

CALENDAR

2018	
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)



Education Week is a wonderful time for us to celebrate that learning and fun that goes on at school every week of the year. It is also an opportunity to

showcase some of the things we do and involve our terrific community in special activities. We are fortunate to have such a hardworking, enthusiastic and dedicated staff.

Curriculum Day

Staff had a fabulous day of learning with Andrew Fuller (psychologist and neuroscientist). The focus of our session was on neurological differentiation – recognising how each child's brain is different, analysing what each child needs to be successful and ways to develop child's brain.

Parent Information Session

Andrew backed up his day program with a most engaging and informative session for parents on developing resilience in children. Feedback from the parents who attended was extremely positive. And while the parents learnt about resilience the children showed how resilient they are when the planned movie didn't quite work out!



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The atmosphere around the school during the indoor picnic was fabulous. We know that not everyone can attend these events so it was terrific to see families temporarily 'adopting' children and making sure everyone felt welcome. Thank you to all those who attended the picnic and made it such a wonderful success.



Writing Stimulus



When students arrived at school on Wednesday they found that an unidentified animal had found its way into the building, made a huge mess and laid an enormous egg. The excitement amongst children, staff and parents was incredible and made for a most exciting start to the day.

During the day each class had time to come and closely examine the mess and the egg. The discussions had between children and with staff were absolutely amazing as children tried to work out what had happened and predict what might happen next.



On Thursday morning the scene had changed – the egg had hatched! Students found small, baby animal footprints but no animal. Once again discussions were held and imaginations went wild.

All students will be planning, drafting and polishing a very special piece of writing based on this stimulus. We are looking forward to seeing what they come up with.



The excitement generated from this event has been incredible. We are aware that some students phoned relatives overseas to tell them what had happened at school. Photographic evidence was even sent across the globe as proof.

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Open Morning

Our open morning was an outstanding success. The excitement of the mysterious egg had everyone captivated, and the letter hunt saw

families, once again, share the responsibility for all our children as they searched for letters around the school. It was truly awesome to see so much enthusiasm and enjoyment from all members of our community.



Lockdown During Open Morning

Unfortunately there was an incident during our open morning that resulted in the school being put into a classroom lockdown. Ensuring the safety of all students, staff and others on site meant that this action was the only option.

I apologise for the disruption to what was a most magnificent morning with our community and trust that you understand specific details of this incident can not be made public.

It was good to receive positive feedback from parents in regards to the quick action of staff to secure the school.

I am happy to meet with any parents who would like to discuss this incident from an operational point of view, but ask that you understand that specific event details and other confidential information will not be discussed.

We will continue to care for all individual children in our school.

John Newcombe's Birthday



Students in Newcombe House (Blue House) celebrated John Newcombe's birthday on Wednesday with a casual clothes day.

These birthday celebrations have been so popular with the children that a few have come ready to celebrate a few days early! If your or your child do ever get 'the day wrong' please know that it will be fine with us. The message to our students is that we all make mistakes. We can usually sort something out to help your child. Some are happy to stay in

their casual clothes, while others appreciated the loan of some uniform items.

It has been terrific to note the increased knowledge students have of the sport stars our 'houses' are named after.

COLOUR RUN

THURSDAY 28TH JUNE

We have two aims;

1. for everyone to have a great day
2. to raise funds for our school

While it still may appear that we are 'always asking for money' we have made a very conscious effort this year to reduce the financial cost of school for families.

Examples of how we have assisted include;

- Δ no charge to parents for individual devices such as iPads
- Δ costs covered for whole school events including the Aladdin performance for years three to six and the whole school performance on bullying prevention

We are now asking for everyone to **DO THEIR VERY BEST** to get sponsors for the colour run.

Money raised from this event will be going to an upgrade of the school grounds which will benefit all students.

Colour Run Reminders

- Δ white shirt and old clothes to run in
- Δ an old towel and a change of clothes
- Δ Safety Data Sheet for the powder available at the office
- Δ parents and other families welcome to join in



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