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YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

Tue/Wed	15 & 16 Aug	Wheels Day 2017
Mon-Fri	21-25 August	Book Week
Wednesday	23 August	'Escape to Everywhere' Dress Up Day
Thursday	24 August	School Council Meeting (7.30pm)

Dear parents and carers,

I could feel the students' **enthusiasm and curiosity** peak last week, as our year 3-6 students were learning about keeping safe when online. We were very fortunate to have Kelly and Matt (Victoria Police) run a **cyber-safety** session in each class.

Living in a rapidly changing online world, we need to continually teach our young people how to stay safe. The internet offers us all the chance to explore a virtually limitless world without the constraints of the 'real' world.

Without supervision and guidance, our young children can either unintentionally or purposely find content that is disturbing, explicit or inappropriate. Just as we all ensure that the books we read to our children are age appropriate and the TV shows they watch are suitably rated, we also need to monitor what our children are doing, and where they are going, online. At school, we have safety blocks that provide limited access and restrictions to inappropriate material and sites, which is regularly reviewed and upgraded.

Our cyber safety sessions last week focused on student's personal use of digital devices online and potential problems that may arise. The sessions encouraged children to talk with their parents or an adult should they, at some stage, come across confronting content online.

The issues of curiosity and exploration are the same for every generation, but the internet means there is far more information which is more easily accessible.

Children may once have looked up a 'rude' word in a dictionary – today they will Google the word instead.

What can I do to protect my child online?

Here are some tips and advice from the Department of Education and eSafety Commission:

- The most important thing you can do is engage in open and honest communication. Use the internet together and make it part of your family's activities. You do many other activities with your child: walking the dog, going to the movies, and playing in the park—so spend some time online as well. The more you explore together, the more you will learn about their online behaviours and interests.
- **Have a home-based 'Acceptable Use Agreement':** You have rules in the real world about what your expectations are; you can have similar rules and consequences for the internet.
- **Use an internet filter** and use parental controls. You may not be aware that most computers, net browsers, tablets, smartphones and gaming consoles have some level of parental control—for example, the ability to block access to certain categories of websites. These are not the default settings, so you must activate them yourself.
- **Talk with your child:** Ensure that you regularly talk with your children about their online experiences. Ask them what they have seen or done and if they have had any problems. If you hear about a site which concerns you, have a look for yourself.
- Make sure that you continually reinforce to your children that nothing is so bad that they cannot talk to you about it. Let them know that they should come and tell you when they have any problems online, see something that they know is wrong, or anything that upsets them.

- Children often fear telling a parent about an online issue as they think this will result in blocking their access to the computer and internet.

GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE POSITION

I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Mr Leslie Blacker** as our new Grounds and Maintenance person.

Leslie Blacker joined our staff group last week. He will work one day a week, most likely Tuesdays. He comes to us with strong experience in the role and possesses a range of skills, which will be perfect for the job. He has already begun getting stuck into our very long list of jobs!

NAIDOC DAY

This was actually in school holidays, so we have set our whole school celebration day for this **Thursday 10 August**.

Mixed groups of Prep-6 students will rotate through a range of educational and fun activities including cooking, games, language and artefacts.

Enjoy your week.

Tamina

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone in our school community who purchased books and other resources from our Book Fair over the last two weeks.

Approximately \$2000.00 dollars was raised! A tremendous effort!

Our school library will receive around \$700.00 worth of books which is a fantastic outcome for our students.

If anyone has time to spare, we would welcome some volunteer helpers to assist with covering and processing the new books.



Charlotte P Grady Oliver Y
Faith Jacob G Noah M

BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY – 'ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE'

Just a reminder that we will be running our special **BOOK WEEK** day on **Wednesday 23rd August**.

On this day, all students are encouraged to dress up and take part in different activities based around some of this year's shortlisted books.

The theme for students to dress up is **'Escape to Everywhere'**.

To give you some ideas, you could be thinking along the lines of books that take you into different worlds, books that have adventures, escape from baddies, save people's lives, make you laugh aloud, blink away tears and make you completely forget about what you were previously doing.

Through books you get to escape to all sorts of places. You can go to Hogwarts, Narnia, visit the Wizard of Oz, different countries, outer space, fantasy worlds, the bottom of the sea or jungle etc. Books also allow you to escape to real worlds too, and learn about everything from creating codes to cooking a banquet.....

There will be awards given for the best costumes (in year levels), looking for originality and creativity. There won't be a dress up 'parade' as such this year but the school will come together in a different way in the morning (9am in the stadium) to support our Book Week day.

We invite parents to share in our Book Week excitement and stay for the first part of the day.

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week:

*Prep N – Charlotte, 1T – Kiana, 1/2H – Aurelia,
2/3W – Chevy, 3/4H – Luke C, 3/4 L – Skye 5/6C
– Hunter and 5/6T – Jessica W*

Well done and keep up the great work!



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS

To ensure the smooth organisation and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by 10am on the return date on the permission form.

<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>NOTE & MONEY DUE BACK AT SCHOOL</i>	<i>COST</i>

SPECIAL GUEST
Visit by
FAIRY GODMOTHER

OLD GIPPSTOWN

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

THE LARGEST GATHERING OF FAIRIES

WEAR WINGS-WAND-TUTU
BOYS - COME AS A PIXIE

PIXIE MUSIC
MARKET STALLS
FOOD STALLS

DATE: SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST
TIME: 10AM TILL 2PM
WORLD RECORD COUNT 12PM
COST: \$5 PER PERSON
BOOKINGS VIA: TRY BOOKINGS
OR CALL OLD GIPPSTOWN ON 51273082
OR VISIT THE OFFICE

OLD GIPPSTOWN

FATHERS DAY CAR SHOW

SUNDAY 3RD SEPT 2017

ENTRANT DETAILS:
GATES OPEN 6AM \$10 PER CAR
PRESENTATION 1PM SHARP

811 LLOYD STREET MOB
GATES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 10AM
ADULTS \$3 CHILDREN GOLD COIN

FOR DAD, MUM & THE KIDS
BIGGER & BETTER THAN EVER

Lumley Special Vehicles **Custom & Classic** CAR CLUB **POWERHOUSE** EXHIBITION