**Important Dates**

**FEBRUARY**

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<td>Family BBQ - 5:30pm –7:30pm on the bottom terrace</td>
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<td>Sat 21st</td>
<td>Vines Road Baby Market BBQ &amp; Cake Stall - 9am-1pm</td>
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**News from Mr Rowland**

**Family BBQ Thursday 19th February.**

We look forward to welcoming all ‘Mano families’ to our annual BBQ and hope it provides an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to mix informally.

Building more positive and purposeful home-school links is a priority and will support student learning and engagement.

In the following week, Information Sessions will be conducted from 6.30pm for each year level. These sessions aim to provide further details around school and classroom operations and programs.

**School Uniform.**

It is wonderful to see how students have commenced the year wearing their uniforms with pride.

We thank families for their support of this policy, both re the start of the school year and related expenses, and on an ongoing daily basis.

Please ensure all items are labelled so that ‘lost property’ can be reclaimed and returned.

Term 1 and 4 each year are times that students are required to wear hats when outdoors – wide brimmed Mano hats please!

**Welcome Mr Paustian from Canada.**

On Monday morning at our weekly assembly we had a special welcome presentation to Mr Paustian who is on exchange with us for 2015.

Students were interested to hear how schools and daily life is both similar and different in the 2 countries from his perspective.

We presented Mr Paustian with some ‘Aussie’ gifts (including Tim Tams, a kangaroo and some Vegemite) as the Canadian National Anthem played.

**Home reading programs.**

Home-school reading programs are commencing and our library this year has 2 staff members.

Helping all students to build on their reading capabilities and broadening their personal interests is important for us to achieve jointly.

At the upcoming Information Evenings for parents, additional details will be shared on how this can be addressed on a daily basis.

**Communication is vital! Keep reading the newsletter.**

Let’s keep *Unleashing Potential*

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**Geelong Baby & Children’s Market**

Our first fundraising BBQ & Cake Stall for 2015 will be on Saturday 21st February at 9am at the Geelong Baby & Children’s Market, Vines Road Community Centre.

We are DESPERATE for assistance. This is a very easy way to raise funds for our school during a non-Carnivale year. If you are able to help could you please contact Cath Johnston on 0413 653 471 or cathmark1@gmail.com or the schools office on 5229 9643.

We will be sending cake plates home next week for you to bake something yummy for the Cake Stall.

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Essential Education Items charges.

Thank you to those families who have paid their child’s Essential Education Items charges or entered into a payment plan with the school or Centrelink.

Statements will be sent home on Friday and will include School Council Voluntary contribution of $100 per family. If you don’t wish to make this payment, can you please advise the office. This year we are directing the School Council Voluntary contributions into our ICT program to assist with the purchases of iPads.

If you made a contribution to our Building Fund—THANK YOU! I am in the process of writing receipts that should be retained for tax purposes as contributions to our Building Fund are tax deductible.

Regards—Kylie
Reminders

Notes home: We have sent home a couple of notes with your child this week which need to be addressed ASAP, this includes the Cases21 permission note for Local Excursions, Multimedia Indemnity form, Head Lice Inspection consent form and Internet Agreement. Please ensure that all notes/documents are signed (where applicable) and returned to your child's classroom.

Kylie & Anna

Your friendly Administration Team!

Art Award

Kaisercraft are kindly sponsoring a weekly Art Award this term. Each week one student will receive a $20 Kaisercraft voucher. This week’s Art Award goes to:

JAKE BIRLEY - For making a wonderful start to his Indonesian puppet!

Mano Singing Group

Students in grade 2-6 are welcome to join the Mano Singing group. The first session will commence on Friday 13th February in Room 5 at 1:45pm. For more information please see Mrs Orford.

Art/Indonesian News

It's great to see so many students with Art Smocks. Please remember to organise one as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

Thank-you to those people who provide recycled meat trays. Please keep them coming. We use the meat trays for paint pallets and our stocks are quite low. The trays are the SMOOTH black or white ones. We are right for other supplies at the moment.

The Preps are doing a great job with Indonesian. We have already worked on My name is ... and sung some Indonesian songs!

For example—Nama saya Anna. My name is Anna.

Did you know you can study a second language at the Victorian School of Languages? Classes are available from Grade 1 to VCE. There are also places available for adults in some classes. The Victorian School of Languages is part of the Victorian Education Department. Classes are held on Saturday mornings at Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College and North Geelong Secondary College. Please go to www.vsl.vic.edu.au for more information or ask me about the classes and languages available.

Terima kasih (Thank-you)

Ibu Walker
Newtown and Chilwell Football and Netball Club
Registration day Season 2015
Sunday 22nd February 2015
10am to 2pm
at the clubrooms
For further details please contact:
Football: Heather Harris : 0438 393 599
hdnharris@bigpond.com.au
Netball: Wendy Castle: wendy.e.castle@hotmail.com.au
Auskick: Greg Wood 0412 026 477
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