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# UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 TERM DATES  
Term 4— 8 October—21 December  
2019 TERM DATES  
Term 1—29 January—March 27  
Term 2—23 April— June 28

## OCTOBER—NOVEMBER 2018

15 October	16 October  MARC VAN 	17 October STAFF APPRECIATION DAY PREP TRANSITION DAY (8.40-10.40am) SCHOOL COUNCIL	18 October  WALK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST	19 October  VISIT TO YACK AGED CARE
22 October	23 October	24 October  BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE	25 October	26 October
29 October	30 October  MARK VAN 	31 October  PREP TRANSITION DAY (8.40-10.40am)	1 November	2 November  VISIT TO YACK AGED CARE
5 November	6 November MELBOURNE CUP DAY—NO SCHOOL	7 November	8 November  BOOK FAIR DAY	9 November

GREAT THINGS  
NEVER CAME FROM  
COMFORT ZONES

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### PROJECT ROCKIT:

On Thursday the Year 4, 5 and 6 students attended a 1 hour session presented by 2 members of Project Rockit. These sessions clarified what bullying behaviours are and then gave students strategies to be part of the solution and not the problem. The students watched role plays, asked questions and participated in games. We attended the sessions with Yackandandah and Kiewa Valley Primary Schools which provided a great opportunity for the students to interact with other peers in their same grade level. Thanks to the Health and Wellbeing team at school for their organisation of this. Hopefully those parents who attended the parent forum on Thursday evening found it worthwhile as well. If you would like further information on this program please visit [www.projectrockit.com.au](http://www.projectrockit.com.au).

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY RESULTS:** It was fantastic to see that many families completed the Parent Opinion Survey this year. This has given me a solid understanding of how the parent community currently feels about the school.

Currently the identified strengths of the school are:

- The school values parent contributions and ideas.
- There is regular communication from the school about important information.
- Staff have high expectations and expect students to do their best.
- Students are given many opportunities to participate in school activities.
- Students feel safe at this school.

The results also identified areas to develop over the next 12 months including:

- Forming stronger relationships with the local community.
- Increasing communication from classroom teachers about student progress.
- Improving the grounds and physical environment.
- Understanding student assessment methods.
- Preparing students adequately for high school.

I really do appreciate your honest feedback and comments and look forward to building on the school strengths while tackling the areas for improvement together.

**WORKING BEE:** The next working bee will be Saturday October 20th. If you are able to attend for a couple of hours from 9am we would really appreciate it. The upkeep of our grounds and garden are extremely important. Please email either Steve Murphy [steve.mur1967@gmail.com](mailto:steve.mur1967@gmail.com) or Andrew Smith-Allen [andrews@bceindustries.com.au](mailto:andrews@bceindustries.com.au) by Wednesday of next week so they know how many are coming and what jobs can be completed.

### FOUNDATION TRANSITION DATES AND TIMES:

The following dates and times are confirmed for our Foundation transitions this year.

If you still know of families who are unsure about where to send their children for 2019 schooling please encourage them to contact the school and have a look around and see what we offer.

Wednesday October 17th 8:40-10:40

Wednesday October 31st 8:40-10:40

Wednesday November 14th 8:40-11:20

Wednesday November 28th 8:40-11:20

**STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY:** Tuesday December 11th 8:40-1:40

**JAN'S DAYS:** Jan is now at school on a Monday but not Tuesdays.

**WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH:** This month Osbornes Flat is joining in a statewide initiative "Walk to school Month." This event aims to increase the amount of activity the students do daily and encourages them to be fitter and healthier. If students walk or ride to school, or complete laps of the oval upon arrival at school, they receive a tick/s on the class chart. The student across the Indigo Shire with the highest percentage of ticks will receive a free family fitness event. In addition to this, next Thursday we will be holding a free healthy breakfast for the students as they arrive at school.

**BUSHFIRE RELOCATION:** As we are heading into the fire season it is important to note that we are on the Bushfire At Risk Register. We are classified as a Category 2 school which means that we will be closed on a Code Red Day. If it is forecast to be an Extreme fire day we will relocate to Yackandandah Primary School. On the day prior to an extreme day we will notify families via email, on School Stream and on the Facebook page. We will also be trialing a text messaging system and in the next few weeks we will conduct a **test message**. When you receive this message you will be asked to simply reply that you received the notification. For this to be effective we must ensure that all contact details are correct. **If your mobile number has changed please contact Jan and notify her ASAP.**

**ATHLETICS:** Today students from 4-6 competed in the division Athletics carnival in Albury. Results and photos will be included in next week's newsletter.

### MATHLETICS:

F/1/2: Ben H, Seara

3/4: Heidi, Willow, Jake, Mitchell, Cooper H

*Sarah*