Important Dates

**October**
- Wednesday 19th - Cultural performance ‘Richard Scholes – Wild Weather’ Murtoa 1:00pm
- School Council
- Friday 21st - Maths Olympics at Stawell Secondary College (Year 5/6 students)
- Eco-dying workshop Banyena Hall
- Monday 24th - Rupanyup School Review Day 1 (Mr Fiedler away p.m.)
- Thursday 27th
  - Bird watching lesson with local bird expert, Ian Morgan (TBC)
  - Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- Monday 31st - Student Free Day

**November**
- Tuesday 1st - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th Principals’ Conference (Mr Fiedler away)
- Friday 4th - Foundation Transition 9:00am-11:30am
  - Milo Cricket 11:30am - 1:00pm (Marnoo PS)
- Wednesday 9th - Rupanyup School Review Day 2 (Mr Fiedler away)
- Wednesday 16th - School Council
- Friday 18th - Foundation Transition 9:00am - 1:30pm

**December**
- Tuesday 6th - Foundation Transition (full day)
- Friday 9th - Carols By Candlelight
- Tuesday 20th - Last day of Term
- Friday 23rd - Sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings

Learning about the Weather
Tomorrow the children will be travelling to Murtoa to participate in a science presentation on the topic of wild weather. The children will be learning about what factors create and affect weather.

Principals’ Conference
On Thursday 3 & Friday 4 November 2016 I’ll be attending the West Grampians Network Principals’ Conference which is being held at the Mercure Convention Centre in Ballarat. The theme of the conference is ‘Leaders Supporting Leaders’. The conference will consist of various professional development workshops and a visit to a local school.

Participation in School Reviews
Over the next month I’ll be involved in the school reviews of Rupanyup Primary School and Beulah Primary School. My role will involve being a challenge partner for the principals. Participating in the reviews will be an opportunity for me to support each school in its evaluation of its performance over the period of its last strategic plan and to help each school identify the priority areas for its next strategic plan. It will also be a good opportunity for my own professional development through the discussion and evaluation of each school’s achievements. As with our school review, the reviews are held over two days.

Grant Fiedler.

**Student of the Week**
ALEXA

For
Representing the Dunmunkle schools’ cluster in Discus at the GREATER WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL at Llanberris Athletics Track, Ballarat, and for writing descriptive and interesting stories.

Principal Ponderings
Well done Alexa!
On Friday 14th October, Alexa Cameron competed at the GREATER WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL at Llanberris Athletics Track, Ballarat, and came 4th in the 9-10 year old girls Discus. A great achievement, Alexa!
School Notices

P &F Tea Towel Fundraiser

Everyone is encouraged to support the P&F Tea Towel Fundraiser. The tea towels cost $15.00 and can be ordered at the Marnoo Milk Bar. Please have your orders in by Wednesday November 2\textsuperscript{nd}. Cheques can be made payable to Marnoo Primary School.

The Positive Parenting Telephone Service:
Support for grandparents caring for grandchildren, fathers and rural families

Parenting has the biggest impact on how well children do in life, but contrary to popular belief, people are not born knowing how to be good parents. Parenting is a set of skills that are learnt ‘on the job’ and they can always be improved. Gateway Health is trialling a parenting support program delivered via telephone or online specifically for grandparents, fathers and rural families from across Victoria who sometimes find it difficult to attend parent support services in person.

The Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPTS) makes it easy to access a proven parenting support program delivered by qualified parent support workers from your home at a time that suits you – daytime, evenings and weekends. PPTS will help parents and carers develop the skills to:

- build better relationships with your children
- encourage the behaviours you want to see from your children
- teach children to think before they act and to keep busy without constant adult attention
- teach your children new skills, to solve problems for themselves and know when to ask for help
- set family rules that are realistic and followed.

Parents and carers will be supported by weekly telephone calls over 6 to 10 weeks. You can also participate in PPTS online - with or without telephone support. The program is currently free to all grandparents caring for grandchildren, fathers and rural families from across Victoria. Victorian schools and early childhood services are encouraged to share information about this program with families in their community.

For more information, see the attached flyer.

Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews

On Thursday the 27\textsuperscript{th} of October there will be Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews held between 3:30pm and 5:30pm.

Please find below details regarding the allocated times. As a reminder, children are also required to attend the interviews.

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Christmas Shoeboxes

Each child has been given a shoebox to fill. The shoeboxes are being kept at school. Please note that the last day for putting items into a shoebox will be Wednesday 26\textsuperscript{th} October. If there are parents who would prefer not to purchase items
for the boxes, please let me know so that I can source some donated items.

**Terry Towelling/Cotton Material Wanted**
Lyn Cunningham is after offcuts of terry towelling or cotton material for craft lessons at school. Lyn hopes to make some items for the Christmas shoeboxes with the children.

**IPad Reminder**
As a reminder, all children are required to bring their iPad each day fully charged.

**Garden Roster**
Jobs include mowing, watering, weeding, sweeping, and general maintenance of the school grounds, including mowing in the pool grounds. **Please mow the lawn at the front of the school each week during the warmer months.** As a reminder, if the dates that you are rostered on don’t suit, please swap with someone.

**Garden Roster**

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**Photo Gallery**

*Our well-kept school grounds*

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**Polycom Drama Lesson**

**Maths with Mrs McAllister (Friday 14th Oct)**

**Enjoy the rest of the week!**