Dear families and extended community members,

Our sporting schools athletics coaching began last Friday. Sophy Sirr is our coach and she is running a program called the Healthy Active Kids’ Athletics Program which is endorsed by Athletics Australia. Our school is split into F-2 and 3-6 for the sessions which each last one hour and will go over four weeks. By all reports, last Friday’s sessions were fantastic!

Tomorrow, our 2/3 class will provide a short EQ presentation about friendship. It will begin at 9am so please come along if you can.

We have eight students who have made it through to Division swim trials which will be held on Friday 4th March. Well done and good luck to Regan Mitchell, Sammy Walch, Darci Mitchell, Will Mitchell, Tom Fletcher, Baxter Jones, Joe Swinnerton and Angus Schmidt.

We arrived at school yesterday to see a fantastic new barbecue already set up! A huge thanks to the Ladanay family for their generous donation to our school. It is so flash that it will be a pity to cook on it and get it dirty— but we certainly will!!!

We welcome Susanne Watkins (Daniel’s Mum) to school council along with Vicki Swinnerton who has put up her hand for another term. Susanne and Vicki join Pete Arkins, Bruce Mitchell, Franca Schmidt, and Mel Carmody.

We still have two (2) spots vacant on school council so if you are interested in joining us please contact school ASAP.

Many of you may have heard the sad news about the passing of Bruce Birrell who was the principal at Mitta Primary School. Bruce had taught for over forty years (many in the north east of Victoria) and was a respected colleague, friend and mentor. We send our condolences to Bruce’s family and the Mitta school community at this very sad time.

Kind regards,

“Cotton wool has many valuable functions. To wrap up children is not one of them!”

Wilson McCaskill

School Banking Dates: Wednesday 9th March; Wednesday 23rd March
A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS......

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:

In week 5, our musician of the week was Cameron Dale. Cameron helped other students when we made rain sticks. He even made two extra rain sticks when he noticed there were some materials left over. Well done Cam!

Junior School Council would like to have a Water Play Day. We hope to hold this next week weather permitting. The students can bring along any water squirting device they might have or if they haven’t, you can get some spray bottles from the reject shop. The students might need to bring along another set of clothes and a towel that day but we will certainly let you know when we will have this water play day.

Many thanks to Ross Mitchell for bringing his tractor to school and digging some holes for us. We greatly appreciate this. Also to Michael Wood for putting in the sleepers. We are now up to making the garden bed around these. If anyone has any ideas for a garden border or could help make this garden, please let Bert know. We hope to have the ANZAC sculpture finished by ANZAC day but we do need some help to complete this.

Fundraising Committee meeting at School Tuesday 1st March at 5pm.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!

Thank you!
## Term 1 2016

| Week 6 | Monday 29th Feb to Friday 4th March  
|        | Tuesday 1st March  
|        | Friday 4th March  
|        | First full week for foundations!!!  
|        | Deb at Tallangatta Cluster principals' meeting at Tallangatta Secondary College.  
|        | Division swimming carnival  
|        | Good luck to Regan, Darci, Sammy, Baxter, Will, Tom, Joe and Angus  
| Week 7 | Beginning 7th March  
|        | Thursday 10th March  
|        | MARK VAN  
|        | Return your books please  
| Week 8 | Monday 14th March  
|        | Friday 18th March  
|        | Labour Day public holiday  
|        | National Day against bullying and violence  
| Week 9 | Monday 21st to Thursday 24th March  
|        | Monday 21st March  
|        | Sovereign Hill Camp for 5/6 students. Deposit paid last year to secure place  
|        | Harmony Day  
|        | Please pay $277 by 11/2/16  
|        | Easter Saturday - 26th March  
|        | Bethanga Gymkhana  
|        | Traditionally we run a stall so please keep this date free  

## Term 2 2016

| Week 2 | Friday 22nd April  
|        | ATHLETICS CARNIVAL  
|        | Alexandra Park F-6  
| Week 3 | Monday 25th April  
|        | ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT BETHANGA HALL  
|        | Our students will sing and lay wreaths  

## Term 3 2016

| Week 1 | Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th July  
|        | Outdoor School (15 Mile Creek) camp  
|        | Year 3/4 students  
| Week 3 | Wednesday 27th July  
|        | Friday 29th July  
|        | Indonesian Day at Tallangatta  
|        | Winter Sports for years 3-6  
|        | Wodonga  


On Friday 26th February, Lauchy Eddington and his Dad brought his magnificent bearded dragons Desert and Storm to school. They are 1 ½ years old in human years and in Bearded Dragon years they are 5.

Lauchy said that when they are at home they do outstanding tricks like flips. When they are calm they can camouflage into all different colours.

They have ears but not like ours. They have holes in the sides of their heads and when they go under sand all the sand to look for food, the sand goes into their ears. They can blow that sand out of their ears.

They have extra skin that looks like they are tough and also helps them to digest.

They have a frill and amazingly in this frill they have bone and cartilage. They eat all sorts of stuff like beans and bugs.

Lauchy’s Dad gave me a turn and put one on my T shirt. Storm crawled off me and went onto the carpet. Desert gave Tye the death stare. When they get sand in their ears they blow out of they can blow it out of their ears.

They can get really big and they are really spiky.

Desert loves to do flips and can face plant. They are 2 ½ in human years but in lizard years they are 5.

They have two layers of skin.

Alex W

This morning Lauchy Eddington and his dad brought their Bearded Dragons who were called Desert and Storm to school. They can change colours into green, black and pink.

Lauchy had a staring contest with Storm who was being lazy.

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Mark
Today we had our first day of Athletic sports. It was incredible. Sophie taught us lots of activities. They were so much fun. In our first activity you needed four people. The first person crouches in the shape of a rock and the other makes the shape of a bridge and other makes the shape of a tree and the last person is a runner. So the runner jumps over the ball and the goes under the bridge and keeps on going around the tree. Then the rock becomes the runner. That was amazing.

Darci
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