**Dates to Remember**

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**Principal’s Address**

**Dung Beetle Field Day**

The year 4-6 students had an entertaining and informative day out at Neil and Kelly Burton’s farm, where they got to mangle cow poo, looking for dung beetles and earthworms. The students were very interested in listening to Dr Graeme Stevenson, former Research Officer with Tasmania’s Agricultural Department speak about the role dung beetles play in spreading nutrients into the soil and reducing fly and viral infestations.

If you live on a property, it would be great if your children could search for and record the dung beetles they find.

**Pedestrian Safety**

Please keep safe over the holidays and think about your children on the roads. Children’s vulnerability as road users is centred around their cognitive and perceptual abilities which are not fully developed until young adulthood.

Children are at risk on the roads because they are small and can’t see over parked cars, can’t be seen easily by drivers, are energetic and have trouble stopping at corners, have difficulty telling where sounds are coming from and may expect traffic to come from the wrong direction. This is true until the age of 11 or 12. Children reliably tend to focus on what is in front of them, may behave differently when they are out with other children, forgetting about traffic.

...may freeze if they find themselves in the path of a car, rather than jump out of the way require specially fitted restraints which must be altered as they grow.

Most crashes involving child pedestrians and vehicles are the result of errors made by the children. Children under 10 do not have the necessary cognitive and perceptual skills to negotiate roads without adult supervision.

http://www.ors.wa.gov.au/Road-Safety-Topics/Road-Users/Children

**Attendance**

It is hard to attend school every day but 22% of our students have done it this term!! They are Jackson Harper, Molly Vega, Luke & Chantelle McKinlay, Matilda & Connar Hill, Jade & Amber Vermeulen, Caelan Wrigley, Amber Ninyette, Ellie Slatter, Megan Brown, Robert Eggington and Jed Cummuskey. Congratulations to these students and their parents.

**Faction T-shirts**

For faction t-shirts, we have decided to tie dye white t-shirts in the faction colours rather than organise formal faction t-shirts. The students will then all have the same shirts but with an individual touch.

Can you please bring in a white tshirt for your child to tie dye?

**Student Bus Changes**

Please advise the office by email, phone or written note of any changes to your child’s bus routine. Activities after school are currently not organised by the school. We are just an avenue for distributing notes and we do not adjust bus routines on notes written for other providers. Thanks.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

There is an outbreak of hand, foot and mouth disease in town. Symptoms may include fever, sore throat, tiredness and blisters in the mouth and on the tongue, palms of hands and feet.

There is no treatment but ask your chemist or doctor about what can be done.

Washing hands is the best way to prevent it spreading. If your child is infected, keep them away from others until the blisters are dry.

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students:-

PP        Shanae Dixon
          Mei Parker
Year 1    Mae Hardiman
Year 2    Sandon Phillips
          Dylan Hoskins
Year 3    Chantelle McKinlay
Year 4    Jade Vermeulen
Year 5    Zoe Slatter
          Jack Hunter
Year 6    Connor Hill

Thank you

to the Ambulance Crew,

Kelly Burton, Viv Williams,
Russell Hill & Kaye Hall,
who delivered First Aid lessons to
the K-6 students.

P&C Easter Raffle

Hope you have bought your Easter raffle ticket in this amazing basket? Tickets will be sold over the weekend in town in case you missed out.

Thank you to the P&C for organising the raffle.