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Welcome to Term 4 and it is week 3 already.

As I was looking for inspiration during this extreme weather that we are experiencing, I found this picture. I feel that this image summarises how we must all be feeling as we go about our day with our heads bowed in an attempt to weather the storm. I am thankful to be working in a community with country kids and families that are tough, resilient, and patient. Kids who love to walk in the rain and play in the puddles!

Save the Dates!

Important events for Term 4

Please note these events are subject to change.



Event	Students involved	Week	Date
Orienteering	Senior class	3	Oct 21st
Try Skills (Gymnastics)	Whole school	4, 7, 9, 10	Oct 24th, Nov 14th, 28th Dec 5th
Tennis morning at Toolangi courts	Whole school	4	Oct 26th
SSG meetings	Whole school	4	Oct 26 & 27th
Transition	Playgroup Transition session: Oct 20th, 27th & Nov 3rd Transition session with Sophie: Nov. 14, 21 & 28	3,4 &5 7,8 & 9	Oct 20 th & 27 th Nov 14 th , 21 st & 28th
Curriculum Day Pupil Free Day	Whole school	5	Oct 31st
Junior Sports Day	Junior class	5	Nov 4th
Swimming Program	Whole school	6	Nov 7th - 11th
Bike Ed	Whole school	8 & 9	Nov 23rd & 30th
School Concert	Whole school	11	Dec 15th
Foggy Mountain Song presentation	Whole school	11	Dec 18th (Sunday)
Activities Day (TBC)	Whole school	12	Dec 19th
Last day of Term 4	Whole school	12	Dec 20th

Curriculum Day (pupil free day) October 31st 2022.

Please note that we have a scheduled curriculum day on the Monday before Cup Day. Students will not be required at school on Monday 31st October. Staff will use this day for report writing. We hope you are able to enjoy a long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday November 2nd 2022.

Foggy Mountain Song Workshop

Last week we spent a delightful afternoon participating in a workshop to compose and practise a song to perform at the Kinglake Twilight Market on Sunday December 18th. I was immensely proud of our children's enthusiasm and imagination during this session. Our workshop leaders Merlyn and Dan Carter commented on the positive engagement of our children during this session. The song is entertaining and a little bizarre, however guaranteed to bring a smile.

Tarrawarra

The theme of the exhibition we saw at Tarrawarra Museum of Art is called Rhythms of Earth so after an acknowledgment of country and a chat about what we thought the rhythms of the earth are, our tour guide Sarah led us around the gallery. Sarah showed us many different styles and types of art. The gallery was closed to the public when we had our tour so we had the whole gallery to ourselves and were even able to choose an artwork to sit in front of and create a drawing inspired by that artwork. We will be continuing the "Rhythms of the Earth" theme this term in the art room along with a few other surprise projects.

If you would like to see the exhibition for yourself Tarrawarra offers free entry to locals on Wednesdays, you just need to state your local postcode (3777).

**MAPPEN:**

We are very excited as this term in our inquiry unit we are focusing on Creativity. Our Junior students will be practising thinking creatively as they use their imagination to explore traditional tales. This work will culminate in building a puppet theatre to present a modified traditional tale at our Creativity Expo.

The senior students will be designing, producing and marketing a product to sell at a market called 'Bizarre Bazaar'. The students will be selling their products at this market so stay tuned for your invitation to attend both the puppet show and the market.

PE News - Gymnastics and Bike Ed

Gymnastics by Try Skills and Bike Ed by Anthony Glynn will be provided by our Sporting in Schools Grant this term. Gymnastics will be conducted at the Community Hall on Oct 24th, Nov 14th and 28th and Dec 5th. There will also be two Bike Ed sessions on Nov 23rd and 30th.

The children will be asked to bring their bikes and helmets to school on each of these days. As part of the program, the bikes will be checked over for safety and set up correctly for each child, if not already done. Let us know if your child does not have access to a bike as we may be able to source some for the program.

TRANSITION

Our 'Stepping into Prep' program begins with 3 playgroup sessions designed to support the transition to school. This program then merges into our junior classroom where the children participate in transition activities designed to promote a positive start to school in the new year. Transition dates are as follows:

- Thursday October 20th, 27th and November 3rd
- Monday November 14th, 21st and 28th

If you are aware of a family in the area who is looking to enrol their child in 2023 please encourage them to contact the school for a personal tour.

