November 10 – 12  
Friday November 28  
November 17 – 21  
Friday December 5  
Friday December 12  
Wednesday December 17  
Friday December 19  

Year 3 and 4 Beechworth Camp $320  
CURRICULUM DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED  
Year 5 and 6 Karoonda Camp $405  
School Production – Yarra Glen Community Hall  
Twilight Working Bee  
Year 6 Graduation Dinner – 5.45pm – 8pm  
CURRICULUM DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED  

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK  

Yesterday Mrs Johnston informed the staff that she would retire from the DEECD at the end of this year. Heather told her current, and future students, of her decision this morning.  

Mrs Johnston made this decision on the weekend, and I was informed on Monday. We are all very sad to see Heather cease full time teaching here, however she will be available for casual relief teaching when we need her.  

Obviously we now need to advertise for a Year ¾ teacher. This will happen next week. A panel will be formed to consider applications. It will consist of two teachers, a member of School Council and me. We hope to finalise the process by early December so the school community can meet this new teacher. If you personally know of any teachers graduating this year, please tell them to look out for the position advertised on the DEECD site, ‘Recruitment on Line.’  

Heather has been at this school since 2003 so we as a community will want to thank her. Heather is however, a very quiet, private person who is uncomfortable with any over organized event. We therefore plan to have a celebration afternoon tea at school for her at a date we will determine next week. Please let any past students and families aware of this upcoming afternoon.  

SHARON WALKER
SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014

2014 Term 4: October 6 – December 19

2015 Term 1: 29 January to 27 March
Term 2: 13 April to 26 June
Term 3: 13 July to 18 September
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

YEAR 3 AND 4 BEECHWORTH CAMP NOVEMBER 10 - 12

Campers please note the following:

- Must be at school on Monday, **no later than 8.30am** – meet at the Year 3W room on the deck.
- Must have a day backpack with food for play and lunch breaks on Monday, drinks, money, camera, tissues, electronic device (if taken)
- All medications to be given to Sharon Walker
- Wear clothing and shoes suitable for a 7km walk on arrival at the camp – without unpacking
  **Bring the camp booklet if not already returned**
- All children will need a refillable drink bottle on camp

*Please note no children can go without the completed medical form handed to the office!*

YEAR 5/6 CAMP KAROONDA CAMP

No students can go to camp without all forms and monies being paid to the office by **November 13.**

NO LUNCH ORDERS DIRECTLY TO THE CAFÉ

The Dixons Creek Café staff are becoming frustrated by families who hand in lunch orders directly to the café. All lunch orders must come through school only! This has been stated before however some people continue to not do this. The café only prepares enough food to cover the orders submitted through the school office on Tuesday evening.

Many children are writing out their own lunch orders – which is great – but they are not including vital information such as their grade and name etc. Some children draw pictures and write notes to the café staff however staff cannot then find the written order information. Please ensure that one side of the bag only displays: name, grade, items ordered, total and money included. The reverse can be decorated!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The new school website is now live. It is a great site for parents as they can view policies, print forms, see the calendar of events, read the school achievement reports, catch up with PFA news, visit each classroom link to view photos, readily access the Information booklets and see work samples. We hope to share more events via video on the site also. At the moment it is still a ‘work in progress.’ Please visit the site regularly – especially to view the calendar updates.

*There is now a virtual tour filmed by the year 6 students.*

HATS

Please be aware that all children need to wear a hat at school in Term 4. Parents please check that your child has a hat that fits. New hats are available by order, or in person, from Cassie on Tuesday mornings from 9am.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Now that we are into the final term of school we are excited about organising our school production. Each class will have a song to perform. There is a core cast who will deliver the story line. Emma, Laura and Elisabeth will be at school each Wednesday to help the cast and classes with their rehearsals. We welcome parent volunteers to help with choreography, rehearsals, singing or set design etc. Please feel free to get in touch with Emma, Laura and Elisabeth, or come along to school from 2.30pm each Wednesday.

CURRICULUM DAYS

There are two Curriculum Days this term (none last term), Friday November 28 and Friday December 19

USED A4 PAPER

We still desperately need A4 paper that has been used on one side only. Please bring to the office!! Thank you so much to those who have been able to help us in the past.

PREP 2015 TRANSITION DATES

Please note the dates following are all **Fridays from 9-11am** except for the longer December 5 date. All dates are subject to change. Fridays have been chosen as there are no one hour specialist blocks on this day and children can experience some of the assemblies.

The remaining proposed dates for the 2015 Prep Transition Program are:

- **November 7 and 21, December 5 – 9-1.30pm**
SEWING MACHINES WANTED
Do you have a relatively modern working sewing machine that you no longer need? We are hoping to use them in a Year 5/6 ‘business’ project next year (part of the mathematics curriculum). If you have one, or know of family who do, please feel free to donate them to school- or loan perhaps?

LUNCH ORDERS
Dixons Creek Café will continue to provide affordable lunches for our school at minimal cost. We thank Mark and Christina for their support. Orders must be submitted by 3.20pm each Tuesday to the school office only. No orders will be accepted directly to the café.
The following items are available each Thursday:

Four N 20 175gm Beef Pie $2.50 ea
Gluten, dairy, fructose free pies $5.50 ea
Four N 20 180 gm Sausage Roll $2.50 ea
Patties Party Pie $1.20 ea
Patties Party Sausage Roll $1.20 ea

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DECEMBER 17
One of our first changes in the Year 5/6 area is to change the graduation program. Mrs Johnston and the children have enjoyed their day out together each year however student numbers are now too big for this kind of activity. We therefore invite the Year 6 children to attend the following event:

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The children will have a three course dinner with four main choices. Parent may purchase drinks and desert at bar prices. The children will be photographed throughout the night individually, with friends of choice, as a group and with family. It is a formal occasion so formal dress is requested please. More information can be acquired from Miss Lyons who is the coordinator of the event.

FROZEN JUICE STICKS
During Term 4 frozen fruit sticks are again available for purchase each Friday lunchtime, and on other days when the temperature is above 33 degrees. The cost is $3.00 for five. A card is kept to record the number of sticks received. Please send along the correct money in a named envelope. Many parents buy multiple cards to ensure children can have a frozen stick on very hot days.