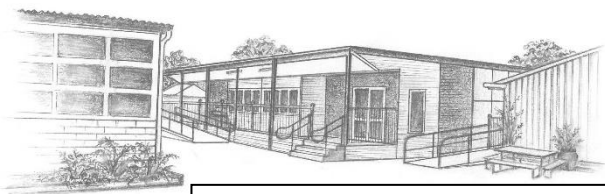


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MINI NEWSLETTER

1. First Day Back - Today was our first day back for all students from Foundation to Grade 6 (the students in Grades 3-6 today received a warm milo). It was fantastic to see some of our more senior students again today and our hope is that they will ease back into normal schooling without any major issues. Over the next few weeks, Families need to minimise requests made to staff, to allow them to focus on retuning and resettling students also.

Strict guidelines still include the following unfortunately:

- Families are not to enter the school grounds at any times - see Staged Response to Return to School Letter
- Family Drop Off and Collection points begin on Tuesday 26th May (A-L: front car park, M-Z: back of the school gate) - see Staged Response to Return to School Letter

2. Unexplained absences - Tomorrow, many families will receive some information in an envelope in regard to unexplained absences. Obviously, recording attendance has been difficult during Term 2 and this is an opportunity for us to tidy up some absences and ensure that this data for our school is not compromised too much. As always, demonstrate honesty with this - if children were away indicate reasons why and also if they were present during Remote & Flexible learning dates do the same.

3. Health and Wellbeing (URGENT) - To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing. If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice. While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice to all schools that is available. This will apply until further notice.

We have had some students not come to school recently because parents have noticed that children are feeling unwell. This is really appreciated and is in line with DET guidelines.

- Restrictions / Alterations as of Tuesday 9th June will be:
 - Limited sports equipment available - tubs for the classroom (students not to access equipment from the shed). Students can use equipment from home.
 - Pick Ups / Drop offs - to remain the same for Term 2 and potentially beyond depending on advice from DET.
 - 8.45am arrivals to continue for the remainder of Term 2 and potentially beyond depending on advice from DET.
 - Senior Playground to open up again.
 - No sharing of food between students and staff.
 - Extensive extra cleaning to continue for Term 2 and Term 3.

4. Remote & Flexible Learning Survey - A reminder about the Family Survey for both parents / carers and students in regard to Remote & Flexible. This was sent on Flexibuzz previously on Monday 18th May and was also emailed directly to families yesterday. We look forward to your feedback as always. Grade 4/5/6 students will attempt some surveys with support from class teachers.

5. Change of Dates – We have amended some dates in line with the current situation with COVID-19. At present, no camps and excursions are to be implemented in Term 2, but this may change over time. If this restrictions are lifted, we work hard on getting some of these organised ASAP. Families will need to make alternative arrangements on the 2 Curriculum Days below – Pupil Free.

Previously	Now
Curric. Day - Report Writing: Friday 5 th June - Term 2 Reports Distributed: Monday 22 nd June - Term 2 Curric. Day - First Aid Training Monday 20 th April - Term 3	Curric. Day - Report Writing: Monday 15 th June - Term 2 Reports Distributed: Thursday 25 th June - Term 2 Curric. Day - First Aid Training Monday 20 th July - Term 3

6. Student Work during Remote & Flexible Learning – Can any work that has been completed at home be returned to teachers please, so we have a better understanding of how students have completed Remote & Flexible learning tasks. This will assist with Reports as well for Semester 1.

7. School Council – This was postponed today and will now be held next Tuesday 16th June via Webex - information was sent to School Councillors last Thursday. The Finance Committee will meet at 6pm followed by School Council at 6.45pm.

8. Sharing of Food – Just a reminder that that as per DET guidelines - sharing of food should not occur at present, so no birthday treats should be brought to school to be shared by students. There will be no Pie Warmers until further notice also.

9. Plovers – Our friendly birds (Plovers) have arrived back on the oval. We may have to restrict some use of the oval during this time for the safety of our students and staff at school.

10. New Enrolments (2021) – Information went to the Kinder in regard to future enrolments for 2021 and was also posted on Flexibuzz and Facebook. Obviously, planning for the new year begins early. Some restrictions are in place with what we can and can't do at the moment in regard to tours during school hours. However, we can show families around our school if needed outside school hours in Term 2 and we will also have a Virtual Tour available soon - Friday 12th June. We hope normal school tours during school hours will be available early in Term 3. Enrolment forms and information can be collected at the office after the Queen's Birthday long weekend - it would great if these are back by Friday 7th August to assist with planning for 2021.

11. PM Readers (F-2) – PM readers online will still be utilised for the time being for students in grades F-2. Please use these as much as possible as there are up to 350 titles found here. The following clip may assist families.

Book Orientation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BshkXhB8A24> / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmLGG7glCGs>

12. OSH Care – Could families planning to use the OSH service please let us know as soon as possible so that we can book in Toni-Marie.

13. John Hosking Support – A reminder that John is available to assist any staff, students or families during this difficult time. John's phone number is 0481393606. He's happy to receive calls any time Monday to Friday. If students want to talk he suggests that parents place the call and that all conversations are with parent/guardian permission. There are some apples at school for families – contact the school to organise pick up please.

14. Assembly – This will continue for the foreseeable future each Friday at 3pm via my Webex number which is displayed below. Parents are welcome to join this if they wish.

15. Specialist Program – This week we have Science and Art on Wednesday and Italian on Friday.

David Brodie (Principal)

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

School Website (COVID-19 / Remote Learning): <https://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/238/COVID-19>

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

Principal Webex Meeting ID - 576 739 057 (Assembly each Friday at 3pm)

Please note the change of the schools email address

To assist with the cleaning of the school, students will be required to take home their food scraps / waste in their lunch boxes