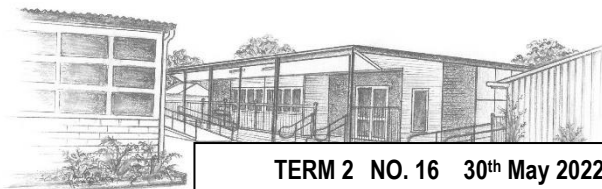


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

1. COVID-19 Cases - Again, we had a number of cases last week - please be aware of these notifications on Skool Loop and take appropriate action as needed. Staff are currently using facemasks again inside and students especially from Grades 3-6 are encouraged to do this also. This is not a mandate - exemptions still apply as we try our best to control COVID-19 and the many illnesses across our school community.

2. Update on Rapid Antigen Tests - A reminder to families that the provision of RATs for use by students and staff will be provided for the remainder of Term 2. These can be collected at school by parents at any time - contact the school if you are happy for your child to take some boxes home please.

3. Reducing the Spread of Influenza - Information was sent on Skool Loop last week in regard to the impact of influenza (flu) among our school community. To help reduce the spread of flu, colds and COVID-19, students are being encouraged to: wash and sanitise their hands regularly, avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze, get tested for COVID-19 if they feel unwell and follow the current [Department of Health isolation requirements](#) if a positive result is shown and finally if unwell, stay at home until their symptoms pass.

4. Head Lice - There have been some repeated incidents of Head Lice at school recently. Children are excluded from school until appropriate treatment has commenced - please contact the school in regard to this and let us know if any support is needed.

5. Kyabram Fauna Park - We are planning a whole school excursion to the Kyabram Fauna Park on Thursday 16th June. This will involve a classroom session and a self-guided tour. We will be departing by bus at 9am and returning at 3pm. Permission forms have gone home and the cost of the day is \$15 per students which includes bus travel and entry / program for the Kyabram Fauna Park. Approximately \$6 is being subsidised by the Parents' Club for each student which is greatly appreciated. The venue requires a 1:10 adult to student supervisory ratio for our excursion to the Park. Staff attending will be: Mr Brodie, Mrs Haberfield, Miss Lothian, Miss Rosevear, Miss Puetz, Dee Palmer and Beck Wayman - if any parent helpers are needed further information will go out on Skool Loop soon.

6. Attitude to Schools Survey - This will be completed for Grade 4, 5 and 6 students in the period from Wednesday 1st June to Thursday 9th June. More specific information has been provided in the full edition of the newsletter.

7. NAPLAN - This has concluded - well done to the Grade 3 and 5 students who participated in these tasks. We expect that results will be available in Term 3.

8. School Photos - These have been rescheduled to Tuesday 21st June. Hopefully, things have settled down by then and we have the majority of children and staff at our school on this day. Any handed in envelopes and payments will be held onto for this day.

9. Paws in Schools - The next session will be held on Tuesday 14th June for our Grade 1/2 students. More information has been provided in previous newsletters.

10. Principals Conference - I will be attending a Principals Conference in Melbourne on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May. Hosted by the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership this 2-day event brings together our state's principals for the first time since 2019. Principals will learn from, empathise with, support and acknowledge each other in their work as education leaders. Schools collective efforts can contribute positively to the learning and wellbeing of every student in every school. Principals are strongly encouraged to participate in person at this COVID-safe event.

11. Transition - Grade 6 - These have been sent to all relevant secondary schools. A reminder to parents that they will still have to follow up any specific formal enrolment processes that are needed with these schools.

12. Time for Me - Tim Ford will be taking some basic welfare sessions with all classes on the remaining Monday's in the afternoon: 6th June (3/4) and 20th June (5/6). Alternative arrangements will be made with students who do not have consent to work with Tim. A reminder that Tim is also a qualified and registered teacher with the VIT.

13. First Aid in Schools Program - This will be held on Thursday 23rd June - no permission forms are needed because this is a free incursion at school. Contact the school if you would prefer for your child to not participate in this program please.

14. Bunnings BBQ - We are fortunate to be able to hold a Bunnings BBQ again on Sunday 12th June. We are still desperate to fill some spots especially from 2pm - 4pm - if you can assist to do a 2 hour block on the day please contact the school on 5829 8264. All proceeds will go to buildings and ground - probably new soft-fall in the school playgrounds. This is an opportunity for any families who are unable to assist through the week to put their hand up and contribute to the school.

15. Shade Sail - Unfortunately, the installation of our new Shade Sail has been delayed because of the weather again last week - further updates will be available soon.

16. Survival Snacks - This began last Monday 23rd March with some cooking activities utilising our school kitchen with Tim Ford. Only children who have consent will be involved in this program and we are aiming for students to be involved with this activity once before the end of the year.

17. Curriculum Day 2 - This will be held on Friday 10th June with a focus on Report Writing. There will be no school on this day and also no OSH Care so families will need to make alternative arrangements.

18. Queen's Birthday Holiday - This is obviously a Public Holiday - school will resume the following day on Tuesday 14th June.

19. Face Masks (Bus Travel) - Any Grade 3-6 students involved in bus travel related to school activities will still need to wear facemasks. Exemptions will still apply for relevant students.

20. Men's Shed Visits - We cancelled our first planned visit a couple of weeks ago because of the illness through the school at the time. The first visit for the year is now planned for Friday 17th June. These visits will be from 10-11am on selected Fridays with small groups of about 6-8 student attending this venue. If you would prefer for your child not to participate please contact the school ASAP.

21. Play Group - If any families are interested in participating in Play Group please contact the school on 5829 8264. We are hoping that we can get this program up and running again which would be implemented by our school Chaplain - Tim Ford.

22. Munch N Crunch - The next lunch organised by the Parents' Club is scheduled for Thursday 9th June - we expect orders will be available and sent home this week.

23. Open Days - The next of these days will be held on Wednesday 1st June. Please promote our school as much as possible - again we will have a large cohort of Grade 6 students leaving the school at the end of the year. Enrolment packs are available at the office.

24. End of Year Excursion - Funfields is booked for Friday 16th December - plenty of notice for any families needing to make arrangement with work.

25. COVID -19 Restrictions / Vaccinations - A summary of these is below - further information is in the full edition of the newsletter:

1. Face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.
2. Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.
3. Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine as long as they have no symptoms and have a negative RA Test.
4. Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

26. Absence Notes - A reminder to families to submit an absence via Skool Loop when required please - this is the preferred method of notification. Please remember to have the correct date for any notification that is sent.

27. Specialist Programs - This week is a busy one. We have Music and Library on Wednesday and our rotation program on Thursday.

28. Sharing of Food - The updated guidelines state that sharing of food is not permitted (ie: birthday cake), however pre-packaged food which doesn't require anyone to touch this food is ok (ie: lollipop, icy pole).

David Brodie (Principal)

Our general school rule is to "consider the feelings of others at all times".

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school

The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus