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NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week

August, 2016

Diary Dates

Thursday	18th August	Parent visiting morning
Tuesday	23rd August	YEL at Curramulka
Tuesday	30th August	Community Meeting
Thursday	1st September	Splash Theatre at Pt. Vincent
Friday	2nd September	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday – Friday	21 – 23 September	Camp at Illawonga

PUPIL FREE DAY

All staff will be attending a PUPIL FREE DAY at Maitland on **Friday September 2nd, 2016**. Some of our SSOs will be taking part in administration training relevant to their positions, while other SSOs who work with students and teaching staff will be focussing on questioning. This is a very necessary skill for staff who work directly with children to determine their learning and understanding. Please be sure to put this date in your diary.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Further to our current conversation on amalgamation with Yorketown Area School, a community meeting will be held at the school on Tuesday 30th August, starting at 6pm. The purpose of this meeting is to inform community members of the decision Governing Council has made to poll parents regarding the amalgamation

and closure of the school at the end of 2016. The letter to the community is attached.

NAPLAN ONLINE

Getting ready for 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child's teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a 'test' of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a state wide level.

PARENT VISITING MORNING

During weeks 4 and 5 of term 3 in the school year our students will be acknowledging both Book Week and Science Week. Each week has a theme

- Book Week's theme is Australia! Story Country



- Science Week's theme is Drones, Droids and Robots



On **Thursday 18th August** staff are planning a range of activities and invite parents to come along and share some great activities with their

children. Further details will be available closer to the day but in the meantime please put this date in your diary.

Young Environmental Leaders

Our YEL students will be going to Curramulka on **Tuesday 23rd August** to participate in a YEL day with their peers. The day will be spent in the Curramulka Parklands. Details of the day will be sent home to the relevant students. We will be visiting the local flora park during this term to check the progress of the trees we planted last term. This is our Sustainability Project for 2016 which the students will report on in term 4.

In the meantime visit our school garden. The plants are growing extremely well. If you would like some silver beet please come and help yourself. You can make a great spinach pie or spinach scones, which the children love. I have cooked both of these recipes and have attached them for you to try.