



*"Farewell Mrs Dunstan!"*

## Diary Dates:

School Assembly - Monday 29/02/16  
 Clean Up Australia Day - Friday 4/03/16 9-10am  
 Congewai Catch Up - Monday 14/3/16  
 Tell Them From Me Surveys - Monday 14/3/16 years 4 to 6  
 Kindergarten Best Start Reports to parents - Thursday 17/03/16  
 Last swimming lesson - Friday 18/03/16  
 Responsible Pet Program visit to school - Thursday 24/03/16 11:45- 12:25  
 Good Friday - Friday 25/03/16  
 Easter Saturday, Sunday, Monday - 26-28/03/16  
 Students return to school - Tuesday 29/03/16  
 Harvest Festival - Sunday 2/04/16  
 Last day of term - Friday 8/04/16

Welcome to week 6.

We finished off last week in grand style with our Farewell Afternoon Tea for Mrs Dunstan. Our students all assisted with the preparations for the Tea, including cooking, cleaning up and of course, eating. Well done everyone, and a big thank you to Miss Kirsty for the organisation.

This Friday we will participate in the annual Clean Up Australia Day activities. This ensures our students are very aware of the amount of rubbish materials that end up in our environment, both from their activities and the activities of others. We are very lucky to go to school in our area, an area which is relatively rubbish free, where the community is very aware of environmental issues and responsibilities.

Our Easter Basket raffle tickets are going out today to families. Each family gets a booklet of 10 tickets, all costing \$2 each. Families may choose to purchase tickets themselves (giving them a good chance of winning) or selling the tickets to others. Should you wish to sell more tickets, please enquire, we do have plenty.

The raffle winners will be drawn at our Hat Parade on Thursday the 24th of March at 1pm.

Our Hat Parade will celebrate decorated hats of all persuasions, colours and decorative items. Children

may choose any theme they want, including Easter. Prizes won't be given due to the number of students we have at our school, but we will be offering a special prize to the adult with the best hat who attends on the day.

We are moving into full preparations for our annual Harvest Festival. We'd love some helpers for this very important fund raising day. Should you be able to provide some assistance in any area, could you please let us know asap.

We need people to:

- Visit markets to invite stall holders to attend (please see us for a flyer to give out)
- Sign writers and sign "put up eres"
- BBQ helpers on the day
- Set up and finish up assistance for the day
- Marketing person

And finally, today is February 29th, which marks a leap year for 2016. Happy birthday to all those who were born on this auspicious day!

*Until next week,  
 Donna Stackman*

## CLASSROOM NEWS:

**Speaking and Listening topic** of the week: We learned some fascinating things last week and this week our students will share their favourite family meal.

**Maths:** This week our whole school will be focusing on number, particularly addition and subtraction. I encourage parents to use the AtoZ website for up to date information about how these two areas are now taught in schools.

**Literacy:** Again, we developing visual literacy, looking a pictures and identifying the story they tell.

**Art:** We are putting the finishing touches to some of our art projects, including our 'tshirts' and our graffiti art.

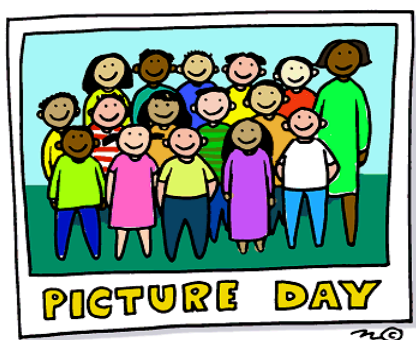
**Library:** Our students are accessing their library portal, Orbit, to check on loans, overdue loans, and identifying books according to topics, and finding them in our school library.

### Clean Up Australia Day for Schools

This Friday our students will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day for Schools. We will be tidying and cleaning up our school grounds only as the road side is quite overgrown. Starting at 9:15am, we'll be emu walking across our school grounds and tidying the area.

Children are encouraged to bring gloves, and old pair of kitchen tongs and a garbage bag (old shopping bags are good), as well as hats and sun screen already applied. We'd love to have parent helpers, should you find yourself able to spare a half hour.

In preparation for this day, we have had a whole school discussion about snakes, revamped our snake posters, discussed our safety procedures and ensured our entire school is aware of what to do should a snake be sighted. We've had some reporting of snakes in our nearby areas, including on the road close to our school. Please reinforce our procedures with your children, as we do, on a regular basis. We've included a copy of our poster with this newsletter.



### School photos

Monday morning

18th March

## EASTER RAFFLE

We now taking items for our Easter Basket raffles. We'll be doing up 3 baskets, first, second and third prize baskets. Please bring goodies to the office. Ticket booklets are included with this newsletter.



It's Monday night!

Let's check for little unwelcome visitors in our kid's hair. With regular checks we can keep on top of any visits.