



NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Swimming lessons commence	Friday	1 February
P&C AGM/General Meeting 3.30pm	Wednesday	13 February
School closed – Enterprise Agreement	Monday	18 February
Canberra show	Friday	22 February
School closed Enterprise Agreement	Monday	11 March

Dear Parents – welcome back.

Check out the vegetable garden. Wow! Thank you to all who tended our little green friends over the holiday period.

Swimming Lessons

Helen Cathles and Mark will run swimming lessons commencing this Friday departing school 1pm at Helen Cathles pool.

Lessons will then be held every Thursday and Friday afternoon for five weeks departing school 1pm.

Transport is required and parents are asked to remain at the pool for supervision purposes.

The students will be in three groups. One group will be in the pool whilst the other two groups undertake lessons.

Sign on.

If you come into the school as a volunteer, under Work Health Safety you are required to sign in and out. A book will be left in the foyer of the demountable for this purpose.

Uniform Orders

Orders are at school and can be picked up from Suzanne upon payment. If paying by cheque payment to be made to Russell Stevenson (not Wee Jasper School). A receipt from them will be produced in your name.

It would be appreciated if all students are in full school uniform every day.

Attachments

Attached are general permission notes. Please return to the school.

Child Protection

Please advise the school either by phone or send a note to school with your child if they are being transported by someone other than yourself. This will save phone calls after school and children left wondering who they are going with. If you are going to be late please ring the school. School drop off time is from 8.45am unless other arrangements have been made and pickup time is by 3.15pm. School commences 9.05am.

Medical/ emergency contacts/ Phone numbers.

If any of this information has changed in the last two months please advise Suzanne so that records can be updated.

Car Park

For obvious safety reasons students are required to stay within school grounds (behind the gate) until progressing to their car under parent supervision. Could parents ensure that once students leave the school grounds that they go directly to their car and stay seated in the car. Please ensure that all children have seat belts on.

Horses

If students are arriving at school or being picked up by horse Work Health Safety and child welfare special precautions need to be taken. Please ensure other students do not approach horses and please keep horses away from the car park area and front gate.

Enterprise Agreement

The school operates under an Enterprise agreement whereby the internal hours of the school are longer than the set teaching hours for each day. This allows us to be shut 2 days per term. As we are classified as an isolated school this system provides an opportunity for families to organise dental appointments, etc. thereby improving attendance. Closure dates for this year:

Week 4	18 th February
Week 7	11 th March
Week 4	20 th May
Week 7	11 th June
Week 4	5 th August
Week 8	7 TH September
Week 4	28 th October
Week 7	18 th November

Anaphylaxis

We have been fortunate in the past but we now need to take precautions for the safety of one of our students with a peanut allergy.

Therefore please do not send to school any food (e.g. muesli bars, chocolate bars, peanuts, mixed nuts)etc. that may contain traces of peanuts. Please check food labels carefully.

Students will be instructed not to share food at school, please reinforce this at home.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on Monday and will be due back Thursday.

The nightly home reader program will also begin this week. Included in the home reader folder is a times table chart. If students are able to study, recite and be orally tested on a times table each night it would be of great benefit. Full details of homework expectations for each child will be sent home with the homework.

P&C

My thanks to be P&C for their fundraising efforts at the Micalong Cricket match during the holidays. Wee Jasper won convincingly and Mark is unsure of how much the P&C raised. What are the priorities of this teacher?

Quiz question: Which dynamic player scored thirty, took a handful of wickets and still didn't receive the man of the match award? Cricket experts were impressed with his running between the wickets.

Parent Helpers

If you have spare time and would like to offer a helping hand please let me know.

Volunteer positions vacant include:

- Cutting up fruit for fruit platter (this could be done at 9.20am)
- Regular help in the vegetable patch.
- Help with bike maintenance/grounds maintenance
- General hand around school keeping Mark somewhat organised eg: tidying kitchen, art room, sports store, big shed etc.
- Listening to reading.
- Tutoring handwriting skills; and much more.

Your help would be greatly appreciated no matter how short the time you can spare.

General Donations:

Textbooks	\$ 60.00 per child
Excursions	\$100.00 per child
Headphones	\$ 20.00 per child

Payments can be made throughout the year, please discuss with Suzanne.

Permission Notes

Please return all notes to Suzanne. These are held by the school in case of accident so it is important that they are returned to the school.

Absent Notes.

If your child is going to be absent from the school for one day a phone call must be made to the school advising us of this. If your child is absent for two or more days a written note must be given to Suzanne advising reason for absence. All absences/notes are checked by the Home School Liaison officer each term. Long term absences (5 days or more) require an exemption.

School website and camera.

As both are now back in operation photos and news will be put up on the website this year.