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**IMPORTANT DATES**
- Sept 8: REWARD DAY
- Sept 12: Sustainability weeks begins
- Sept 13: P&C Meeting
- Sept 15: U/8’s @ Ballandean
- Sept 16: Last day of Term 3
- Oct 3: Pupil Free day
- Oct 4: Term 4 Commences

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**Tuckshop**

Wednesday Sept 14
NO TUCKSHOP

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**Fathers Day Breakfast-Last Friday 2 September**

Thank you to all the staff that came along to help out with the Father’s Day Breakfast. We had a good roll up with about 10 families coming along to enjoy the delicious breakfast of juice, cereal, bacon, steak and egg burgers plus tea or coffee. All the dads, granddads, carers and step dads who came along all said that they appreciated it very much and would like another one next Friday.

**Leave**

Ms Rosa Berrios will be taking Mr Koch’s 6/7 class while he is on leave. Mrs Lutter is also away this week but will be back for the last week of school. Mrs Joanne Willoughby will be acting principal in Mr Koch’s absence.

**Behaviour reward**

Behaviour this term has been exceptional; however, there are still a few children who are not doing their homework regularly.

With the sustainable week next week, we will be having our Behaviour Reward Day tomorrow from 11.00 to 3.00. The children will be having a sausage sizzle for morning tea and a treat some time in these sessions. The children who are missing out will be told today and they need to come to school on this day or they will have 2 catch up sessions next week.

**Sustainability Week**

This will be held next week and there will be activities all week. More information about activities can be found in Mrs Willoughby’s report.

**Tuckshop**

Please note that there will be no tuckshop next Wednesday 14th Sept as there will be a Healthy Lunch Day on Friday 16th.

**Soccer**

Wallangarra 1 defeated Broadwater last week 5-0 and therefore has made it to the FINAL against Glen Aplin this week. Unfortunately Wallangarra 2 did not have enough players to compete on Friday. Both teams were short of players so 4 from team 2 were invited to help team 1 in their game. These 4 will be playing in the final as well, giving us subs to ensure we are fresh and energetic for the whole game. I would love to have parents driving this week as I am concerned we will not have enough time to get the bus back to Free Range. Please let me know if you can assist. - Lauren

**Driver Reviver**

So far we have had no response to the request for volunteers to man the Driver Reviver site on the weekends of 17-18 Sept and 1-2 Oct. Please let the school know if you are able to help out for a 3 hour shift.

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Children are one third of our population and all of our future.
**News from the classroom**

**3/4/5**

Our science investigation went off without a hitch yesterday; the children did a fantastic job of keeping our experiment a ‘fair test’.

**HOMEWORK is due in tomorrow** in order to evaluate our behaviour reward participants. If it is not brought in, I will look at their number of nights reading from so far this term to determine if they are able to enjoy the whole two sessions of reward activities. If a child has not brought in their homework or not done 4 nights a week of reading they will be missing out on some or all of the reward time.

Cheers, Lauren 😊

**Pre 1/2**

Last week we finished our Healthy Harold booklets and our unit on health. This week we are assessing our science unit “On the Move”. Our Aboriginal legends are just about finished being published and will remain in the class until next term so they can be shared.

Home reading will finish this Friday for this term. **All library books and home reading books need to be brought in this Friday so they can be returned.**

A huge big thank-you to Marion Saxby, she has been coming in twice a week to help with reading. Also a big thank-you to Tafu Jarri for her help on Tuesdays. Welcome to Belinda Bramley who is our latest helper to be recruited. If you can help any morning please let me know as we usually have 5 reading groups going each day and appreciate all the help we can get.

**Sustainability Week**

All students need to bring:

- A signed permission slip to bike around Wallangarra.
- A bike every day next week
- A plastic pot about 20cms in diameter.
- A smock to paint in.
- Any Chinese takeaway containers.
- A drink bottle on Friday

A signed permission slip needs to be returned by Thursday 15th so your child can go on the bike ride around Wallangarra on Friday 16th at 9.00am. (This will apply to those children who have passed the safe helmet (Australian Standards) check, bike safety check and can ride safely and competently (those who have not excluded from our skills lesson more than twice)). We will not be taking anyone out on the ride unless they fit all these categories. This may mean that some children will not get to go but safety comes first. We will be taking 2 groups out and these groups will be decided as we see their skills during the week. One course will be slightly longer than the other. If you have a bike please feel free to come along and join us at 9.00am.

Friday 16th will be a healthy 1st break free lunch for the children. We will be having wraps where the children can put on ham/chicken, tomato, lettuce and cheese. There will be a drink so your child needs to bring a drink bottle so we can put juice in it.

We ask parents to come in during the week to help out as many hands make it easier to achieve our goals. We will be making recycled kites, cooking, making fridge magnets to encourage energy saving, decorating a pot and planting a seedling to take home, as well as our biking skills. The police will be coming on Thursday afternoon to do the bike and helmet safety check.

We will also be mulching our veggie garden, planting more native trees and many more fun activities.

The school is collecting old mobile phones to send away. These phones have a special metal that is mined overseas and many animal habitats are being destroyed as a result of the mining. Please bring any old phones in to Mrs. Willoughby.

Mr East is collecting aluminium cans, bottles, batteries and old car radiators to be recycled. You can leave them outside the gate. Bottles and cans need to be in a plastic bag.

Thanks Joanne

**Under 8’s Day at Ballandean**

On Thursday 15th Sept all P to 3 children will be going to Ballandean. If you can help with transport (a booster seat is needed for children 7 years and under) and assist with taking a group around please let me know. At the moment we have only a couple of cars and helpers. We have at least 30 students going.

**Pauls Milk Bottle Caps**

Please remember to send along Pauls specially marked milk bottle caps to the school.

**Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. We sold $900 worth of books so the school will receive $180 worth of books in commission.

**For Sale**

- Duck Eggs $4.00 dozen
- Hen eggs $3.00 dozen

Please see Mrs East for purchases
**Prep Birth Certificates 2012**
It is mandatory to present your child’s birth certificate on enrolment in 2012. If you have not given us your child’s birth certificate to be photocopied, please send it along ASAP. It is now the rule that we cannot accept your child’s enrolment without the birth certificate.

**Driver Reviver**
The P&C will be manning the Driver Reviver site at the Lions Park for the September holidays.

**Saturday 17 September**
8am-11am
11am-2pm
2pm-5pm

**Sunday 18 September**
8am-11am
11am-2pm
2pm-5pm

**Saturday 1 October**
8am-11am
11am-2pm
2pm-5pm

**Sunday 2 October**
8am-11am
11am-2pm

**Coles and Woolworth Vouchers**
Please send along any Coles vouchers you get at the checkout as well as the docket you get from Woollies. **To date we have collected 410 points from Woollies docket and 4387 from Coles vouchers.**