CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
Tuesday 1st – School Council – 6.30pm
1st - 9th – Somers Camp
2nd - 4th – Grade 4 Camp
Sunday 6th – Garden Working Bee – 10am
Thursday 10th/Friday 11th – Working Bees
Saturday 12th – 150th Celebrations
Thursday 17th – Bravehearts – P-2
Friday 18th – Pupil Free Day
17th – 19th – Energy Breakthrough
Saturday 19th – Wedding Catering

DECEMBER
Friday 16th – School Concert
Monday 19th – End of Year Excursion – SuperTramp and Kardinia Pool
Tuesday 20th – Last school day of 2016 early dismissal

BUNNINGS BARBECUE
Many thanks to all the parents and family members who helped out with our recent Bunnings BBQ. We had a busy day and raised a significant amount of money for the school which will be used mainly to purchase resources for the children.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE SURVEY
All parents should have recently received a survey about After School Care. We are currently in the process of applying to become a registered provider of After School Care and we need feedback from our parent community as to who would or would not use the service. Could all parents please return their survey forms ASAP even if they do not believe that they will use After School Care at our school? Thank you.
150th Celebrations

Our 150th Celebrations are fast approaching and all necessary arrangements are nearly in place. There are still things that parents can do to help, and all help would be most gratefully appreciated.

We have a gardening working bee on Sunday 6th November from 10am until 12pm, with a sausage sizzle lunch to follow. This will be for general tidying up of the gardens and outside areas, so if anyone wants to bring gardening tools with them please feel free.

On the days immediately preceding the 150th celebration (Thursday 10th and Friday 11th) we will also be having working bees at the school. These will be for the general setting up of the school, ie putting up gazebos, setting up photo displays and last minute cleaning and tidying. More detail about times for these days will follow later. Please contact Emily to inform her of your availability on those days.

ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

We still have some work to do on getting our Energy Breakthrough entry together, but things are underway. If anyone is good at building billy carts could they please contact me as this is our greatest area of concern at the moment. We have children from both Rokewood and Meredith Primary Schools to round out our team numbers, and a training schedule has been organised.

BOOK PACKS

This year we are considering setting up the essential curriculum items or “book packs” in a slightly different way to previous years. In line with Education Department policy, we are looking at getting all of the children’s stationary needs together in packs, to be picked up and paid for in late January 2017, then taken home and named. A determination on the cost will be made at School Council, but is not expected to rise significantly from the $130 level of this year (in the $140 to $150 bracket). Please see me if this raises any financial difficulties.

WEDDING CATERING

School Council has agreed to help out with the wedding of a former student and member of our Leeanne’s family on Saturday 19th November. My understanding is that we would mostly be required in a serving and cleaning up role, not cooking. Depending on numbers, the idea would be to split the night into 2 shifts of approximately 2 1/2 hours each. Can any parents who are prepared to help on the night please let me know?

SUNSMART

As it is now Term 4, all children are required to wear broad brimmed school hats at recess and lunch times. If anyone does not own a hat, they are available for purchase from the office for $10 in various sizes. We are happy to supervise the children when they apply their own sunscreen if parents wish to send any.