

N/C Chronicle

COMING EVENTS

Sunday March 7th—Pistacio Picnic—Red Cliffs.

Monday March 8th—Public Holiday

CONGRATULATIONS

Our two school captains Nicola and Harley were superb last Saturday night when they officially opened "The Nowingi Place" sound shell. They made me so proud, as they confidently and clearly addressed the crowd that had halted to celebrate the event. Thanks to all those who made the effort to attend.

CENSUS DAY—ENROLMENT AND STAFFING 2010

Today was our official pupil count and depending on today's census our staffing budget is set for the year. Our enrolment for 2010 was 71 pupils which was not quite enough to cover all our teaching staff. Discussions with school council, parents club and staff have resulted in the decision that all staff will take a time fraction cut to ensure that our present program can continue and that our school does not carry a salary deficit into 2011. This means that all teacher aides will work 0.4 (4x1/2 days) and all teachers work 0.9 (9 day fortnight) and Mrs Stone will be reduced to 0.6. Mrs Stone has been insistent that she will not allow this to effect her maths program and has offered to work 3 1/2 days and 1 full day. This is a most generous offer as she will need to travel out for 1/2 a days work. Mrs Sleep, Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Wright have all insisted that there will be minimum effect on the language program, and that is why we have chosen the 9 day fortnight concept. (2 staff will have Friday off every second week, leaving 3 staff to cater for the 3 classes. Which has been the norm for the past 4 years. This will allow Freaky Friday and Fundzinc to continue as per usual. This is a most generous offer by all staff, as it allows our school program to continue without major interruptions. I trust that all parents can appreciate that you have staff who are prepared to give up some of their salary in order to maintain your child's educational program.

WELCOME

A big warm welcome to Olivia (gr 6) and Toby (prep) Robinson and Natasha Pauesi (gr 6) who recently started at our school. We trust their stay is a rewarding and fulfilling one.

BBQ TONIGHT

Don't forget tonight's FREE community BBQ at the school. We already have 10 names from families no longer associated with the school who are keen to return and to view our refurbishment. I encourage all our school families to attend and to bring a friend. Lets make it another great community event.

NEW ROOM

Our new room is still coming. The latest timetable looks like this but could change.

March 1st—Monday—11.00am—Big crane removes old classroom.

March 4th—Thursday—Big crane positions new classroom.

March 10th—Wednesday—9.00am—Prep—2 children move into new room.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We require at least 2 new council members. Nominations close March 12th. Nomination forms available at the office. Please consider your involvement in the school.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As part of our emergency management plan we are installing a program called ZapitSMS. The program will allow us to send an SMS message to all mobile phones operated by our parents and emergency contacts. A push of one button we can send a message to as many phones as we have listed. eg. if the bus breaks down, or is late etc we can notify all families. Emergency evacuations etc. Can all families please complete the attached reply slip with upgraded mobile contacts for the family and your emergency contacts. This is an extremely important request, it's your child's safety.

SWIMMING SPORTS

What a wonderful event, and it was fantastic to see so many families and friends in attendance. It was equally fulfilling to see how well the children swam and behaved. Results published on Fundzinc page. Thanks to all parents and staff who support our swimming program. Learning to swim is an essential and crucial part of any child's education.

What's Happening Next Week:

Friday Feb

26th—

Community BBQ—6.30pm.

Monday Mar

1st—Active After School Gymnastics. Big Crane Arrives.

Wednesday Feb

23rd— Active After School swimming.

Thursday Mar

4th—New room arrives.

If you hold a current Centre link Card please bring it into the school office to claim for EMA.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday March 7th—Labour Day. Have a safe and happy long weekend.

FUNDZINC AND GO FOR YOUR LIFE WORKSHOP

March 9th—5.30pm

One of our Fundzinc groups will travel to Mildura P.S to be part of Home Economics Victoria workshop, Fruit & Veg Program 2010. This is another genuine opportunity for our children to practice public speaking and marketing.

GRADE 5 & 6 RAV VISIT

Tuesday 16th March 9am-11am. All pupils in grades 5 & 6 need to bring a pillow along with them on this day.

SCHOOL FEES

\$100 per child, \$180 for 2 children and \$260 for 3 or more children. These fees cover all excursion expenses throughout the year. They can be paid in term instalments. Please make every effort to have these fees paid within the next few weeks.

EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATED MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS

Family Name:

Parent No. 1 Name Mobile No.

Parent No. 2 Name Mobile No.

Emergency Contacts

Name Mobile No.

Name Mobile No.

Name Mobile No.