

CALENDAR

2018	
Fri 18 May	Walk to School Day
Fri 18 May	Assembly 2.50pm
21-25 May	Education Week
Mon 21 May	Curriculum Day (no students at school)
Mon 21 May	Parent Information Night 7pm – 8.30pm Andrew Fuller – Developing Resilience
Tues 22 nd May	Indoor Picnic – families invited 11.15am
Wed 23 May	John Newcombes' Birthday Casual Day for Blue House
Thurs 24 May	Open Morning 9.00am to 11.00am
Fri 25 May	Assembly 2.50pm
Wed 30 May	St John's First Aid – all grades No cost to parents
Fri 1 June	Assembly 2.50pm
Thurs 7 June	Sovereign Hill Visit (Years 5 and 6) Parent payment required
Fri 8 June	Assembly 2.50pm
Mon 11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Fri 15 June	Assembly – Whole School Song
Fri 15 June	Family Movie Night (\$5 per person)
Thurs 21 June	School Athletic Sports Years 3 to 6 Parent payment required
Fri 22 June	Assembly 2.50pm
Mon 25 June	Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings Online bookings not available at this stage
Thurs 28 June	'Athon Fundraising Activity – Colour Run
Fri 29 June	Last Day of Term Two (2.30pm dismissal) Reports Sent Home with Students
Mon 20 Aug	Book Week Commences
Tues 21 Aug	Author Visit No cost to parents
Mon 27 Aug	Donald Bradman's Birthday Casual Day for Green House
Fri 31 Aug	Premier's Reading Challenge Finishes
Tues 4 Sept	Dawn Fraser's Birthday Casual Day for Yellow House
Mon 5 Nov	Curriculum Day (no students at school)

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION WITH ANDREW FULLER

Monday 21st May

7.00pm to 8.30pm

FREE SESSION FOR GVPS PARENTS

DEVELOPING RESILIENCE


Please note - this is not the same session as last year

Contact the office to reserve your seat

9338 6083

Children may attend and will be watching a movie

Parents who attended Andrew's session last year were delighted to have the opportunity to hear his ideas which were presented in a most engaging and often humorous manner. We highly recommend this program to all families.



Celebrating the arts
20-26 MAY
#EDWEEKVIC

Monday
Curriculum Day – staff will be studying neuroscience with Andrew Fuller
Parent Night – a free session with Andrew Fuller for parents

Tuesday – Family Picnic (11.15am to 12.20pm)
Our family picnic will be held indoors. Bring along a rug and enjoy lunch inside with your child/ren and their friends. Families observing Ramadan are most welcome to attend and may like to play a game with their child/ren. We have some games at school, but you might like to bring something different along.

Wednesday – Whole School Writing Activity
In term one, students found teddy bears having a party outside the library and after visiting the bears they wrote wonderful stories which were put on show during our family night. Another stimulus will be provided, however, we can't tell you what it will be – it's a huge secret!

Thursday – Open Morning (9.00am to 11.00am)
Parents, carers, relatives and friends are invited to our open morning between 9am and 11am. Visit your child/ren in their room and have them take you on a short guided tour of the school. Tour sheets will be available in each classroom and you are welcome to collect all of your children from their rooms for this activity.

Class Art Pieces
Each class will be creating a 'masterpiece' on a small canvas during Education Week. These will be on display during our Parent/Teacher/Student meetings on Monday 25th June.

Mothers' Day Stall



THANK YOU once again to Amanda and her enthusiastic team of helpers who made our Mothers' Day stall such a great success. Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls date back to well before I was in primary school (that's going way back in history!) and really are something both children and the special people in their lives look forward to each year.

School Car Park



The vast majority of parents follow 'the car park rules' and we appreciate this – thank you! However, there are still a few people who disregard the clear sign near the gate and put the safety of our children at risk. Regardless of the time of day, the weather or how late someone is, there is no valid excuse for endangering the lives of children. The rules apply to all parents at all times. Again, thank you to all those who 'do the right thing.'

'Athon – Colour Run

What is a Colour Run?

Our 'athon this year will be a colour run. For those who haven't come across a Colour Run it's really quite simple. The children will run around a marked course, while teachers squirt them with coloured powder.

Is the Powder Used Safe?

The powder used consists of corn-starch mixed with food dyes and is not classified as hazardous. The Safety Data Sheet for this product will be available at the school office for parents to view from today.

What Will My Child Need?

A white or light coloured top (and old pants/shorts and shoes)

The colour stands out best on a light coloured top, white is recommended. We are letting you know this early so you can source a suitable top for your child/ren.

Children will get covered in colour so we recommend old clothes. Op shops are great places to find clothing for these types of event.

Sponsors

The 'athon is one of our major fundraising events for the year. In 2017 we made over \$6000 which has been retained for the development of the school grounds (unfortunately, our selected contractor has not been able to commence the planned works). Money from the event this year will be added to our grounds budget.

A large old towel (optional)

Children may wear the clothes they plan to run in to school for the whole day as this will mean we don't have 400 children needing to use changing rooms which we don't have. Before the run they will have an opportunity to remove jumpers and jackets that are to be kept colour free. You may want to send along a large old towel to wrap your child in before they get in the car! Children going to After School Care will require a change of clothes and will be given time to change in the After Care toilets.

Can Parents Join in the Run?

Parents are welcome to run and be covered in colour or assist with supervision.



NAPLAN

While taking the program seriously, we don't make a great fuss about NAPLAN. The tests are very much like the work children do regularly throughout the school year and the expectation is simply that each child does their best on the day (just like they should on any given day). To our students in years three and five who did the NAPLAN tests this week, we say 'well done on getting on with the job' and to the parents of these children, thank you for keeping the tests in perspective and encouraging your child/ren to do their best.



John Newcombe's Birthday – Blue House Casual Day



John Newcombe is famous for his achievements in tennis. He is one of the few men to have attained a World No 1 Ranking in both singles and doubles, and won seven Majors titles in singles as well as an all-time record of 17 double's titles.

John Newcombe was captain of the Australian Davis Cup team from 1995 to 2000 and was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1985. The following year he was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

John Newcombe's birthday is May 23rd and in recognition of this all students in Newcombe (Blue House) are invited to either dress as John himself, wear blue or just wear casual clothes.

New Uniform – Go Blue! (pants and shorts)



We received very positive feedback in regard to the new uniform announced last week and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of uniform samples. In the meantime, students may start to wear **plain (no logos or stripes) navy blue pants and shorts**. Plain navy jumpers can not be worn as once the uniform arrives, the uniform tops will all have logos and all students will need a logo top. Current uniform items (except the pinafore) are selling out at half price while stocks last.

Arrival Time and Late Arrivals

Students must be at school by 8.55am. And, not before 8.45am.

Class rolls will be marked at 9.00am.



Parents must contact the school regarding absences. When possible, this should be done before the day of the absence.

Please contact the school office to report absences - 9338 6083.

Late arrivals result in disruption to the running of the school. Punctuality is important and the habit of being 'on time' starts when children are young.

