Important Dates

- **Book Fair**
  19-26th November

- **Shrewd Base Incursion**
  Tues 1st December

- **2016 Prep Info Night**
  Tues 1st December

- **Whole School Christmas Carols (weather permitting)**
  Wed 2nd December

- **Step Up Day & Reports Home**
  Tues 8th December

- **Last Day of Term 4**
  Fri 18th December

Notices

Planning for 2016

We are currently planning for 2016 - however before we can finalise grade structure we need to have enrolments for Foundation (Prep) 2016 finalised. If you have a child commencing Foundation (Prep) in 2016 please make sure you complete the enrolment as soon as possible.

We are also asking those families who will not be at The Patch next year to inform us as soon as possible. Even one or two children can make a difference when planning grades so accurate information will allow us to make informed decisions.

Thanks for your help with ensuring the planning process is well-organised and meets the needs of our students.

Shrewd Brass – A Blast of Brass

Whole School Music Incursion

On Tuesday 1st December (12.15pm – 1.15pm) we are fortunate to have the ‘Shrewd Brass’ Ensemble playing at The Patch as part of our Performing Arts program for all students in grades Prep to Six. Students will have the opportunity to hear the five professional musicians of Shrewd Brass performing on Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone and Tuba. They will hear music from classical to contemporary Australian, jazz to fanfares, even opera to Latin!

$10 per child is payable on Qkr by Wednesday 18th November.

Parents/Grandparents/Carers are welcome to attend at no extra cost.

*Get ready for A Blast of Brass!*
What we are learning......

**Numeracy**
- Revision of the four processes (+, -, x and ÷)
- Times tables
- Problem Solving
- Data collection and interpretation
- Children are also working on their individual learning goals.

**Literacy**
- Writing - recount text
- Individual writing goals.
- Reading - reading circles.
  - Students will complete a set amount of reading as well as a task for group work each week
- Listening – learning how to be a focused audience member
- Questioning – how do we ask appropriate questions?

**Community**
- Members of our parent community will be talking to our children about their occupations

**Science**
- Plants In Action – flower anatomy, pollination and fruit production

**Environmental Ed**
- Undertaking a Habitat Census of our school ground – how valuable is it to local wildlife and have our actions from the last two years made a difference?
- Calculating soil cover and why this makes a difference.

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**Spelling Bee**
This week the spelling bee will take place for grades three to six. Students who qualified in grades three and four have all been given starter spelling sheets but their words will get harder and harder until we have a winner. Past experience has shown us that this low key approach brings out the best in our great spellers.

**Community**:
We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Chris Monaghan, Linda Krause, Rosemary and Greg Horne and Sarah Alkhlawi for giving up your time to come in to school to talk to all of the grade 3/4s about your occupations and education. Our students have been enthralled with your stories and have a much clearer understanding of how the things they are learning now at school will help to shape their future. We are very much looking forward to the parents who will be coming in over the next few weeks as well. Thank you parents!

**Fabric Sandwich wraps:**
Sandwich wraps can still be purchased for the low price of $6 before school and at recess on from 3/4B’s classroom.
All money raised from the sale of these wraps will be used to support other sustainability projects within and around our school.
Thank you for your support 😊

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