# Important Dates

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<td>Melbourne Zoo - <em>grade 3 students</em></td>
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<td><strong>PURPLE DAY!</strong> - wear purple clothes for Epilepsy awareness (gold coin donation)</td>
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**Thinking of 2016 Secondary School Options?**

Recently our Grade 5/6s visited North Geelong Secondary College and next term the Grade 3/4s will participate in some enrichment activities at Western Heights. Upcoming sessions for parents/students:

- Thursday 19th March - Western Heights Year 7 Information Evening - 4:30pm & 6pm
- Tuesday 24th March - North Geelong Secondary College Information Evening - 6-8pm

**From the House Captains**

The path to becoming a leader is to put in an application on why you would like to become a leader and what have you done to think that you are eligible for the role of school leader, house captain, or even school captain. The responsibilities of a leader is to help with the borrowing of sports equipment, tidying up the hub, helping with the tokens, bulletin board and by sticking up posters to let everyone know there is something special on. Good luck to future applicants, we hope you have as much fun as we did.

Thanks Tom Thornton and Emily Bliss
School Council meeting.

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Monday March 16th and this will also be the Annual General Meeting.

We have been pleased to have both a mix of re-nominating council members and also welcome some new school community members to the team. At the AGM office bearers will be appointed for the next 12 months, including the position of Council President.

Playground developments progressing.

Students are excited to see our new playground (next to the Gunyah) being redeveloped, after recently gaining access to the new boat in the sandpit.

As previously noted, successful fundraising projects in 2015 have made this possible. We hope to have this project completed this term and to have an official opening. Many thanks to Tony and his team for their design work and commitment to quality workmanship.

The ‘name the boat’ competition winner will be announced at Assembly Monday March 16th.

Purple Day at Mano!

On Thursday March 26th we hope that Mano will turn purple – to mark Epilepsy Action Australia’s day of awareness and fundraising!

Piano/Keyboard lessons with Karen King at Mano

Hi, my name is Karen. I am a former parent of Mano and mum of Tim and Madi King. I have been teaching piano in schools for 25 years and there is a possibility that I could teach here at Mano during school hours, depending on the amount of interest shown leading up to Term 2.

Lessons will go for 30 minutes at a cost of $25 - you would need a keyboard at home to practice on. I also encourage a small end of term class performance, where the students get to demonstrate and share their music with their classmates. A fun time to build confidence and self esteem.

If you’re interested in joining my piano program please give me a call and I can give you some more information - 5224 1885 (by Friday 20th March)

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Congratulations to the following students who have been rewarded for their efforts:

**PH** JONAH MARTEN - For being a kind, helpful student who always takes his turn and shares with classmates! You’re a star!

**PS** TRAE BECKLEY - For being thoughtful and considerate and putting other classmates before himself! Well done, Trae!

**PT** CHARLIE HAIR - For always looking out for classmates and being a kind and considerate class member! Keep it up, Charlie!

**JB** THOMAS AIREY - For always being a considerate class member by playing fair and taking turns in games! Well done, Thomas!

**JF** CARA GREVILLE - For always being prepared and ready to learn using creative ideas and very neat presentations! What a star!

**JH** EVE MCDONALD - For always being kind to her classmates and sharing her things with others! Great work, Eve!

**JO** WILLIAM LLOYD-JOHNSEN - For being a thoughtful and helpful member of the class! Fantastic work, William!

**JS** SEAN FLYNN - For challenging himself and counting by 8’s on his chalk number line during numeracy last week!

**MA** KIERA LLOYD - For always considering her classmates, she is so friendly and bubbly all the time! You’re a legend!

**MB** TYSON ALEXANDER - For modelling outstanding manners when moving through doorways and asking permission before leaving the room!

**MP** BRODIE DI GIANDOMENICO - Brodie follows class rules and sets good examples for his peers! Keep up the great leadership!

**MS** MALIHA BLAKE - Maliha is always on the ball and follows our school rules perfectly! Maliha, you’re a model student!

**SB** ELLA LAUDER - For consistently being a considerate and supportive class member, always sharing and taking turns!

**SC** KATE SMITH - For intrinsically sharing any resources and knowledge with all others when needed! You’re amazing, Kate!

**SV** HAROLD WALKER - Harold is a generous member of SV where he shows respect by sharing and allows others to take turns before him!

**SW** CHARLOTTE STACEY - For being a consistently supportive peer in the classroom and always ensuring that she shares and takes turns! Fabulous, Char!

### 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:

**HEIDI TARKA** - For working skilfully on her Indonesian puppet and for always helping out!

### Chef Of The Month

On Wednesday last week Willem, Isaac, Kat and Sam went to the Gordon to go to a cooking class. We had an amazing time cooking alongside two other schools. We made pumpkin soup and frittata and gosh, were they good! We had a tour of the cooking classes at the Gordon and saw meals being prepared. We had a blast and we know that there will be more fun to come, in the future cooking delicious meals. Our chef David taught us knife techniques like monkey grip. We walked inside the freezers and almost caught a cold by standing in there for a few seconds! On the last night we will be having a grand dinner made especially for us in an enormous dining room. We are looking forward to making banana and chop chip muffins, five spiced chicken wings and Anzac biscuits. Jason joined us as well and we had some pictures taken of us that might go into the newspaper. It’s been a great experience and we can’t wait to see what happens next week!

By Kat Ireland and Sam Greco, Grade 6.
If you have you may have noticed a couple of new features in the 'eForms' tab. These features include a Change of Details and Absentee form. You may complete this form if your child has been sick or otherwise absent from school. Once filled out, this form is automatically sent to the Schools email address and entered into the system for Teachers to see. You will not need to contact the School or fill out a blue absence form if you have already submitted this online form.

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