Dear Carers and Parents,

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Last week Trudy Tappin attached a roster to the newsletter seeking support with our Treat Kitchen. Unfortunately we have not had many responses but thanks to Trudy and Angela we have still been able to offer Treat Kitchen this week. Treat Kitchen is our school’s alternative to a Tuck Shop and relies solely on a volunteer basis. If you can't help out during the day, helping out with the cooking would be much appreciated. I have attached another Treat Kitchen roster for your convenience.

Our Cross Country is running well and thank you to the parents helping out with this. It is wonderful to know we can have as many people around the track as possible! We will be training again on Wednesday.

This week saw the beginning of our Religious Instruction sessions. Mrs Natalie Stanley will be taking both classes on Monday. Our 3-7 students participating will have RE from 12:30pm-1:00pm and years 1 and 2 students will have RE from 1:00pm-1:30pm.

I wish to thank you for your support in ensuring you pick up your child by the 2:45pm departure time during swimming. This ensures our bus can get us back to Prospect Creek on time and normal bus runs can occur as scheduled. Just a reminder that no one is on duty until 8:15 and occasionally there is no one at school before 8am. Please refrain from dropping off your child before 8:15am of a morning. We can’t have students at school unsupervised at any time.

Next Friday sees Mrs Jordan’s last day in the office for March and will return to Prospect Creek on March 19th. The session should take no more than 2 hours and is a great way to learn how to support your child with reading and comprehending texts at home. Reading is important and the only way to improve your child’s reading age and comprehension.

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Sincerely,
Jo Northey

FUNDRAISING

We have hit the ground running with fundraising this year with 3 spots being booked at Woolworths this term. A cake stall will be held on Thursday 27th March and a raffle will be held on Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April. These events were run last year and were very successful fundraisers. We will be requiring donations of cakes/ biscuits/ sweets for the cake stall and Easter donations for a hamper to raffle off. We will also be seeking support with volunteers to man the stalls on these dates. Please mark these days in your diaries if you are able to spare an hour or two.

BATTERY DRIVE

The P&C is in the process of organising a battery run however, we require several drop off points where batteries can be stored for a short period of time. If you can help out or have an idea please contact the school.

HELP PLEASE - ANZAC MEMORIAL CLUB RAFFLES

We are lucky enough to have been given 6 days raffles this year. This is an easy and stress free way for our P&C to fundraise. Our first date is next Friday 7th March. We are asking for a couple of volunteers to run the raffle next week. It is a fairly straightforward process, sell the tickets and announce the winner. Why not take the family for dinner and make an evening out of it! If you are able to help out please contact the school ASAP.

PARENT READING WORKSHOP

I will be facilitating a reading workshop on Wednesday 26th March at 3:30pm. The session should take no more than 2 hours and is a great way to learn how to support your child with reading and comprehending texts at home. Reading is important and the only way to improve is to read more! Please RSVP (for materials) by Wednesday 19th March.

SCHOOL BANKING

Remember to get into Commonwealth Bank and open a Youth saver Account or, if you are already a customer and have internet banking, you can open your child’s account online. It pays 3.91% pa interest and there are no monthly account fees. Your child will be eligible for lots of cool rewards as they build up their balance and learn the very valuable benefits of saving.
Don’t forget to hand in your homework on Friday and with Homework Club happening every Tuesday and Thursday there is no excuses!

This week saw the beginning of our ‘Friends’ program. This program allows students to work in small groups to discuss strategies for resilience. The program is overseen by our Chappy and should be a bit of fun!

A reminder that library borrowing happens on Thursday. Students should be borrowing for their reading. Students are supported to borrow a suitable book to read and they have the option of borrowing another of interest. Please ensure books are returned or renewed weekly.

Thankyou to all that have now sent in photos for history. We can now start the assessment. If you have any old magazines suitable for Preps to cut up, please send them to school.

Recipe of the week:
Quaid and Hayden’s Chocolate Cake
Ingredients:
A few handfuls of dirt
A few handfuls of sand
Half a dozen leaves
A little bit of water.
Method:
Combine all dry ingredients into a bucket.
Stir with a stick slowly adding the water.
Let sit for 10 minutes.
Upend and enjoy.
Both cooks report the cake is delicious.
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

- **Thomas Natoli** — Being an excellent class citizen.
- **Nick Wickham** — Working hard in all areas.

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**WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?**

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- Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.
- Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.
- Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

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**WORKING BEE**

We have noticed a few odd jobs need to be done around the school. Unfortunately, we don’t have the resources within the school to complete so we are hoping you might be able to spare a couple of hours on Sunday 16th March to help. A few things that spring to mind are:

- **Maintenance of the snake repellers**
- **Trimming of trees** (Thanks to Gavin for volunteering to do this)
- **Sand raked and weeded**
- **Guttering on sheds and buildings**
- **Blowing out the sheds**
- **Cobwebs around the playground and general garden maintenance.**
- **Removing garden near P-2 classroom** (ready for a vege garden!)

The school would like to thank you for your ongoing support and contributions to make Prospect Creek a happy and safe place for our students!

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Zoey Johnson — 26th Feb
- Paige Wickham — 1st March
- Ilyssa Marxsen — 1st March
- Mrs Norman — 1st March

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

We are registering for school banking with Commonwealth Bank. If you would like your child/ren to get involved, you will need to go into the Commonwealth Bank branch with your child’s birth certificate and open an account. Younger siblings can also join up. Then the account will get attached to our school banking. It is a good fundraiser for the school as we earn a commission based on the amount our students save, and a very worthwhile habit to start.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming — Every Friday 1:30 – 2:30pm
Mrs. Jordan’s last day — Friday 7th March
Anzac Club Raffles — Friday 7th March
P & C Meeting — Tuesday 11th March
Cross Country — Friday 14th March
Anti-Bullying Day — Friday 21st March
Parent Reader Workshop — Wednesday 26th March
Parent Teacher interviews — Monday 31st March — Thurs 3rd April

(more information to come in regards to parent teacher interviews)

Last Day of Term 1 – Friday 4th April
First Day of Term 2 — Tuesday 22nd April
School Photo’s — Thursday 1st May

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Treat Kitchen Roster