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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day	Date	School Event
<b>WEEK 4</b>		
Fri	28-Oct	World Teachers' Day
Fri	28-Oct	Day For Daniel -Wear Red
Fri	28-Oct	Gala Day Sport (Yrs 5&6)
<b>WEEK 5</b>		
Mon	31-Oct	Jnr Assembly - PA&PK Presenting
Tues	1-Nov	Prep Orientations: 9:30-11 & 11:30-1:00
Wed	2-Nov	Grandparents Day
Wed	2-Nov	BYOD parent info Session - 5-6pm
Thurs	3-Nov	Prep Orientations: 9:30-11 & 11:30-1:00
Thurs	3-Nov	BYOD parent info Session - 2-3pm
Fri	4-Nov	Gala Day Sport (Yrs 5&6)
Fri	4-Nov	"Tuckshop Day" - Let's say "THANKS!"
<b>WEEK 6</b>		
Mon	7-Nov	Snr Assembly - 5I presenting
Tues	8-Nov	2SR & 2B Beenleigh Historical Village
Wed	9-Nov	2WA & 2H Beenleigh Historical Village
Fri	11-Nov	Remembrance Day
Fri	11-Nov	Crazy Sock Day - Ronald McDonald House

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### IPS Application

We have received approval from our Regional Director and have submitted our Independent Public School application to Central Office. As discussed in P&C and community meetings the advantages to be gained by becoming an IPS school will allow our school to become more autonomous offering us greater flexibility with our programs and staffing options. We should know before the end of the year whether we are successful or not.

### School Uniforms

It is pleasing to see many of our students in the new school shirt. It looks great. A reminder that next year only plain green jumpers will be allowed. Please bear this in mind whilst shopping over the holidays. We will also be pushing the wearing of black only shoes or runners. We are very proud of our school and students and the standard they set. This is again highlighted in our School Opinion Survey for 2016.

## School Opinion Survey 2016

It is remarkable how we continue to improve in our SOS results each year. Here is just a snippet of some of our fantastic results.

### Parent/Caregiver School Report 2016

- My child likes being at school and feels safe 98.3%
- This school is well maintained 98.8%
- My child is getting an good education at this school 98.3%
- Staff at this school are approachable 98.9%
- This is a good school which I will recommend 98.9%

### Student School Report

- My teachers expect me to do my best 100%
- My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things 100%
- I can access computers and other technologies for learning 100%
- My teachers use a variety of resources to help me learn 100%
- My school encourages me to participate in school activities 100%

### Staff School Report

- I enjoy working at this school 100%
- Students are treated fairly at this school 100%
- This school looks for ways to improve 100%
- I feel I have the necessary skills to do my job effectively at this school 100%
- Staff at this school are approachable 100%

## **Grandparents Day**

On Wednesday 2 November we will be again hosting our Grandparents Day starting at 9.00am in the Lone Pine Hall for a brief welcome by me before Grandparents are escorted to their various classes for activities followed by morning tea and concluding at 11.00am.

We look forward to seeing you on this special day.

## **Prep Orientation Days 2017**

These take place on Tuesday 1 November and Thursday 3 November. Please ensure you are booked in for one of these sessions.

## **World Teachers' Day**

This is celebrated on Friday 28 October. Please encourage your child to do something special for their teachers on this day... perhaps a nice homemade card etc.

## **Day For Daniel**

This also takes place on Friday 28 October. To help raise awareness to our student's safety we ask



our students to wear a red item on the day e.g. red socks. Hair tie,

wristband or red shirt.

Students going to Gala Day sport should still bring or wear their sporting gear.

“ Dance as though no one is watching you, love as though you have never been loved before, sing as though no one can hear you, live as if heaven is on earth”  
Souza

## P-2 ROUND UP

### Grandparents Day November 2

Your child should have received a letter inviting Grandparents or Grandfriends to our school on Wednesday November 2. Grandparents Day will commence with a welcome in the hall at 9am and then Grandparents/Grandfriends will be escorted to classrooms. Our students are very eager to show our Grandparents/Grandfriends all the work they are learning and share some activities with them. The class will then share a morning tea (shared plates to be brought in by students) with the session ending at 11am.

Prep teachers are planning for the Prep Orientation sessions next week. The sessions will take place on Tuesday November 1 and Thursday November 3. We are all very eager to see the new girls and boys who are going to be coming to Prep next year. It will be a very exciting day.



Just a reminder if you intend to enrol your child in Prep for 2017 and you live

in our catchment, please do so as soon as possible. If you live outside of our catchment we are unable to take your child at present. However, you are welcome to put your name on our waiting list.

Year 11 students from Windaroo Valley High have been working with our year 2 students with dance. The students worked in small groups and shared some different types of dance movements with each group. At the end of the unit, each year 2 student will need to make up their own dance to music. I can't wait to see the end results.





Mrs O'Sullivan runs a writing club for year two children on Thursdays at big lunch. This week the room was filled with excited and enthusiastic writers. On hand were many of the year three children who were very keen to share their writing knowledge with the girls and boys. It looks like great fun!

Another



visitor outside the writing club this week was Mr Harding. He joined a group of students in a game of handball. Here is a shot of Mr Harding in action. Apparently the children gave him a real workout!



## TERM 4 IN YEAR 3 AND 4

### Summer safety message

With summer's swimming season almost here, it's a timely reminder for parents and carers to talk about pool safety with your child.

With more than 300,000 residential pools in Queensland, drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in children aged five and under.

Some of the causes include swimming competence, levels of supervision and the use of floatation devices.

To help lower the risks of these tragedies occurring, parents should follow the ABCs of pool safety:

- **Always** supervise your child near a pool.
- **Begin** swimming lessons as early as possible for your child.
- **Close** the pool gate and keep your fence maintained.

For more information on the Government's safety awareness campaign, visit [www.dip.qld.gov.au/poolsafety](http://www.dip.qld.gov.au/poolsafety)

Our Year 4 students have been offered the opportunity to participate in 10 lessons over a two week period. This intense learn-to-swim program will cater for every student at their individual proficiency level. If your child is a non-swimmer their confidence in the water and ability to reach the side of a pool is essential. Alternatively if your child is a competent swimmer there is also scope for them to develop other strokes or improve on their PB. Please ensure that you return the required paperwork and payment before the due date (November 14).

## Swim Australia Story

Swim Australia is Australian Swimming Coaches & Teachers Association (ASCTA) Learn-to-Swim & Water Safety Industry Development division, primarily delivering products, services & professional development programs for Swim Schools. Swim Australia is endorsed by Swimming Australia Ltd (SAL) and the Federal Government's Active Australia.

Launched in 1997 by the Federal Minister for Sport and Recreation, Swim Australia's mission is to develop "learn-to-swim" in Australia to its full potential; resulting in all Australians learning swimming and water safety in an enjoyable, safe way.

### To this end, Swim Australia:

- Registers Swim Schools that meet industry standards as determined by ASCTA,
- Promotes the many excellent benefits of learning swimming and water safety, and
- Provides the Swim Australia Registered Swim Schools with products, services and professional development programs to significantly enhance their operation.

Swim Australia is a division of the Australian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association (ASCTA), a non-profit organization. Swim Australia is endorsed by Swimming Australia Ltd (SAL) and the Federal Government's Active Australia.

### Swim Australia aims to:

1. To promote learning-to-swim on a national basis, with an emphasis on the life-long health, safety, fun and fitness benefits of swimming.
2. To recognise programs teaching swimming that meet prescribed guidelines.
3. To aid in the development of the teaching and management expertise of such programs.
4. To enhance the viability of such programs



## PLANETARIUM VISIT FOR YEAR 3

Year 3s will visit the Planetarium at Mt Coot-tha on November 9, as a culmination to their study of the solar system. This is a unique opportunity and our teachers are working to ensure that it will be successful for all.



## FROM THE YEAR 5 & 6 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### 2017 Year 6 Camp - CAMP GOODENOUGH

Our 2017 Year 6 students will have the opportunity to attend our annual Year 6 Camp at Camp Goodenough, Bilambil NSW. The camp will be held from Wednesday 1 February - Friday 3 February 2017.

A reminder that the the last day for payment will be Wednesday 16 November 2016.

### Year 6 End of Year Events

To celebrate the end of Primary Schooling for our Year 6 students we will be holding two special events in week 10 of this term.

The first will be our **Graduation Ceremony** at the **Beenleigh Events Centre** on **Monday 5 December 2016**.

The second event will be our **Bowling Excursion** at the **Mt Warren Lanes** on **Thursday 8 December 2016**.

Invoices were sent home with Year 6 students last week. A reminder that the last day for payment for both of these events will be Monday 14 November 2016.

### Gala Day Update - Touch Football Venue Change

Boys touch football will be played at Windaroo SS, **NOT** Hammel Park. You will not need bus fare this

week.

## Payment Dates

The cash window is open from 8:15am to 9:30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to take payments in person.

You can also pay via BPOINT on the invoice.. this is the fastest option.

A phone call to the office to make a credit card payment is also available.

Last Day for Payments:

Yr 3 Planetarium	Wed 2/11
Prep Jacobs Well Enviro Centre	Fri 4/11
Yr 4 Swimming	Mon 14/11
Yr 6 Bowling	Mon 14/11
Prep-Yr 5 Fizzics Show	Mon 14/11
Yr 5 2017 Camp	Wed 16/11

## SMS Attendance - Reply Messages

Our SMS Attendance process is working really well and we thank those parents who are reporting an absence before school as well as those responding to the text messages.

As we do not monitor the replies all day, and we enter the data when we get a few minutes here and there, could we please ask....

If you believe your child **IS** at school and you get an SMS saying he/she is **absent**, could you please phone the office so we can sort it out as as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

## SPORTS TALK

### AFL

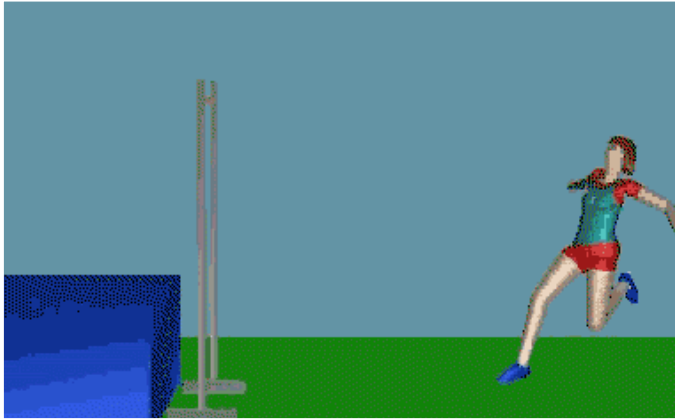
Well done to our AFL girls who finished runners up in the AFL Queensland Schools Cup Competition last weekend held up at Maroochydore.

The girls defeated Good Shepherd Community College from Townsville in the semi final in a closely fought contest by 4 points but were unable to match it with the more physical Morayfield East in the final losing by 38 points.

The entire team should feel very proud of their efforts considering not one of the team had ever played AFL prior to this competition. The teams never say die attitude and will to win was outstanding.

A big thanks you to all the parents and the staff who came up and supported the girls.

## Representative News



Well done to Emily O (5R) who once again has gained

selection into a Queensland team, this time the athletics team.

Emily finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 10 yr girls high jump with a personal best jump of 1.35m.

All of Windaroo wishes Emily the best at the National titles later in November.

## **CHAPPY CHIT CHAT**

### **Family Food and Fun Night**

Beenleigh Chaplaincy is holding a family event at the Eagleby Community Centre on Sat 5 Nov, 6-9pm.

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Hi to all,

What an awesome year it has been to date. I feel we have sped through 2016 at a very fast rate, I can't believe it is week 4 of Term 4 and all are still working so well. Well done to a highly committed group of caring teachers and staff.

Work continues for Chaplaincy as well, and we have our final fundraiser for the year on Saturday November 5. I am sure it will be a fun night for all and I would love to see many Windaroo families attend. The details are below. If you would like any further information you can contact me on 0416172791.

As this last term progresses, I hope everyone has an enjoyable end of the school year, and remember:

"There is only one person who could make you happy, and that person is you"

## **FROM THE P&C**

### **P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C Meeting is on **Wednesday 9 November** at **9:15am** in the **Lone Pine Hall**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Twilight Markets**



The most fantastic day of the year is getting closer!! We will be holding our annual Twilight Market on **Friday 11 November 5.30pm - 8.30pm**. There will be **stalls, rides, fireworks and scrumptious food!!**

There are 3 ways you can order your **UNLIMITED RIDE WRISTBANDS**:

1. Return the order form that has been sent home, with correct money and we will send you a voucher to redeem on the night.
2. In the uniform shop - **CASH ONLY**.
3. Via **[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)**

Cost is only \$25 each and it gives you access to the rides from 5:30pm - 8:30pm



If you would like to have a stall at our markets, download the Stallholders Registration

Pack and return it to

[wstwilightmarkets@outlook.com](mailto:wstwilightmarkets@outlook.com)

[Twilight Market Stallholders Registration Pack](#)

#### Contacting the P&C

If you would like to touch base with us or be kept up to date with all things P&C there are a few different ways:

**Skoolbag App:** We will post events and alerts onto the Skoolbag App to keep you all up to date.

**Facebook Page:** Search Windaroo State School P&C on Facebook. This will keep you up to date with information on the P&C and Uniform Shop and other important school news.

**Email:** Need to contact us? Email us at [windaroopca@outlook.com](mailto:windaroopca@outlook.com)

or if you have a fundraising enquiry email to [windaroopcafundraising@outlook.com](mailto:windaroopcafundraising@outlook.com)

**Q Parents Is Coming!! - Stay Tuned For This Exciting New Information.....**

**Watch this space!!!**



**Tuckshop Day - Let's Say Thanks!**

Friday 4 November is nat

ional Tuckshop Day. We are very lucky to have such



wonderful volunteers to keep our tuckshop going 5 days a week.

They are always looking for more helpers.. please pop in and say "Hello" or "Thanks" or both!

**Surfside Bus Pass Announcement**



2017 BUS PASSES due now

Please see the attached flyer for information and frequently asked questions about

School Bus Travel for 2017.

**MERIT AWARDS**

**Senior Assembly - 24 October**

Well done to all these students for working hard in class!



You should be very proud of your efforts because we sure are!

3A	Ahmed	Connor	4C	Jorja	Kate	5B	Eden	Jack	6C	Greene	Wyatt
3B	Charlie	Akira	4G H	Ella	Thomas	5I	Daniel D	Selena	6F	Caleb	Billie
3	Coope	Bonni	4H	Mvra	Celine	5	Anthon	Alla	6N	Ihaka	Abbev

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3 O	Nico	Lavini a	4S	Lilly	Ethan	5 V	Marlee	Tahlia	6P	Takita	Marcu s
3S	Dash	Ethan	4ST	Jorja	Ellie				6W	Faith	Lilly
3T	Chloe	Carlee									

## VALUES TOKENS

Congratulations to these wonderful children displaying terrific morals and values.



We are very proud of you!

## Senior Assembly - 24 October

3A	Bella	3A	Skye	3B	Akira
3S	Trinity	3T	Tamati	4S	Anika-Lee
4ST	Bailey	4ST	Trent	5R	Josiah
5R	Thomas	6C	Chloe	6C	Harmony

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Swimming Queensland Free MAKE A SPLASH SKILL SESSION

Swimming Queensland, with the support of the Georgina Hope Foundation, is offering **Free Make A Splash** days throughout Queensland in 2016.

Make A Splash days are for adults and children from Indigenous and CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) Communities to enjoy fun water activities and gain aquatic skills and confidence, in a relaxed and safe environment.

These sessions will provide instruction and support to school teachers, learn to swim teachers and parents in the special skills required to teach swimming to indigenous and CALD children and adults. The sessions will be free and participants to these sessions will benefit physically, socially and emotionally, with interaction with peers. To register for a Make A Splash activity session, click on [Make a Splash Registration](#)

The practical sessions will cover:

Water Safety - Land and Water Activities

- Aquatic Activity Skill
- Balance Station
- Breathing/Bubbling Station
- Buoyancy Station
- Submersion Station
- Mobility Station

- Game Skills and Swimming Races

**Tuesday 15 November 2016**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Pool**

**121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank 4109**

**11am – 1pm**

For further inquiries please call (07) 3390 2011 or email [admin.qld@swimming.org.au](mailto:admin.qld@swimming.org.au)

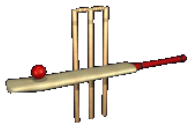
#### **VIBE Real Estate Supports Windaroo School Chaplaincy**

List and sell your property with Karen and we'll donate \$500 to the Windaroo State School Chaplaincy Program.

Please see attached flyer for further details

#### **Beenleigh Pirates Cricket Club**

Juniors wanted to join Under 14s team. Girls and boys from beginners to experienced players.



Training Thursday afternoons 4:30-5:30 and games Saturday mornings 7:30 - 11:30.

For more details please phone Coach Mike on 0421 997 437