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2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **Friday 23rd October**
Public holiday no school
- ⇒ **Tuesday 27th October**
Grade 4/5 after school skillzone
Till 4.pm
- ⇒ **Wednesday Nov 4th - Fri 6th**
Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 camp to
Beechworth
- ⇒ **Tuesday 10th November**
Prep/1 bbq games night
Grade P/1 skillzone
- ⇒ **Monday 16th November**
School photos
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 18 November**
School Council (via Zoom)
- ⇒ **Monday 23rd November**
Prep, 1 & 2 excursion

We are an
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We have sent home a costume list with the children and there is one attached to this newsletter. We are asking that costumes be sent to school by the 30th of October in a labelled bag. Thanks


**GUESS
THE
LOLLIES
IN THE
JAR**

The SRC are running a "Guess the lollies in Jar" competition.

Every Tuesday and Thursday for two weeks at Recess. Only one guess per number so first in best dressed!

E.g Only one person can guess number 72

Mr Gillie is the only one that knows the amount (No bribery allowed).

3 guesses for \$1

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year Two's had a great time at their 'sleepover' last Friday night - playing games, eating pizza, watching a movie and getting some sleep. A big thankyou to Ms Olson and Mrs Alam for organising the event and staying with the kids to give them all this fun experience.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

All parents should now have received their survey link and passcode via email. This is an annual survey conducted across all schools in Victoria and is organised by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of *school climate, student behaviour, student engagement* and *experience of remote and flexible learning*. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes**, and can be accessed at any convenient time, between the dates above, on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. Surveys need to be submitted by **Friday, 13th November**. The results from this survey are particularly valuable this year, because we are undertaking a Review of our performance, and we will be able to take your opinions into account. ***Please take the time to complete this survey, as we really do value your opinion.***

DENTAL VAN

The dental van from Australian Dental Health will visit our school again in early December. This service provides a dental examination for each child, which is covered by Medicare at no cost to you. A complete oral report will be sent home at the completion of the examination and if further preventative work needs to be done (eg fillings), you will be contacted by the dental team. Again, any further dental treatment is covered by Medicare. Next week we will send home the form, that explains the process and asks for your details and consent. If you would like to take advantage of a dental check for your child/ren, please fill in the form and return to school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL HATS

There seems to be a number of students who say they don't have a hat to wear at recess, lunch or PE and keeping asking for a spare hat to wear. We are no longer going to give out spare hats, as this is not teaching them to be responsible. So from next week, any student without a hat will have to stay undercover and not be in the open, if they are not wearing their hat.

SKATEBOARDING/SCOOTER DAYS and 'CHILL OUT' ZONE

Our skateboard/scooter lunchtimes on Monday (Juniors) and Wednesdays (Seniors) went really well and will continue for the rest of the year. In addition, we are going to open up the library on a couple of recesses each week, for students who want a quiet place to read a book, do some colouring in pages, or play a table game with friends. **It won't be for playing on a computer.** This is an initiative of the SRC. Monday recesses will be the open library 'Chill Zone' for the Juniors, with Wednesday recesses being the turn of the Seniors.

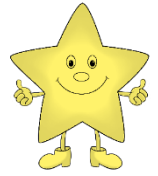
GRAND FINAL HOLIDAY

Seems odd to have a Victorian holiday on Friday for the AFL Grand Final, when it's in Brisbane on Saturday, but enjoy the day off. If you didn't know already, *I'm a very long time Geelong supporter*, so I'm really excited. **GO CATS!**

Regards, Geoff Weppner.



STRATHY STARS



Madeleine Shannon, Lila Whitaker, Ella Riggs, Ella Carter and Kiesha Maney



Literacy Award



Jacob Church, Kiara Wilson, Darci Carmody, Gypsie Swain and Flynn Cleary



Maths Award



Xavier Wilkinson, Olivia Hanley, Zaydon Beurs, Paige Argus and Macy Carter



Playground
Barrel Draw

Max Bayne and Bella Shayne
are our barrel winners this
week.