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Calendar

February	
Monday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents & Friends Group Meeting.
Tuesday 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bookclub Orders Due.
Wednesday 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">District Swimming Sports.No prep students
Thursday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">District Swimming Sports – BackupStudent Banking.
Friday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">State Cricket Trials.Parent/Teacher Bookings Close.
Tuesday 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent/Teacher Interviews.
Wednesday 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Division Swimming Sports.No prep students.Parent/Teacher Interviews.
Thursday 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Student Banking.
Friday 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Division Swimming Sports – Backup.Grade 6 T-Shirt Orders Due
Monday 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Division & Hotshots Tennis.Senior Camp Deposit Due.

Change of times

Recess (eating time) 10.50 – 11.00

Recess 11.00 – 11.30

Lunch (eating time) 13.30 – 13.40

Lunch 13.40 – 14.20

Principal's Report

Congratulations to our new School Leaders

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our School Captains and House Captains for 2016. Congratulations to each and every one of you. We look forward to watching you grow in your new leadership roles as you support your fellow students and represent our school in the wider community.

School Captains – Max Van Est and Paige Tarling

School Vice Captains – Jordan Johnston and Monika Atkinson

House Captains – Green Lorikeets – Jack Armstrong and Sophie Alexander

Red Ravens – Colby Montant and Chelsea Beechey

Blue Kookaburras – Jai Nicholls and Amarlie Gallasch

Black Penguins – Sam Brown and Bianca Croucher

Purple Pelicans – Nick McLaughlin and Olivia Miles

School Council Elections

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

****We are now registered for Centrepay****

Parents/Carers receiving welfare payments may request that their Education fees be paid using Centrepay.

With Centrepay, regular amounts are deducted from your payments and paid directly to the school via secure, electronic transfer.

Customers can request Centrepay deductions by:

- <https://my.gov.au/LoginServices>
- the [phone](#)
- completing a [Centrepay deduction form \(SA325\)](#), or
- contacting your school directly.

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Please contact Sarah Cameron - Business Manager for more information on 0351524662.

A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Call for Nominations

We will commence the election process next week by calling for nominations from *Monday*

15th of February. The closing date for nominations is Monday 22nd of February.

Nomination forms will be available from the school office. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Hats

While it has been a somewhat cooler summer that we are used to, all students are reminded that they are required to wear a hat during this term when they are outside. As a *SunSmart* school we encourage all students and staff to *Slip on protective clothing, Slap on a hat, Slop on sunscreen and Seek a shady place to play.*

Personal Accident Insurance

The Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence of the Department, a school or their employees or volunteers. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. They can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

The Department cannot advise on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the yellow Pages or online.

Lost Property

The children look fantastic in their new school uniforms and we thank parents for their support. To assist us with managing lost items of clothing, parents are asked to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Sister School

We are very excited to let everyone know that our sister school, Kitagata Primary School in Yokohama has confirmed that they will be visiting Lucknow later this year. The Kitagata students are scheduled to arrive on 30 July and will attend school while staying with their host family until 4 August. We will keep you informed of the details of their program as the planning evolves.

Learning to Read – the Benefits of Reading for Pleasure

Learning reading skills is vital, however recent research into reading shows that developing positive attitudes towards reading can also play a key role in children's development.

Research shows that reading for pleasure has a positive impact on children's attainment in

reading assessments. Children who read for pleasure have an enhanced level of understanding (comprehension) of what they read, an increased knowledge of grammar and show improvement in their own writing.

The advantages of reading for pleasure go beyond academic achievement. Other benefits for our students include, an increased breadth of vocabulary, pleasure in reading in later life, a better general knowledge and a deeper understanding of ideas, experiences, places and times our children may never otherwise experience in real life.

Young people who enjoy reading are nearly five times as likely to read above the expected level for their age compared with young people who do not enjoy reading. Natural Literacy Trust, 2012.

Foster a love of reading at home! Read with your children. Read to your children. Listen to your children read. Talk about reading and books with enthusiasm. Visit the library together. Tune into your child's own interests and curiosity and hook them into reading.

I recently had the pleasure of listening to the great children's author Mem Fox speak at an educational conference. In her words, *"Make reading magical, make children want to read. Find quality literature to share with your children that's engaging, exciting, a great story with fabulous illustrations and rich language. Make reading joyful!"*

Blood Donors



School staff donated blood this week at the mobile blood bank located at Bunnings.

Every blood donation can save 3 lives. People of all walks of life need blood products. Some need it to get them through a serious event in their lives while others have medical conditions which mean they need blood products regularly to stay alive or be healthy.

Marcus Batt - Principal

Classroom News

Class	Student of the Week
PAS	Zane Carroll - for the fantastic effort and concentration he put into learning how to correctly write the letter b, well done Zane!
PKW	Frankie Prior- for being a helpful member of the class and settling into prep so well.
P1H	Draven White – for working so well during class and for doing beautiful work.
1DP	Melissa Caire - for clear and confident manner when talking to the class or in a group.
1MC	Ella Hancock Perry - for excellent work in writing. Well done!
1MF	Sebastian Ellis- for always striving to complete his work to the best of his ability.
2EW	Rahni O'Connor - for being a fantastic role model for others, she is making good choices, working hard and being a great friend. Well done Rahni!
2RG	Chase Attenborough - for his fantastic writing and diagram of his truck during free write Friday.
2RN	Hayden Smith - for always joining in class discussions. Well done Hayden!
3CD	Beau Saulle - for demonstrating his assertiveness and willingness as a team player. He shows great care and respect towards others and our school environment. It is a pleasure to have you in 3CD Beau, you set a great example for others to follow.
3CM	Sarah Batt - the presentation of your work and your commitment to learning is outstanding. You are a wonderful role model for all Sarah!
3EC	Jack Shenton - for the outstanding effort he has put in to his writing.
34B	Matilda Donnan – congratulations on the excellent example you set for the younger students in our grade, showing great commitment to your schoolwork at all times. What a great start to the year Matilda!
4EW	Alessia Guerrero - for her constant commitment to her work in class, well done on a great start to the year Alessia!
4LB	Krystal Banson – has made a great start to Grade 4 and shows great persistence in getting gher tasks done.
45D	Darcy McSweeney - for being a quiet, focussed worker in class and a good friend to others.
5JL	Phoebe Long – for her enthusiastic approach to her learning and her 'Can Do' attitude.
5JM	Sam Mehlert - for his positive attitude and enthusiasm that he has recently shown towards his Writing Ideas Book.
56N	Caitlyn Lecky - you have settled into school life brilliantly. You are a happy class member.
6CS	Bodey Carr - showing persistence with his writing and producing work of a high standard.
6KE	Courtney Philpotts – for her amazing enthusiasm in starting Grade 6.
6TB	Chelsea Montant. What a fabulous start to the year! Keep up the great work...

Student Leadership Training Day

Today the Student Leadership Team and Junior School Council Representatives were involved in a Leadership Training Day. The Junior School Council Representatives joined the first part of the session where children watched a DVD that was presented by the GRIP Leadership Team. The DVD focused on teaching children the 10 tips to public speaking which were -:

1. Know my objective
2. Write out my talk
3. Practise my presentation
4. Introduce myself
5. Have confidence
6. Have clear points
7. Make eye contact
8. Add dynamic to your voice
9. Style should reflect myself
10. Finish with a strong statement

During the second session the Student Leaders participated in some activities to assist with improving their confidence and technique when public speaking. One activity was called 'Big Fat Liar'. The children had to say three facts about themselves. Two facts had to be true and one had to be a lie. This game was heaps of fun and children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.

The second activity was called 'The Introduction Game'. Children worked with their School Captain or House Captain partner. The children had to stand on the stage with their partner and use the microphone to introduce them. This activity gave children a great opportunity to think about all the fantastic attributes and qualities that their partner has and was certainly a confidence booster for everyone.

Congratulations to our Student Leadership Team and Junior School Council Representatives for their enthusiasm and involvement today. We are certainly looking forward to working with you throughout the year.

Warren Fyfe and Debbie Dooley - Student Leadership Co-ordinators

Alli Hopkins - Junior School Council Co-ordinator

Fitness Fanatics Update

Number of participants - Tuesday - 36

Wednesday - 39

Distance ran and/or walked- Tuesday - 46km

Wednesday - 61.5km

New members of the 10km club - Perry Elliot, Chloe McCole

New members of the 30km club - Bianca Croucher, Chiara Dipalma, Charlie Flynn

New members of the 40km club - Jackson Batt

New members of the 70km club - Paige Tarling

New members of the 120km club - Poppy Wharfe

Debbie Dooley - Fitness Fanatic

Parents & Friends Group

Our next meeting is this Monday the 15th of February in the staff room at 7pm. We have a parents and friends meeting every third Monday of the month. All positions are open. So please come along, all are welcome!

For those of you that don't know we offer our students free fruit on Fridays. This fruit is graciously donated by Eastwood IGA. We would like to thank IGA for their kind donations every week so we can offer this service to our students. We really appreciate all that they have given us over the last 12 months.

We would also like to thank Kelly, Lucinda, Sarah, Jaimee and Lesley for cutting the fruit up every week.

Help is always welcome.

Easter is fast approaching and for us to have another successful Easter raffle we rely on donations. We are open to all Easter donations from baskets to eggs and everything in between. All donations are very much appreciated and can be left at the office. The P&FG thanks you for your support!

Community News

For Sale

4 Guinea Pigs. \$10 each. 4 weeks old. Phone Kim 0405568590

BASKETBALL CLINIC
ENERGY BASKETBALL
With **US Import JORDAN COLEMAN**
Ages 7 to 14
SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2016
10AM TO 12PM
BAIRNSDALE REC CENTRE
REGISTRATION & CASH PAYMENT OF \$20 PAYABLE @ 16/2/16
BAIRNSDALE TUESDAY JUNIORS 4:30PM TO 7:00PM AT BARC STADIUM
PICCOLLAGE

Federation University

CHC30213 Certificate III in Education Support
CHC40213 Certificate IV in Education Support
Commencing February 17th 2016 (one day per week) at the Bairnsdale campus or you can study online.

Concessional and Government subsidies available

Ring Sue on 03 5152 0743 to arrange a meeting.

East Gippsland United Football Club

Outdoor Soccer Information and Try Out Sessions

East Gippsland United Football Club is inviting new and existing players to try out for its Junior Representative Teams for the 2016 Gippsland Soccer League season.

Thursday, February 11 and Tuesday, February 16,

Under 12 and Under 14 mixed - 5.30pm-6.30pm

Under 16 Boys and Under 16 Girls - 6.30pm-7.70pm

Both the Thursday and Tuesday try outs must be attended at Howitt Park, Princes Highway, Bairnsdale

Dear Parents,

The school has established the use of the Skoolbag App to provide newsletters, notification of events etc. We use the app extensively to improve communication and reduce photocopying. Therefore we would appreciate you returning the attached slip by 16th February if you would prefer to receive newsletters etc though your child on paper.

Instructions to install Skoolbag on your iPhone, Windows Phone, iPage or Android device was in last weeks newsletter.

You can also go into your settings and only select your childs particular year level. This will save you getting notifications about other grades.

Skoolbag App – Please return by 16th February

Family Name: _____

Grades my children are in: _____

I will be using the Skoolbag app for receipt of information
(Paper copies will not be sent home)

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I would prefer to have a paper copy of newsletters etc.

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Please email - parents name, childs name and date of birth, contact email and phone number as an expression of interest to Wayne at clarkbai@bigpond.net.au before attending.



East Gippsland Waterdragons Swim Club is holding a

Fun Session & Race Night

New Swimmers welcome!

Friday February 19th @ Bairnsdale Aquatic & Recreation Centre (BARC)

(Pool Entry is free at Bairnsdale on Fridays)

4:30pm for New Members and Mini Swimmers

5.30pm for Race Session with All Squad swimmers

Fun Night/Race enquires: Bec Seignior Mobile: 0448030844

New member enquiries: Mary Strini 0438 521 252 or Margo Cuthbertson 0427 518 443

www.waterdragons.org.au
East Gippsland Waterdragons Swim Club is a fun and enjoyable swimming club that caters for swimmers of all ages and abilities.
Club members come from all over East Gippsland, train with professional coaches at either Bairnsdale or Lakes Entrance, and compete in various race events.

School Banking 2016 is set for **the outback.**

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifelong money skills. This year's program invites your child to join the Dollarmites on a wild outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the gear you need to get started. If you haven't received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.



Equipping smart savers with eight new reward items in 2016

The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.

You could meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo

This year, we're giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

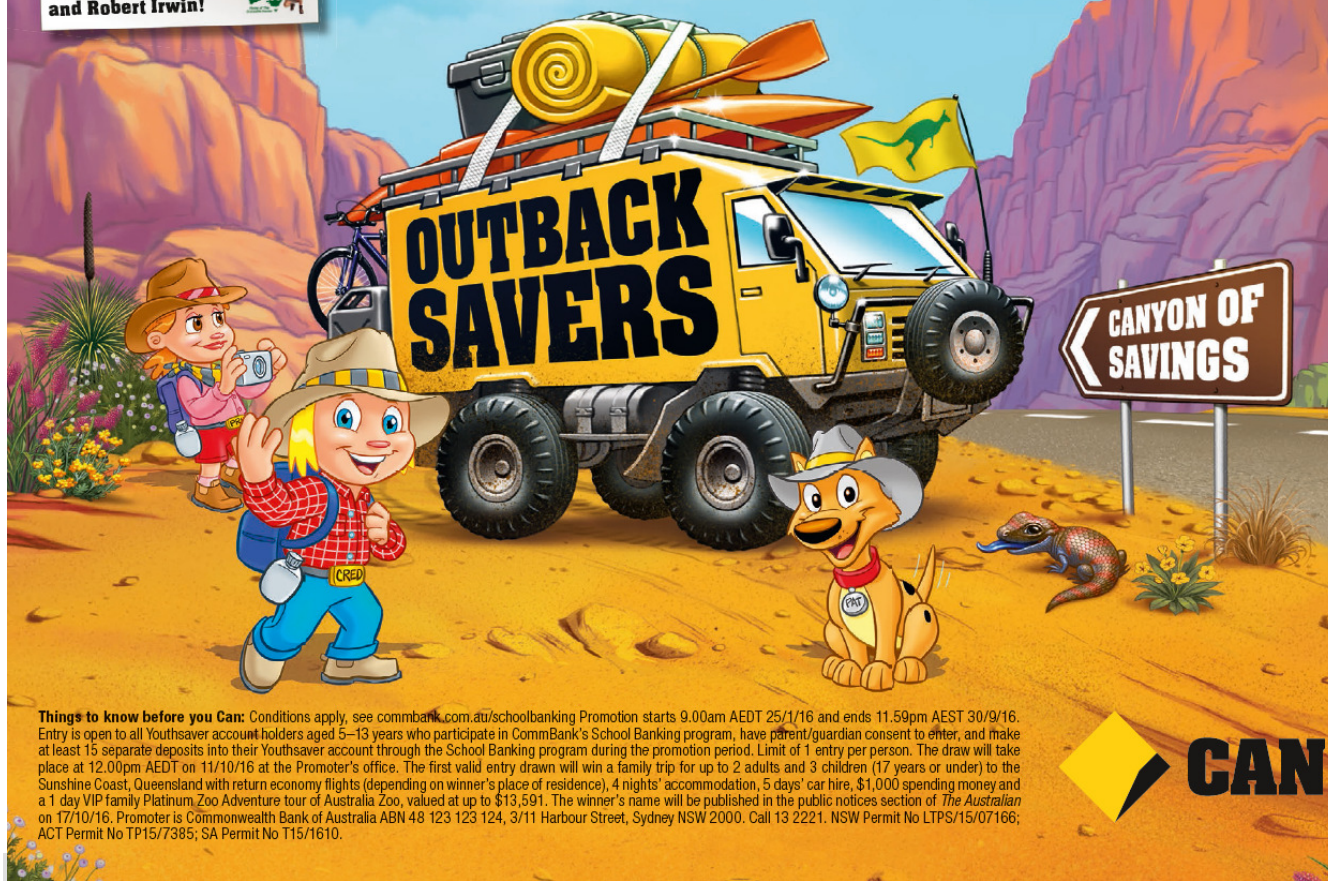
- A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you'll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights' accommodation, 5 days' car hire and \$1,000 spending money.



Meet Bindi and Robert Irwin!

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/schoolbanking Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 25/1/16 and ends 11.59pm AEST 30/9/16. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in CommBank's School Banking program, have parent/guardian consent to enter, and make at least 15 separate deposits into their Youthsaver account through the School Banking program during the promotion period. Limit of 1 entry per person. The draw will take place at 12.00pm AEST on 11/10/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip for up to 2 adults and 3 children (17 years or under) to the Sunshine Coast, Queensland with return economy flights (depending on winner's place of residence), 4 nights' accommodation, 5 days' car hire, \$1,000 spending money and a 1 day VIP family Platinum Zoo Adventure tour of Australia Zoo, valued at up to \$13,591. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of *The Australian* on 17/10/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, 3/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Call 13 2221. NSW Permit No LTPS/15/07166; ACT Permit No TP15/7385; SA Permit No T15/1610.



This year, a Music Education focus!

Welcome back to 2016. I am so excited to be teaching Performing Arts again this year. This year will see my class activities take on a more of a music focus. After seeing so many confident and creative students emerge from our Drama based program we felt it was time to introduce students to a different style of Performing Arts learning. This year will continue to see students attend an hour session with me (Sharon Byrne) either in the first or second semester. For the first term in Performing Arts students will participate in activities based around Percussion Instruments, Glockenspiel /Xylophones, basic music notation, African Drumming and Voice. They will also continue to revise drama skills learnt in 2014/2015.

Donations

The performing arts program is currently seeking donations of old and used keyboards, xylophones and record players. If you have any of these working instruments or equipment lying around that are not needed anymore our Performing Arts room would greatly appreciate them.

Important Dates

Thurs Feb 18th – Notification of VSSS cast

Monday Feb 22nd – VSSS \$50 deposit due

Friday March 18th - #1 (of 4) VSSS Dance rehearsal from 9am in hall

Victorian State Schools Spectacular

By now I am sure you have all heard about Lucknow Primary Schools involvement in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular (VSSS). We look forward to finalising our Dance and Singing Cast over the next week. Students will be notified if they were, or were not, successful in the application process via letter from Miss Stanley and me. Thank you to all the parents that attended our information session. We are very excited to see our community responding so well to this new school initiative.

A Few Benefits of a Primary School Music Education....



WHY teach music?

music is a science

It is exact, specific; it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

music is mathematical

It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

music is a foreign language

Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French; and the notation is certainly not English – but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language. Also, many songs we study are from other cultures.

music is physical education

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

most of all, music is art.

It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion.



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Tuesday 23rd February and Wednesday 24th February 2016. Bookings must be finalised before Friday 19th February at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, access can be made at the local library, work or friends. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 51524662. Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Go

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on Friday 19th February at 4pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the class teacher or office directly on: 51524662

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.