DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td>ANZAC DAY Public Holiday Opening of new Silvan War Memorial 10.30 am Ceremony</td>
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SILVAN WAR MEMORIAL

Please note that there are two dates associated with the new War Memorial being constructed in front of the school. There will be an official opening of the War memorial on Sunday 24th April followed by an Anzac Day Ceremony Monday 25th April at 10.30 am. More details about this later.

NEW DISTRICT ATHLETICS DAY

Please be advised that our re-scheduled District Athletics day will go ahead on Wednesday 13th

April next term. This is the first Wednesday back from holidays.

FIREWOOD

Any parent who would like to have any firewood for their wood heaters. There is a large pile of tree branches in front of the frog bog area.

Bring your chainsaw over the break and help yourself to as much as you would like.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Next term Vikki Ingamells will be on Long Service Leave for the first week of term & Mrs Hughes will also be on Long Service Leave for the first two weeks of term. Mrs Hughes will be replaced by Ms Davies & Mrs Bohacz.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Sporting Schools will recommence during semester 2 this year. Our softball and gymnastics program has used up all the funding for this term. Sporting Schools will be back in term 3 later this year.

LEADER LOCAL GRANTS COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who has registered and voted for our school project at the Leader Local Grant website. We only have until the 1st of April to vote so visit the www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/how website and go to question 3 register and get cracking! Further
information follows in this newsletter.

CFA PLANNED BURNS AT SILVAN DAM

Melbourne Water and the CFA are planning to conduct a planned burn at the Silvan Reservoir during Autumn. See attached bulletin.

EARTH DAY

Thanks to Sarah Bethune, Anita Turchett and Kim Rowden who joined us on Thursday last week and cooked sausages for our lunch. We had a great day enjoying tasty food, the kookaburras and the beautiful Silvan Reservoir Park environment. Altogether, we walked about 5 kilometres and certainly felt it when we got back to school to enjoy icy-poles and gummy bears! (Thanks Sarah and Anita)

THANK YOU

Thanks to Sarsha Trewavis for making some chair bags for the Prep-3 grade. These have been wildly successful and the children been able to select from a wide variety of patterns. They have been great for de-cluttering their tubs and makes the task of locating specific books, so much easier!

Sarsha has also been updating the big notice board located at the front of the school. I’m sure she would appreciate extra helpers. If you are able to help out, drop into the school. Finally, Sarsha has been helping out in both grades, on Wednesday and Thursday, when we have cooking. We couldn’t manage as well without extra helpers. Thanks also to Rebecca for facilitating an excellent home economics program.

Finally thank you to all staff (including volunteer staff) and parents for your support over the term. I wish all families a happy & safe break and look forward to seeing you all refreshed and raring to go next term on Monday 11th April.

$1,000 LEADER LOCAL GRANTS

Silvan Primary School has applied for a $1,000 Leader Newspaper Local Grant. Now, we need your help to spread the word far & wide &
encourage all your friends & family - both in the real world & on Social Media - to Vote for our idea.

How? Simply visit the leader local grants website, register to vote, and then look up the Silvan Primary School idea and give it your vote!

Voting starts this Monday & closes 1st of April, with Winners announced on 9th of May.

Please spread the word and vote for your school's idea. Here’s the link.

– go to step 3, click ‘register here
Planned Burn Bulletin
Silvan Reservoir
Autumn 2016

Melbourne Water and CFA are preparing for planned burns to reduce fuel loads at Silvan Reservoir, Melway reference 122 G7. Two of the three areas identified overleaf may be burnt over the coming weeks.

When will the burn take place?
The burn is planned to take place during Autumn. The exact date will depend on the weather and the condition of the area to be burned.

The safety of the community and fire fighters is paramount in our planning for fuel reduction burns. If the conditions are not suitable we will postpone the burn until a more favourable time of the year.

Why is the burn required?
The 2009 Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission recommends planned burning to reduce fire fuel such as leaves, bark and twigs. This makes fighting real bushfires easier to control and increases fire protection for people and property.

How will the burn be managed?
Before the burn, Melbourne Water and CFA will monitor the weather and site conditions to ensure the burn is safely conducted within strict guidelines.

The timing and intensity of the burn will be carefully controlled to target and reduce fuel loads.

What will I notice during the burn?
You will notice smoke while burns are under way and can expect to see glowing embers in the burn area for several days after. We will make every effort to burn only on still days to minimise the amount of smoke. Motorists driving in smoky areas are advised to slow down and take extra care on the roads.

What happens after the burn?
After the burn, Melbourne Water staff will patrol the area over the following days to ensure the burn is completely extinguished.

What if I have concerns?
We understand some people or businesses may be sensitive to smoke. If you have any concerns or particular needs, please contact the Melbourne Water call centre on 131 722 or contact Sharon Merritt, Planned Fire Coordinator on 0409 053 229.
Stay Informed:
- Download the “Fire Ready” app for smart phones
- Call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIIL) on freecall 1800 240 667.
- Keep informed by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial radio stations or watching Sky News TV.
- Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment can call textphone/telewriter (TTY) on 1800 122 969.

Interpreter service
For an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 13 14 50.