



NEWSLETTER

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FAIRY GARDEN



Over the past few weeks, students at our school have been working on creating this wonderful 'Fairy Garden.' The girls have had some great support from our Hands On Learning students, who have been helping with the creation of signs and additional fairy houses for the garden.

EFFORT UNITY RESPECT ORDER ACHIEVEMENT

MAREE'S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

Happy Holidays!

Well what a term it has been, with the move to remote learning and back to onsite learning happening throughout the term. I have been so proud of our students throughout the term for the resilience they have shown as these changes have been put into place, as well as for the flexibility they have shown as they have adjusted to new ways of teaching and learning throughout the term.

I would also like to recognise and thank our parents and carers for the time and effort that you all put into supporting your children during remote learning. We really could not have done this without your amazing support, and are genuinely grateful for how you partnered with us during this time. It sure has been an incredible term, and we hope that all our students and families enjoy a much deserved break over the next 2 weeks. Stay safe everyone and we look forward to seeing you all back at school in Term 3!!

Last day of Term 2 – Friday 26th of June

Well it may be hard to believe, but TOMORROW is the end of Term 2. School will be finishing an hour earlier on this day, with students being dismissed from the school at 2.15pm tomorrow.

Casual Clothes Day - TOMORROW

Tomorrow we will be having a casual clothes day to celebrate the end of Term 2. Students are invited to come dressed in casual clothes tomorrow if they would like too!

Staffing Update

It is with great pleasure that I can announce 2 new additions to our staff team from the beginning of Term 3. Chelsea Sessions and Tony Sloan have been appointed to join our Education Support Staff team, and we look forward to welcoming them to our school from the beginning of next term.

SAVE THE DATE – Curriculum Day – Monday 13th of July

Euroa Primary School has planned a student free curriculum day on the first day of Term 3, which is Monday the 13th of July. We had originally planned to hold this professional development day on the first day of Term 2, however due to all the changes this term, the professional learning for staff that was planned for this day was unable to occur.

Please pop this date on the calendar or in your diaries as students will not attend school on this day.

Term 3 will resume on Tuesday the 14th of July.

Reading Awards

Today we recognised the reading achievement of students across the school. Students who have read for a certain number of nights were given a sticker and prize to recognise their reading achievement, and to encourage these students to continue reading at home on a regular basis.

Congratulations to all students who received a reading award today. We also thank our parents and carers who listen to their children read at home on a regular basis, as this really does make a huge difference to students overall reading achievement.

Some Thoughts on Technology as we head into the School Holiday Break

Conquering techno-tantrums:

Many of us have witnessed children emotionally combust when asked to switch off their gaming console or put their phone away. What makes technology so psychologically appealing for children and how can we help them to unplug so that screen-time doesn't end in scream time? Technology is appealing: Our three most basic psychological needs are the need for connection, competence and control. Technology caters for these needs in very clever ways. Digital technology impacts on children and young people in the following ways:

- 'It feels good' When our children use a screen it's usually a pleasurable experience for them. Their brains secrete the neurotransmitter dopamine, which makes them feel good. This means when you demand that they turn the device off, you're terminating their production of dopamine (pleasure response). It's better to provide a choice of more appealing transition activities when you want them to move away from a screen. For example, suggest that they ride their bike, or walk the dog after they've switched off the device.
- 'I want more' The online world has no stopping cues, so our children and teens never feel 'complete' or 'done'. They can always refresh social media; continue to play to attain another level in a game; or watch another YouTube clip. This is also referred to as the state of insufficiency. One parenting tip that works is to give your children and teens hard end points. Rather than giving them a quantity of time, give them the finish time (for example, I'd like you to switch off the TV at 4:30pm).
- 'It's so novel' Our brains are wired to seek out new and interesting stimulus. The online world is always instantly gratifying, fast-paced and requires minimal cognitive effort. In comparison the offline, real world doesn't always offer novelty. The real world is a lot slower-paced, and it's not always instantly rewarding and interesting like our digital world. Ensure your children have ample time to experience boredom. Our brains

were never designed to be switched on and processing information as they are in the digital world. Opportunities for boredom allow the brain time to reset and help our children become accustomed to not always being 'switched on'.

Illnesses

A reminder that any student who is at all unwell should be kept home until they make a full recovery. This is of particular importance if your child is displaying cold or flu like symptoms.

Any student who appears to be unwell at school will be sent to the office and will remain there until they are collected by a parent or carer.

Feedback is Always Welcome

Our School Council and Leadership Team is committed to ensuring we are working to meet the needs of our students, staff and the School Community. Your feedback is critical in enabling us to do this. I would encourage you at any stage if you have concerns, require clarification on issues, have any positive feedback or would like to discuss ways of improving the School to contact the school office to arrange an appointment to meet with me.

Have a great week ahead!

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Friday 26th – End of term 2 – 2.15pm dismissal

JULY

Monday 13th – Start of Term 3

Monday 13th – **CURRICULUM DAY** – students not required at school.

AUGUST

Tuesday 4th – School Council 7pm

President's Report

The school council met on the evening of Tuesday 16th June. I would like to take the opportunity to share some of our meeting discussions with you.

Term 2 has been like none other. We have been led through the ups and downs so capably by Maree and her team of staff. On behalf of the whole school community, we took the opportunity of our meeting to thank them. We also discussed at length how each of us managed, whether we were remote learning with our children, or essential workers with children still at school; and offered feedback for improvement in the event that this happens again. If anybody else wishes to share their experiences of Term 2, then please get in touch with Maree.

Excitingly, council approved the purchase of 70 new electronic devices to be used across the school. These are a mix of both iPad and laptops. We hope to have these towards the end of Term 3.

In the last week, the playground has seen a new slide arrive! The teaching staff assure us it is super speedy and much fun. The slide was funded by the SRC in 2019. We thank all the students for their fundraising efforts.

Maree and the staff are participating in webinars surrounding wellbeing. Wellbeing is such an important part of our, and children's, health. If you have any concerns, or just need to talk, then please reach out.

As a council, we self-evaluated our performance. Whilst we felt competent in some areas, there was room for improvement in others. We will continue to learn, to progress and to grow to remain an effective team. School council members will start meeting again early next term. We will continue to make progressions for the school. We hold meetings to discuss school finances, the buildings and grounds, and education. All councillors welcome feedback and are happy to have a chat with all members of our school community. Whilst we appreciate this is hard at the moment, we hope that terms 3 and 4 bring us some better times. We have some much needed catching up to do!

In the meantime, stay safe and stay well, look after each other and yourselves. Finally, have a great break!

Rosemary Cameron

ART

Next term we will be working on a unit looking at using recycled materials to create Art. If you have any of the following items that you can donate, please drop them to the office.

- Buttons
- Egg cartons
- Milk cartons
- Beads
- Newspapers
- Plastic containers
- Glass jars
- Magazines

Jump Rope For Heart

This week is the conclusion of our Jump Rope for Heart Program. Children have now had a chance to show off their skills during the week, and celebrate their success. Families who have been participating in the fundraising element of this program are asked to please finalise any payments online no later than Wednesday, July 10th. After this date I will request student prizes, which will then be distributed to the students early term 3. Our top fundraisers will also be acknowledged at this time and our final fundraising tally announced.

Many thanks to our students and their families who have participated in fundraising for the Heart Foundation.

Update your child's medical details

If your child is asthmatic, has an allergy to anything (food, insects etc) we ask that you please check that their allergy/asthma plan is current. All students with asthma/allergies need an up to date plan. These plans must be developed by a doctor and provided to the office.

PE – BIKE EDUCATION – Help needed please

I am looking for some assistance in preparing our school bikes for use in term 3, so that we can run Bike Education. Some of our bikes need tubes replaced, gears and brakes tightened/loosened. I will supply everything needed to make the repairs, and I would really appreciate any assistance from someone with the knowledge on how to complete these maintenance tasks to assist me. If you are able to help, please email me Amy.PURCHASE@education.vic.gov.au or contact me through the office. Thank you.

Holiday Fun

We have seen a great interest at school of late from children wanting to help in the garden and creating gardens like 'fairy gardens'.

The following resource may give your child some ideas of some fun outdoor activity over the holidays.

Week 2 of Life Education. This is a brilliant resource that has a free section full of resources from parents. These resources include the latest research, online modules and parenting articles.

Why not take some time to have a look at: <https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents/>



From the parenting resources part of Life Education

Create your own magical mini garden

Let your kids unleash their imagination by growing their very own magical mini garden. Mini gardens can be designed to suit every child whether they are interested in fairies, dinosaurs or dragons. Get kids active in the garden! Creating their own magical garden will:

- Encourage creative thinking
- Build planning skills
- Facilitate 'make believe' play
- Improve relationships

DOWNLOAD A PRINTABLE VERSION TO USE IN YOUR GARDEN

- *[Go onto the website to access this resource](#)*

FULL INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT YATES.COM.AU

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IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Euroa Auskick (Ages 5 - 9)

Euroa Memorial Oval

Every Friday from 24th July - 11th September @5pm

Please follow the Euroa Auskick Facebook page for upcoming details on how and when you can register, or visit the website below.

play.afl/auskick



GOULBURN VALLEY LIBRARIES – Holiday Activities

Hi all,

While we will not be running any craft activities in our libraries these school holidays, we are making #TakeHome craft kits for families to drop in and pick up during open hours.

Craft templates will also be available from our webpage www.gvlibraries.com.au/holidays, as well as links to some 'how to make' videos.

We have an 'Alice in Wonderland' theme for all of our craft, so fall down the rabbit hole with us and read, listen, watch or create some Wonderland fun at your house.

If you have any questions about holiday activities or anything else Library related, don't hesitate to call on 1300 374 765 or email gvlibraries@gvlibraries.com.au.

Wishing you all many madly hatted tea parties...

All the best,

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#TakeHome Holiday Activities



Pick up a craft pack from your GV Library OR
find craft templates at www.gvlibraries.com.au/holidays



Tea Cups

Euroa
Violet Town

'I'm Late' Pocket Watch



Nagambie
Violet Town

Madly Hatted Masks



Violet Town

Cheshire Cat Grin



Euroa
Violet Town

Talking Flowers



Nagambie
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