Students of the week

**Eloise** – for being a responsible senior student.

**Livinia** – A most creative, capable and attentive pupil who strives hard in her friendships and achievements. You brighten each day Livinia!

**Happy Birthday**
Birthday wishes to Riley who is celebrating his birthday next Monday.

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**Calendar**

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Our wonderful Mrs Mac joins us again today – better but still hobbling after a nasty fall at school on Tuesday. Welcome Back

Zone Athletic Carnival
We extend our good wishes to our Gems who are off to the Zone Sports Carnival tomorrow. We are
immensely proud of you and trust the day will be a rewarding one.
Eloise – Age race, high jump, 200m, 800m & 2 Relays
Atticus – Age race, high jump.
Jacob H – High jump, 200m
Ivor – Long jump
Austin – High Jump
Seddah – Shot put
We remember Jade who gave her best to get to Zone level but unfortunately has been unwell and won’t be participating.

During our assemblies this week, the children were reminded that, if you haven’t already sent a note giving permission for your child to ride or walk home, a phone call or a note must be provided. If children wish to walk or ride they must first have their names marked off at our afternoon assembly by the duty teacher before they leave. This is simply so we can keep your child safe.
Please ensure that large amounts of money are not brought to school by children and that the exchange of money for lost items or for any reason is strongly discouraged.
We also reminded our Gems that exchanges of or shared food is not acceptable. Duty teachers will continue to monitor children eating lunch each day.
We are very impressed with the fresh fruit, vegetables and other nourishing foods children are bringing to school but alarmed with so many children arriving at lunch with no food to eat as they have had it all at recess. We have advised children to either bring more food to school or ensure they keep some aside for lunch as concentration, behaviours and emotional well-being can deteriorate during afternoon sessions at school.
The Opals teachers are concerned that many basic ‘tools’ a student requires to complete tasks in their classroom are missing or not respected. Much time is wasted when children cannot find pencils, rulers, sharpeners etc. Every day teachers give out new equipment only to find them broken or mislaid. To remedy this and to encourage good organisation skills and respect for equipment with all our children, we ask that they have a pencil case and equipment named as soon as possible please.
Our amazing Diamonds continue to work and play hard! We will have completed our Life Education books hopefully this week and I know the children are eager to share them with you and all their new knowledge about their bodies, good eating and healthy habits.
Good luck Connor, Jaxon & Darby next week in Brisbane. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you all.
A wonderful man in our class, Jaxon recently went on a wonderful camping weekend and brought back some very interesting rocks. It spurred us on to investigate the formation of Thunder Eggs on a site we Googled. Our resident class geologist, Fern, took this interest home to mum and dad who most incredibly presented the school with an extraordinary Thunder Egg with brilliant crystals inside! How thoughtful and generous. Many thanks Krissy & Simon – it will be treasured!

Kind Regards
Ms Noble
Relieving Principal

Opals
Could Opal children remember to bring in a pair of plyers by next Wednesday for use in art. Please make sure your name is on them. Anyone with old, unwanted stockings, if they could be donated for art use that would be appreciated.
Another request, if anyone has empty, clean squat salsa jars that we can use could you please send them in to school – thanks.
Live Life Well – Big Vegie Crunch’ – Thursday 27th August. 11am.

Did you Know?

Less than half of Australian children eat the recommended 5 serves of vegetables per day, while most eat 2 serves of fruit.

To raise awareness about the benefits of eating vegies our school is participating in the Big Vegie Crunch. This is an attempt to set a record for the greatest number of children eating vegetables at a given time.

What do you need to do: pack your child a vegetable to crunch on for the day. Don’t forget to encourage them to eat vegetables at home as well as at school.

As you would have noticed as you enter our school there is a lovely bright & colourful snake on the path. Thank you to the children for helping to paint this and a big thank you to Tony Durheim from Premier 3D Painting for donating the paints.

Thanks
Mrs Close

Diamonds
This week we looked at the importance of paper as a material. In some parts of the world, elephant dung, banana leaves and grass can be used to make paper but most of the paper we use is made from the pulp of trees. We got to look at and feel some different paper including some made from hemp and cotton. We learnt that the Saturday edition of a large newspaper can require up to 20 000 trees to produce, or over 1 million trees a year.

We decided that it was very important to use paper wisely to help save trees. This is why it is very important to recycle paper. One way we can do this is to make our own paper. The Diamonds had a great time making paper using old scrap paper and used wrapping paper.

Opals
The Opals have been investigating the Changing Surface of Earth in Science and Technology this term. This week we looked at how wind can cause erosion and how different soils behave in wind. We found that large items such as boulders, logs and trees can act as barriers to soil movement in the wind. We learnt that soils with high organic matter and vegetation cover are less likely to erode than areas of poor soil with no vegetation cover.

Mrs Langdon

Tuckshop
Rostered for Monday 17th August 2015
Baking – Nerida
Serving: Krissy
If parents have any fruit they can donate to tuckshop it would be appreciated.