



## Issue 29

September 10, 2015

### Dates to remember:

#### **Friday, September 11**

District Basketball -  
Years 5/6  
Assembly 2.30pm

#### **Monday, September 14**

Division Athletics-Landy  
Field

#### **Friday, September 18**

Footy Dress Up Day  
Assembly at 1.15pm  
Term 3 School finish at  
2.30pm

#### **Monday, October 5**

*Pupil Free Day*

#### **Tuesday, October 6**

Term 4 commences for  
Students

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**Mr Barrie Speight**

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# News

## Strings Performance

Last Friday our Strings students performed at a special Assembly attended by many parents, children from the Daycare, and members of the East Geelong Uniting Church. Ikani Vaitohi, the church Pastor came to us with an idea to trial a Strings program just over 12 months ago. He had the backing of his church, who have supported the program financially and 'in kind' since the start.



As anyone who attended the Assembly will tell you, it has been a spectacular success! The confidence of the children performing was outstanding, with many watching moved to tears of joy.

Congratulations to all musicians and a huge thankyou to all members of the East Geelong Uniting Church and our amazing Tutors, Jenny, Siobhan and Judy. The Tutors say that our students are doing better than many children they work with in other locations.

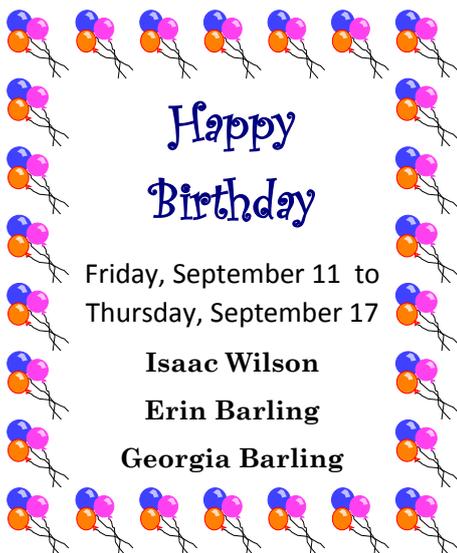
## Next Week is the Last Week of Term

- Active After School's Program finished this week. No Active After School next week. The program will re-start in the second week of Term 4.
- School will finish early at 2:30, with Assembly also starting early at 1:15.
- The final day will be Footy Dress-up Day—all children are invited to come to school in their team colours.

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# Newsletter





## Happy Birthday

Friday, September 11 to  
Thursday, September 17

Isaac Wilson

Erin Barling

Georgia Barling

### Toucan Appeal

The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need. The annual Toucan Appeal is now on and we would appreciate any donations of canned food, rice, cereal, honey, milo, pasta sauce, UHT milk to fill the box at the office. Thanks.



### Prep Enrolments

Prep enrolments are now being taken for 2016. All parents and friends are welcome to make contact with the school to arrange a tour at a time that suits them. Getting your enrolment forms into school helps us to plan effectively for next year.

### Advance Notice - Pupil Free Day

The first day of Term 4, Monday 5th October, will be a pupil free day.

## Fantastic News

*This week, after many hours of work, submissions and re-submissions to the Education Department, we have had our overall plans for the new school approved. We are grateful for the assistance we received from Christine Couzens, the local member for State Parliament and the backing of the Minister for Education, James Merlino. It has been confirmed that:*

- *We will be able to spend the whole of our \$5M allocation.*
- *The old school will be completely removed and a new school built in its place.*
- *It will be business as usual for our students during the rebuild—we will be working in part of the old school, while the rest of the building is demolished to make room for the new building, then moving into the new building while the remaining old part is demolished.*
- *The new school will cater for up to 200 students.*
- *The rebuild is planned to be finished within two years from now.*

*Thank you to all staff and members of the School Council who have helped to this point.*

*We will keep you informed as we move through the next stages. If there is an opportunity for you to be consulted, we will let you know at the appropriate time.*

### Pupil Free Day at Start of Term 4

Please note that after the coming Term Break, school will resume on Tuesday 6th October for all students.

Teachers will be here as normal the day before (on the Monday), so office staff will be on duty in the event that you need to contact the school.

### Earn & Learn Stickers

Stickers are no longer available. If you have any at home, can you bring them along to school tomorrow so we can finalise this fundraiser. Thankyou to everyone who has helped with this. Your kids will be the benefactors.

