We’ve had a really busy term. I hope you’ve had a chance to have a look at your children’s work during the term. It’s always exciting to see how far each child has come across 10 or 11 weeks. When you look at the term planner you’ll see that term 2 is already promising to be equally busy.

NAPLAN
Week 3 is NAPLAN testing for students in years 3 and 5. As we have done in previous years all the children in Kungari class will have a go at the test. Year 4s will do year 3. This gives them a chance to practise and get comfortable with the process. While the NAPLAN test is just a snap shot of a single day it does provide useful data that teachers use to adjust their teaching programmes for each child.
KINDY
For the rest of the year Kindy will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 8.50am – 2pm. Occasional Care for children from 12 months to 3 years will be on the same days from 9am – 12 noon.
We are currently finishing the last details for the upgrade to the kindy. These will include an extension to the kindy toilet area which will provide better changing facilities, a single level floor and disabled toilet and shower. As well there will be a veranda to the area outside the kitchen and new ramps and steps to the school toilet block. While the renovations are carried out the Kindy will relocate to the community room and library. At this stage I think this will be at the beginning of term 3 but I’ll let you know as soon as I have a firm date. This might have a knock-on impact on community use of that space.

Lunches at School
From the beginning of next term we will no longer preparing noodles for children’s lunches. This is because of the time it takes, but also safety and health concerns. If a child comes to school without lunch, or with noodles, we will have bread and fillings (vegemite, peanut butter, jam, cheese) so that they can make themselves a sandwich. We will also have soup for all the children to share when it gets cold. We will continue to take it in turns to cook on Wednesdays for the whole school.
In the yard the new areas of grass and some new plants, have started to make progress please ask the children to remain out of the yard during the holidays.

**I hope you all have a great break over the holidays.**

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**Term 2 Calendar**

| 1 2/5 – 6/5 | Monday 2nd May start of term 2  
Thursday 5th 11am. Geocaching excursion Kungari Class with Opal |
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| 2 9/5 – 13/5 | Wednesday 11th Evonne Goolagong Tennis Day Murray Bridge, Pondi and Kungari  
12th Thursday Kindy Meeting Geranium Helen |
| 3 16/5 – 20/5 | Monday 16th Barb working with Lisa and Fusi Australian Curriculum  
NAPLAN |
| 4 23/5 – 27/5 | Friday 27th Student free day Oral Language PD at Coonalpyn tentative |
| 5 30/5 – 3/6 | Wednesday June 1st ACEO meeting community room - all day |
| 6 6/6 – 10/6 | |
| 7 13/6 – 17/6 | Monday 13th QUEENS BIRTHDAY  
Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th Camp with Coonalpyn at El Shadaii |
| 8 20/6 – 24/6 | Monday 20th Coorong Mallee principals - Sue Geranium |
| 9 27/6 – 1/7 | |
| 10 4/7 – 8/7 | Friday 8th end of term 2. Open class rooms and shared lunch school finishes at 2pm |
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Things we have done this term