Principal Ponderings
On Monday morning the Parents and Friends Association met to plan for some upcoming events. Decisions made included:

**GWM Water Morning Tea**
The P&F would charge $300.00 ($15.00 per head) to cater for the GWM Water morning tea at Banyena on Thursday 24th November.

**Carols By Candlelight (school concert) 9th Dec**
To prepare for the Carols By Candlelight, members of the Parents and Friends Association will decorate the Marnoo Hall on Thursday 8th December at 7:00pm.

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**Important Dates**

**November**
- Thursday 24th - GWM Water morning tea fundraiser (Parents and Friends)
- Tuesday 29th - Bright Tuesday Fundraiser (gold coin donation)

**December**
- Friday 2nd - visit by Louise Staley, Member of Ripon, to present Alexa Cameron and Blair Gould the 2016 Victorian State Young Volunteer of the Year from JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) Award. Starts at 2:00pm followed by an afternoon tea. All welcome.
- Please bring a plate to share.
- Thursday 8th - Decorating the Marnoo Hall for the Carols by Candlelight 7:00pm (P&F)
- Friday 9th - Carols By Candlelight
- Tuesday 13th - Foundation Transition (full day)
- Monday 19th - Horsham shopping trip excursion
  - Graduation Night 6:00pm at the Marnoo Pool
- Tuesday 20th - Paper plane flying competition fundraiser (gold coin donation)
  - Last day of Term
- Friday 23rd - Sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings

**January**
- Monday 30th - Teachers return to school
- Tuesday 31st - Students commence school

**Tuesday 22nd November 2016**
The Carols By Candlelight evening will commence with a BBQ dinner at 6:00pm followed by the main event at 7:00pm. Cost for the meal will be $12.00 per person or $30.00 per family. It will be a no alcohol event.

**Horsham Shopping Excursion**
The Parents and Friends Association will fund the annual shopping excursion to Horsham. The excursion will take place on Monday 19th December departing Marnoo PS at 8:30am and returning at approximately 5:30pm. The P&F will provide $10.00 for each child for buying Christmas presents for his/her family members. Parents may give their child an additional $10.00 maximum for buying Christmas presents.

**Graduation Dinner**
To celebrate Kiara’s graduation from primary school, on Monday 19th December commencing at 6:00pm, the P&F is organising a Graduation Dinner at the Marnoo Pool. The meal would be ‘Betty and Noel’s Hamburgers’ funded by the P&F. People are asked to bring a sweet to share. This will be a no alcohol event.

**BBQ at Bunnings Fundraiser**
A sausage sizzle fundraiser will be held at Bunnings in Horsham on the 23/12/2016. Any parents who are able to help out are to let Mr Fiedler know.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MATILDA

For completing all of her homework, learning her lines for the school concert and listening well to her teachers.

Matilda with her award

Bright Tuesday Fundraiser
On Tuesday 29th November we are having a Bright Tuesday Fundraiser. On this day the children can wear anything they like as long as it is bright. For example, pink shorts and a yellow top.
The children are asked to bring a gold coin donation.

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. The phone number for the Positive Parenting Telephone Service is: 1800 880 660
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
21st Nov – 4th Dec PLASENCIA CAMARGO
5th Dec – 18th Dec DUXSON
19th Dec – 1st Jan FIEDLER
2nd Jan – 15th Jan ZIELINSKI
16th Jan – 29th Jan SLEE
30th Jan – 12th Feb GRAGASIN
13th Feb – 26th Feb CAMERON
27th Feb – 12th Mar PLASENCIA CAMARGO
13th Mar – 26th Mar DUXSON
27th Mar – 9th Apr FIEDLER
10th Apr – 23rd Apr ZIELINSKI

Photo Gallery

Lunchtime fun

Learning how to use chopsticks in Chinese

Enjoy the rest of the week!