



NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 21st May 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 22nd May

Multicultural Day

Friday 24th May

Southern Riverina PSSA Cross Country

Thursday 30th May

Year 5 James Fallon HS

Experience Day

Tuesday 11th June

Riverina PSSA Cross Country

(selected students only)

Thursday 13th June

School Photos

Wednesday 19th June

School Council Meeting 6 pm

P&C Meeting 7 pm

Friday 28th June

Last Day of Term

knowledge that will allow them to be contributing members of our society - both for their own personal benefit and that of our Nation. It is also a day where we look towards the future of public education. It is public education that continues to uphold every child's right to an education and has done so since its conception at the beginning of this century.

In the words of Sir Henry Parkes public education is:

...splendid in throwing open the doors of our schools to all children of all sects, making no distinction of faith, asking no question where the child has been born, what may be their condition in life, or what the position of their parents, but inviting all to sit side by side in receiving that primary instruction which must be the foundation of all education...

GMTT Multicultural Day

Students and staff of Gerogery, Mullengandra and Table Top will combine tomorrow for a Multicultural Day. Children will be placed in multi-age groups where they will undertake a series of fun and engaging rotational activities, including art, literacy, cooking and sports. Each activity will focus on different multicultural perspectives.

Nude Food Days

The aim of Nude Food Days is to encourage everyone to make their lunch a healthy, nutritious and environmentally friendly meal by filling it with fresh food and eliminating all unnecessary wrapping! Our school will hold a Nude Food Day each Wednesday.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Public Education Day

Public school communities across Australia celebrate Public Education Day this Thursday, 23rd May. Public Education Day gives us the opportunity to recognise the outstanding achievements of public education and its contribution toward building our Australian society. Public schools are proud of their contribution to our modern Australian society. In public schools across this nation our young people are building on skills and acquiring

Southern Riverina Cross Country

Good luck to the students competing at the Southern Riverina Cross Country Carnival in Jindera on Friday. It should be an exciting day filled with healthy competition.

Year 5 High School Experience Day

Year 5 students will visit James Fallon HS on Thursday 30th May as a fun way to introduce them to high school. Although high school is still more than a year away for them, this is an important first step in their transition to secondary school. The day is planned for all Year 5 students, not just those planning on enrolling at James Fallon.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) are over for another year. Well done to our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their excellent efforts in completing these National Assessments. Parents and the school can expect the results sometime in August/September.

Woolworths Points

We have a special box in the foyer where completed Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker sheets can be placed. Sticker sheets are available on the table at the front of the office. Last year we collected almost 26000 points, which allowed our school to claim art materials to enhance the learning of our students. This year, let's see if we can nudge the 30000 mark!

Border Trust Back to School Program

Border Trust, the Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga Region, in association with the 2013 Sidney Myer Fund / FRRR Back to School Gift Voucher Program, are providing assistance for any TTPS families in need by offering access to \$50 Target vouchers to help meet some of the costs in keeping their children at school. The Back to School Program is an initiative of the Sydney Myer Fund and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR). The \$50 vouchers are to be used to purchase essential school items such as uniforms, clothing, shoes, school bags and

school stationary items. Any child whose family may be experiencing financial hardship is eligible to receive a voucher, so a family with more than one child at our school may receive more than one voucher. Families of Table Top PS students who are in need of assistance are asked to make a discreet appointment with the principal. There are still a few vouchers remaining which we would like to distribute in the next couple of weeks.

Andrew McEachern
Principal

KINDER SOUND

The Kindergarten sound for this week is 'j' for Jester



ICE CREAM CONTAINERS WANTED

We would like parents to send in any ice cream containers that you may have lying around to store our mosaic tiles in. If you could send these to school that would be greatly appreciated.



WOOLWORTHS POINTS

Keep those Earn and Learn stickers coming in. We would like to raise around 30000 this year if possible. Some sticker sheets are attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year we have engaged Boss Photography from Mansfield to take our school photos. Their staff, pride themselves with the ability to relax with your child which in turn achieves a magical result of priceless photos of their school year.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the School Photo pre-payment envelope from Boss Photography for your child/children. Please make your selection and return the envelope to

school with the correct money enclosed. *If you have any questions or have difficulty with payment, please contact boss photography direct and they can make alternative arrangements.*

Photo day is Thursday 13th June.

COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS

Last year we collected 23024 points to go towards sporting equipment for the school.

We were able to order the following items: AFL Goal Post set, 2 Bocce sets, Bucket of tennis balls, 2 two way communication units, Compass x 4 Netball post pads, Vortex howlers and two waffle bats.

Thank you to all the families for collecting.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following award winners from the last Friday's School Assembly:

K/1 AWARDS

Zenith ~ for great work in Spelling
Mia ~ for enthusiastic News
Sheya ~ for trying very hard to be responsible for her belongings

2-3 AWARDS

Thomas ~ for excellent progress in Reading
Ethan ~ for excellent progress in Reading

4-6 AWARDS

Natalie ~ for great effort all round
Isabella ~ for persistence and helping others
Bella ~ for great effort throughout all subjects

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK





HEAD LICE

The bane of many parents, we have another outbreak at school and would ask all parents to treat your children or use preventative measures available from any pharmacy.

Student Achievement



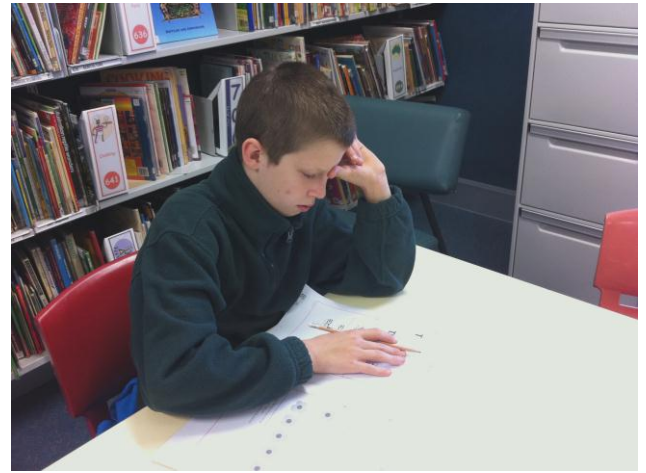
Ellie Gard riding Tuff, Ellie and her family travel all over Australia, she competes in the under18 yrs barrel race and has just started roping in which she has been placing against the older kids, she hopes one day to follow in her big sisters foot steps and be Australian barrel racing champion like Steph...



P & C

The school P & C meeting was held last Wednesday and just some of the items discussed were;

- The launch of Nude Food Days
- Our next Healthy School Lunch Day
- School music and/or choir lessons
- nit issues and solutions
- School grants availabilities and submissions



INSIGHTS

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Engage in your child's education through volunteering

By fully engaging in the life of your child's school you'll enjoy a richer school experience and help your kids to succeed as well.

We all want our kids to be active participants in all that their school has to offer.

Modern schools offer kids a great deal in terms of electives, clubs and other participatory activities. Some kids stand on the edges and don't quite join in, while others immerse themselves in all that a school offers. It's the latter group that tends to get the most out of their educational experience.

Similarly, there are many opportunities available for parents to engage in the life of their children's school ranging from assisting in the classroom through to helping out at weekend working bees.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that parent volunteering in school activities is on the decline. Many schools can't even muster enough parents to person their canteen on a daily basis, forcing them to employ commercial interests to run the tuck shop. Busy lifestyles, attitudinal change towards volunteering and lack of connectedness have been blamed for this decline.

There are some compelling reasons why you should maximise your engagement in your child's school-life.



1. You help your child succeed at school. The positive correlation between a parent's school engagement and a child's success at school has been repeatedly found in studies across the globe. Positive participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Kids of all ages copy their parents' views so your positive involvement in both school and learning is catching. In short, if you want to maximise your child's chances of success then engage as fully as possible in the life of your child's school.

2. You learn what happens at school. Let's face it, some kids are conversational clams so it's hard finding out about their day at school. By helping out in the class, going on an excursion or helping to maintain their school gardens you find out for yourself how modern schools operate.

3. Your school will value your contribution. The recent flurry of capital expenditure in school buildings may suggest that there is plenty of money around for education. Nothing could be further from the truth. Schools in all sectors run on tight budgets and rely on volunteer assistance inside and outside the classroom. In many cases, if volunteers don't do a job, it won't be done. It's that simple.

4. You will feel more connected to your community. Social researchers have noted that children's schools offer many people their first connection to their town or suburb. Mobility is a feature of Australian families with many parents moving vast distances from where they grew up and away from their extended family and peers. Whether you are an urban dweller, a regional city resident or live in a small country town, your child's school offers an entry into a wide social circle.

5. Volunteering is good for your mental health and well-being. Mental health professionals point to volunteering as an important way to maintain good mental health. Not only does volunteering prevent social isolation but it offers the chance to get a feeling of satisfaction from helping out that money just can't buy.

If you'd like to help out at your child's school but you aren't sure where to start then consult your child's teacher, year level co-ordinator or senior staff. They'll point you in the right direction.

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