Dates to Remember:

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From the Principal,

**Governing Council**

We are off to a great start with our new Governing Council Executive elected at the AGM this week. Congratulations to the following parents:

- Chairperson: Tamara Ploenges
- Vice-Chair: Luci Wilkinson
- Secretary: Hayley Summers
- Treasurer: Teresa Stewart
- Member: Glen Petrie

These members will be joined by myself as Principal, and a staff rep to enjoy discussing finance, curriculum, facilities management and other relevant areas for the school. Parent voice and input is necessary and valued and does shape decisions made and directions in the school. We are able to still add some general council members from the pre-school and school. If you are able to attend just two meetings each term and are interest in having a say in the school please let a council member know.

Governing Council will be busy arranging catering on Pine Sports Day. Many hands make light work, so just an hour from each of you will help this great fundraiser along.

From the staff,

**National Ride to School Day** – Friday, 23rd March. (Or walk, skate or scoot….)

Activities over the day will include:

- Riding in designated areas around the school
- ‘Decorate your wheels’ competition, so make sure they are colourful!
- A safety check on the day, to highlight the importance of this to students.

Please remember all safety items must be worn on the day, including:

- Helmets for bikes, scooters and skates
- Knee and elbow pads for skates and scooters
- Closed in shoes for all equipment

**Without this equipment, the item is unable to be used! Please ensure it is sent to enable full participation.**

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- They feel fresh and alert for the day
- Fewer cars ease ‘drop off congestion’
- Students will more easily reach the recommended 60 mins of physical activity daily
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.
SRC NEWS
Our first SRC was held mid last week and was attended by our new cohort of very enthusiastic representatives from each class. Our school captains, Ryan and Kristy lead discussions about our goals for the year as well as fundraising events for this term. It was decided that with the help of Kristyn and Mrs Marlow the SRC will host a **PIZZA DAY** on the last day of term (Thursday 5th April). Order forms for this will come out in week 9 so please support our SRC by purchasing a yummy pizza for lunch. Thanks to the Governing Council donation and our own fundraising last year, we have money set aside to begin our set of 3 murals at the front of the school. Any money raised from this year will help to aid the construction of ideas brought back from the Youth Environment Forum (YEF), attended by Jack, Ashley T and Dylan, such as a vegetable garden or a chook pen. We will be meeting with the YEF members to finalise this later in the term.

Sports Day was a huge success yesterday. Muricata were champions for 2012, with Pinaster narrowly in second place by 1 point only. Radiata competed well all day and came in third place. Heavy rain in the morning meant that the staff team jumped into action with a plan B for the programme. With the forecast indicating that the day would fine up, activities began under the COLA. We were able to shoot out onto the oval after not much time at all to enjoy all of the sprints and the Middle Distance Run. The children enjoyed receiving ribbons for these two events on the podium back under the COLA before recess.
All games, events and planned activities did occur as the weather fined up for the rest of the day.
A big thanks to the staff and parents who communicated and assisted all day setting up events in an order that needed to roll out as it could around the weather and altered times. **Pine Sports Day** is planned for next **Wednesday**. Similar unsettled weather is predicted, but the day is planned to **continue** at this stage. Assistance is needed at the catering stall. Luci and Tamara are arranging this so please contact them to help out.
**Send pocket money** to buy a cooked breakfast and lunch. Canned drinks, water and icypoles will also be available. Money raised goes towards our school so all help and spending will benefit us again this year!
PRE SCHOOL
Over the last few weeks, the Kindy children have enjoyed playing Vets as well as playing in the cubby house. We have also been spending a lot of time in the outside play area; playing in the sandpit, making snail trails and rainbows out of chalk and using finger paint to make pictures. This week we have also spent time getting ready for sports day, we have been practicing our running and have been using the colour green in much of our making and art work.

JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS
We were very excited about Sports Day and have been busy practicing and learning our team songs. We now know what colour team we are in and prepared our clothing to wear on the day. All year one’s have now been tested in reading and spelling and have been placed on the appropriate readers. Receptions have also been tested and apart from the new receptions that started this term, are on levelled readers.

Please help your child read daily as this will promote a life long interest in reading.

MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWS
We were also getting ready and raring for our school Sports Day yesterday, with everyone getting involved in their teams practicing team songs, games and events that were held on the day. A big thank you to Mr Clarke for helping with the athletics practise for the day during our PE lessons. All recent literacy and numeracy testing has been completed for this part of the year. Having collated the results, I can see which areas will become a focus for improvement throughout the year in both literacy and numeracy. I look forward to reporting back some positive news in relation to this.

UPPER PRIMARY NEWS
The UP class have had a very busy 2 weeks. The year 6s and 7s journeyed on their “Young Leaders’ Trip” and we anticipate that they will come back inspired and enthusiastic about being leaders at our school. While they were out the year 5s have been working very hard back at school, and we thank Mrs Marlow for having them and welcoming them back into her class for a few short days. We have been busy preparing for sports day, and the sports captains have spent many a lunch and recess time giving up their play time to make sure that their team mates are ready to be the best that they can be on sports day. We are eagerly preparing for Pines Sports Day next week, and are excited to be hosting it at our school again.

Choir
Thank you to those students from years 4-7 who have returned their permission forms to join this year’s Festival Choir. Books have been ordered and we plan to start learning our songs as soon as our books arrive. We still have a few spots available in our choir, so if any student would like to give it a go please see Mrs Robinson as soon as possible. Choir is oodles of fun, and we are very lucky to have the opportunity to participate in this again in 2012.

School House Captains
The school students all had meetings last week in their sports teams. They discussed what makes a good leader, and thought long and hard about who they felt would best lead their team to a successful sports day, and then voted. We would like to congratulate the following students who have been elected by their peers as Sports Team Captains:
Pinasta- Natalie Thomson & Chad Dinnison
Muricata- Dylan Field & Naomi Dalton
Radiata- Eythan Jones & Jack Grace.
Congratulations to the following winners!!
The Pre-School Award goes to: Christian Beveridge for being a fantastic helper.
The JP Award goes to: Charlee-Jean for beginning to settle into the class.
The MP Award goes to: Ryan Jackway for working well with Mrs Stewart.
The UP Award goes to: Eythan Jones for improved confidence.
The Japanese Award goes to: Lara Tasker for learning the words for all her colours well in Japanese.
The Principal Awards go to: Blake Perry for getting along with others and for good manners and work ethic.
Joel Virtanen for excellence at all tasks in the computer room.
Mrs Stewart for honest feedback and support to staff members and students.

Community Meeting Notice
Date..... 18th March 2012
Place..... Nangwarry Community Hall
Subject........Art project for roadside town entrance statement

Come and meet our local SE Artists, Mark de Nys. He will be giving a power point presentation on a broad view of project ideas that will influence the nature and design for our Nangwarry Art Project.

We would like your suggestions and input for our town’s art statement.

All Welcome.

Julie-Rose, Laurie, & Zorba (sub committee)