’
- Project 5 - Grade 2, 3 transition program
- 5/6 Sport of various activities each week
- The Art program is continuing to focus on the work of Claude Monet
- The Music program continues to present quality items at Assembly each week
- The P.E program continues to develop sport skills
WRISTBAND ORDER FORM

Today each family has received the 2013 Christmas Fair wristband order form. Please complete and return to school asap.

CHRISTMAS FAIR HAMPERS

Hello everyone, I am co-ordinating the collecting and packaging of “MasterChef” items for the Grade 4 hamper. These goods can be left at the Office or left on the front porch at 31 Cook Street. Items can be anything to do with cooking and the kitchen (gadgets, linen ware, bowls, cookbooks). Thanks for your help in making this hamper one everybody will want to win.

Jackie Corless - Dash’s mum 3/4N

“VINTAGE” CLOTHING

School Fair is nearly here!! Please drop your clean ‘Vintage’ clothes at the school Office or at the front door of Justine’s house at 225 Noble Street, Newtown as soon as possible. Any queries please contact Jo on 0416 523 600 or Justine on 0417 154 959.

WANTED

I am looking for old or excess china or other style cups and saucers for the Living Stall at the Fair. Any style or pattern is fine. Thank you.

Kirsty Ayerbe

LUCKY JARS

If you have any from previous years lying around the house, can you please return them to the Office cleaned for use again this year.

SPONSORSHIP

Do you know a business that would like to sponsor our Christmas Fair? Platinum, Gold or Silver sponsorships available. Please contact the Office for further information.

BOOKS

We need good quality pre-loved books to sell. Cook books, children’s books and adult novels, travel books etc, hard back or paperback all will be well received! Please leave your contribution with Mrs Rippon in the ELC.
We hope you have a spookky Halloween!

Hi Families,

This week has been frighteningly goooood we have been creating and making a lot of creepy and spectacular spooky things in preparation for Halloween tonight!! If you’re going trick or treating please remember to ONLY go with your parents/guardians and ensure you only knock on the doors of houses of people that you know. You never know a little old witch might live in one of those houses and she might want to gobble you up!!

PLEASE REMEMBER: NO HAT, NO SUNSCREEN, NO PLAY! I have had a few children forgetting their hats this past week in OSHC and as such they have missed out on going outside, when we have had nice weather. Please remind your children if they are coming to OSHC to bring a hat to avoid the disappointment. Once they leave their classrooms they aren’t allowed back there. If you have a spare one at home, that is broad brim or bucket and clearly named, please think to put it in your child’s bag so they have one at OSHC.

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

Call us on 0452 247 130

Come & play with us today in OSHC!!

Cheers & Keep Smiling,

Jodie & Lynne