



### IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th May	National Walk to School Day.
Mon-Fri 21st-25th May	Gr 4 Woorabinda Camp.
Mon & Wed 21st & 23rd May	Gr 3 Wastesmart Excursion.
Wednesday 23rd May	Division Cross Country for children participating.
Thursday 24th May	School Open Day. 9.00-2.00.
Tuesday 29th May	Prep Teddy's Bear Hospital.
Tuesday 29th May	Division Winter Sports for children participating.
Wednesday 30th May	Gr 5 & 6 A.S.P.I.R.E Leadership Program for children participating.
Thursday 31st May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea ( <b>New Date</b> ).
<b>Tuesday 5th June</b>	<b>School photos, envelopes have been sent home.</b>
Wednesday 6th June	Glasses for Kids. Gr Prep-3.
Friday 8th June	Bessie Frood Netball Tournament.
<b>Monday 11th June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday. No school.</b>

Department of Education  
**SWIMMING IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

**Grade 4**

Wed 27th June

**Grade 5**

Wed 23rd May  
Wed 30th May  
Wed 6th June  
Wed 13th June  
Wed 20th June

### Principal's Report

#### NAPLAN

It has been a busy week for our grade 3 and 5 students who have been taking part in NAPLAN testing.

It is always interesting for me to read and hear media reports related to NAPLAN. On the whole NAPLAN is nothing to fear, it is simply an assessment tool that allows comparison to other children. What is of concern is when it is viewed outside it's purpose.

When your child sits a NAPLAN test typically it only serves to inform teachers and hopefully parents what they already knew. Half the world is above average and half the world is below average, the very concept of 'average' dictates that. One test on one day does not determine a child's future but it may give a broad sense of where a child is at (assuming that on the test on the day the child performed to their 'true' level).

Later this year parents will receive the results of NAPLAN and teachers will be available to discuss these should they throw up any surprises. On the whole I would encourage parents to keep NAPLAN in perspective.

No child died in the process!!!!

#### Punctuality

It has become very obvious, especially during NAPLAN, that some families have forgotten our school starting time with children arriving very late and impacting on others already sitting the test.

School starts at **8.45am.**

#### Nearly There

With the laying of asphalt being completed today the school redevelopment works are almost completed. We expect the oval to be ready by the end of next week however grass doesn't grow overnight and we are unlikely to be able to use the oval until after spring.

#### Mother's Day Stall

Many thanks to our helpers who assisted with the Mother's Day stall last Friday. The money raised goes to our Parents' Association who in turn spend it on our students.

#### Woorabinda Camp

Our grade 4's will be off to Woorabinda Camp next week. Woorabinda is one of only a few Camps run by the Education Department which means costs are kept down and the activities are fantastic.

Woorabinda Camp is situated beside Lake Narracan near Yallourn North and is a great asset for our district. I'm certain our grade 4's will have a wonderful time.

*Chris Joustra, Principal.*



# The Value of the Fortnight is:

## Courtesy



### What is it?

Courtesy is having good manners and acting in a way with others that makes them feel valued and respected. Words like 'thank you', 'excuse me' and 'please' let other people know that you care about their feelings and appreciate what they do. Friends and family appreciate courtesy. It shows them that you respect them.

### Why practise it?

Courtesy is important to practise because it makes people feel important and valued. When you are courteous, people enjoy being with you. It helps to make you attractive to others. When a person does not practise courtesy, others feel insulted and unappreciated. Nobody particularly likes being around rude people. They give others the impression that they don't care about anybody or anything.

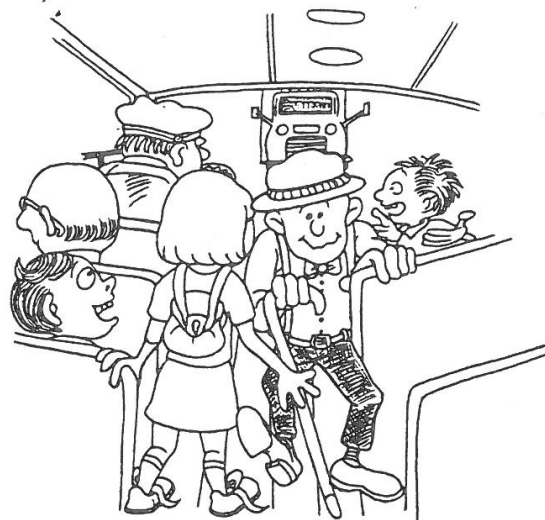
### How to practise it

You practise courtesy by speaking politely to people and thinking of how your behaviour is affecting others. Courtesy is not interrupting someone when they are speaking, instead say 'Excuse me' and then wait patiently for their attention.

Courtesy is answering the phone politely, it is saying 'please' and 'thank you' to others. It is listening to people when they speak.

### Role play and discussion

- Your mother is on the phone and you need to speak to her.
- You are meeting a new classmate for the first time.



- You are at your class party and a plate of lollies is put onto the table.
- You have just walked into the classroom but you are very late.

### Signs of success

- You are aware of how your behaviour and the way you speak affects other people.
- You acknowledge other people by saying things like 'hello', 'thank you' and 'please'.
- If you would like someone's attention, you say 'Excuse me' and then wait patiently for their attention.



### Starter activities

- Create a 'Thank you for being courteous' card to award to others when they are polite to you.
- Write an instruction guide on 'How to answer a phone and take a message politely'.

# SCHOOL OPEN DAY

*Thursday 24th May*

*Prep teachers will be available between 9.00-2.00 to have a chat, answer any questions and give information on our 2019 Prep program.*

## Principal Led School Tours

*10am, 12pm & 2pm.*

## Fun Activity for Kinder Kids

*2pm in Prep the Prep classrooms.*

## 2019 Prep Program Presentation

*5-6pm*

# GRADE 6 SHIRTS

If anyone would like to order another shirt/hoodie could you please see Miss Allison as soon as possible.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The price/s will depend on how many are ordered.

# AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thursday 31st May, (NEW DATE)

10.40-11.30m

*This year we will again host an "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Australia.*

*We are asking for support from all teachers and parents, please bring a small plate to share.*

*Hoping to see as many people as possible to help us support this very worthy cause.*

*All donations gratefully accepted.  
Thank you.*

*Angie Lane & Maria Demetriou.*



## **SEMESTER TWO — LEARNING CLUB**

Following a successful Learning Club (TLC) in Semester One places are now available for Semester Two beginning in August.

Children who were enrolled in Semester One are not required to fill in application form again but a short note permitting their attendance again is required.

Prospective new participants will be required to fill in application forms which are available from Mr Stewart.

**Numbers for next semester will be capped at 28 due to the availability of tutors. Places will be strictly allocated on a first come, first served basis.**





# Education Week

## 20th-26th May

The theme for Education Week this year is.  
**Celebrating the Arts**

Fruit platters are available at recess daily for students.

### MONDAY

- ☺ Grade 3 Recycling Excursion. Group A.
- ☺ Grade 4 Woorabinda Camp for the week.

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

- ☺ Grade 3 Recycling Excursion. Group B.
- ☺ Division Cross Country for children participating.
- ☺ Grade 5 Swimming.

### THURSDAY - OPEN DAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

- ☺ **SCHOOL OPEN DAY.**

### FRIDAY

- ☺ **Education Celebrating the Arts.** Whole School rotation of Activities Celebrating the Arts . Children will be participating in different activities involving music, visual art and dance.



## WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018! For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

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# SCHOOL PHOTO HELP STATION



## HELPFUL PHOTO DAY INFORMATION:

1. If you are placing an order please ensure each child has their own envelope.
2. Do **not** place another child's envelope inside their siblings envelope.
3. Please collect a family envelope from the school office if you wish to have a family photo taken.
4. All children are photographed regardless if you are paying or not. This is for the schools records.
5. When the photos are returned to school, those who did not place an order on the day will be given a second chance to order via a new form distributed when photos are returned to school.  
**You won't miss out!**
6. The school does not give change nor do the photographers.  
**PLEASE** ensure the correct money is enclosed.
7. If you lose your envelope the photographers and the school carry spares.
8. Only parents who are paying on the day and requesting it will have a family photo taken.
9. Ordering online is the only way you can pay with credit cards.
10. We do not have control over the way your child's name appears in the photo - any changes or requests are strictly handled by the school.

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