Just to follow up on the school toilet block I have spoken to the planning unit and they have informed me that BRB Modular are at present designing a toilet block specific for our needs and therefore within the next 14 days we will have plans. The toilet will be ready for use no later than the start of 2014. I acknowledge that it has been a very long process but the final outcome will be well worth the wait.

As you are aware that on the day of the deb ball school will be finishing at 1pm, this is due to in the past we have had many families decide to take their child/ren out of school for the entire day. We are hoping that by allowing all students to finish at 1pm this will encourage students to attend for their literacy and numeracy block and then go home to get organised if they are attending the ball. This is a trial for this year so please if you have any feedback about this please email me at fush.erin.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

The Parent Opinion Survey went home yesterday I encourage you all to take the time to fill it out and send it back. The data received from our surveys supports the direction the school takes therefore we need as many back as possible for it to be beneficial. Also we encourage you to write a comment positive or constructive criticism I do ask that if you raise an issue to also suggest a solution, as the proverb says ‘two heads are better than one.’

Next Wednesday 7th August is parent/student/teacher interviews please ring the office and make an appointment to speak to your child/ren’s teachers about their progress. Students are required to attend the meetings so as there is a three way conversation as all parties are integral in the educational development of the student.

Today the University of Ballarat presented the Regional Schools Outreach Program for our students from Year 5 – 11 and tomorrow will run a specific university program for our year 12’s. The program encourages students to think about all the different pathways available to them so as they are making informed decisions about their futures.

Monday 5th August is school photo day please make sure your child/ren are in full school uniform – long grey/navy blue pants, school t-shirt and school jumper.

Sushi will now be offered Friday’s from the Werrimull Hotel as part of the healthy lunch options to staff and students. This is also a gluten free option. Chicken or Tuna rolls will be available for $2.50.

Any parents that are eligible (hold a valid Health Care Card from the 15th of July and child/ren under 16 years of age) for EMA the forms are due back to the school on Friday 2nd August. Contact Helen Sly for more information.

As always if you would like to drop in for chat, raise an issue or ask any questions please don’t hesitate to do so, you are always welcome at the school.

Erin Fush
Dates to Remember

July
University of Ballarat Visit Yr 8 & 9  31st July

August
Flying Doctor Service here  2nd August
School Photos  5th August
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews  7th August
School Athletics  9th August
Apprenticeship Advisory Group  12th August
Deb Ball  16th August
Book Week Prim Excursion  21st August
Jump Rope for Heart  23rd August
Mini Olympics  27th August

September
Mallee District Aths  3rd September
Museum Vic Discovery visit K-2  10th Sept
Last Day of Term 2 pm finish  20th September

October
First Day term 4  7th October
Summer Light Prems  9th October
VCE Exams Start  31st October

November
Pupil Free Day  4th November
Melbourne Cup Day Holiday  5th November

December
9-10 Exams  2nd–6th December
Ballet  4th December
Flying Start  9th–13th December
Activity Day  16th December
Awards Night  17th December

Happy Birthday
Sam Fox  30th July
Sammy-Jo Sly  30th July
Ebony Geyer  4th August

Citizen of the Week is
Lily Detenon

Aussie of the Month is
Ebony Geyer

FAT FRIDAY

Special Day menu lunch orders are available from the hotel this Friday 2nd August
What's Happening

We now have details regarding kindergarten photo day which will happen on **Tuesday 13 August** with the photos taken by Megan Blennerhassett. A letter with details, packages and prices will be sent home with your child today so please check your child’s bag.

Last week we received a phone call from the Museum Victoria Discovery Team who visited us last year with their travelling dinosaur exhibit. After seeing how important such an experience is to our children they called to ask if we would like to have them visit again! They will be presenting a Backyard Bugs experience to the three and four year old kindergarten children along with the Prep - Grade Two students from Werrimull P-12 School. The only time they have available is **10 September at 1:45pm** which means that the three year olds would need to stay longer to participate. Parents of three year old children will need to be with their child at kindergarten as they require a higher child to adult ratio in order to make an exception and include them in the presentation.

We also received a phone call from the Steam Train group with a date and time for our annual ride on the Kindergarten Express at Red Cliffs which is on **3 September at 1:30pm**. As we did last year we will make it a whole day excursion including a visit to the Red Cliffs library. More information will be sent home at a later date.

If you have any questions about any of this information please don’t hesitate to contact me by phone on 5028 1341 (Tuesday or Thursday), 5028 1251 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) or email at any time (smith.caroline.l@edumail.vic.gov.au).

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