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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

1. Chaplaincy - Unfortunately, Tim Ford has indicated that he will be resigning at the end of Term 2. Tim is looking at spending more time looking after his bee business and adjusting his workload to be able to do this. Tim is taking up a position at Kialla West PS as well. Nevertheless, we wish Tim all the best in his future pursuits. We have spoken to Joel Oliver from Korus Connect and this position will be advertised ASAP. Tim won't be at school this week because of the Public Holiday yesterday, but he will be here on the last week of the term on Monday - all day and on Wednesday until 2.30pm.

2. Bunnings BBQ - Thanks to all of the families who helped out and donated goods for the Bunnings BBQ over the weekend - your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. We were able to raise \$1301.95 from this day which will go to new soft fall in the junior and senior playgrounds.

3. Enrolment Forms - As always we start planning for the next school year as early as possible. To assist with this we need to have a good idea of future enrolments, so it would be appreciated if any enrolment forms for new students to our school are handed into the office by the end of Term 2 if possible or by the end of July.

4. Kyabram Fauna Park - This whole school excursion is on this 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 student 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: Miss Lothian, Miss Rosevear, Miss Puetz, Dee Palmer, Beck Wayman and Sue Muston- if any parent helpers are needed further information will go out on Skool Loop soon.

5. School Reports - We are aiming to distribute these to families with updated goals on Monday 20th June. Don't hesitate to contact any staff if information in these reports needs to be clarified. An enormous amount of time and effort goes into these reports - we hope you find these a good reflection of your child's performance in Semester 1.

6. Ration Challenge - A reminder to support our Grade 5/6 class with this - information was in the full edition of the newsletter last week.

7. Naidoc Week - Our children have been busily completing some colouring competitions for Naidoc Week which is during the holiday break (July 3rd - July 10th). Some of these will be displayed in the full edition of the newsletter next week. We will be aiming to announce some winners of this competition before the end of Term 2.

8. School Council - This will be held on Monday 20th June with the Finance Committee meeting at 6pm followed by School Council at 6.45pm. This will again be held at school and specific information will be emailed to School Councillors before the end of the week.

9. Child Safe Standards - We are busily updating our policies in line with the new Child Safe Standards with the aim to have these available for consultation with our school community before the end of the week. Keep an eye out for these on Skool Loop and any feedback would be appreciated.

10. COVID-19 Cases - Cases were limited last week which was a relief - 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.

11. 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.

12. Reducing the Spread of Influenza - Information was sent on Skool Loop a few weeks ago 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.

13. End of Term 2 - The last day of Term 2 will be on Friday 24th June with normal dismissal at 2.25pm. A reminder to any families using OSH Care that this service also finishes an hour earlier on the last day of each term at 5pm.

14. 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 returned envelopes and payments will be held onto for this day.

15. Paws in Schools - The next session will now be held on Tuesday 21st June (date change) for our Grade 1/2 students and our Foundation students will enjoy this experience on Tuesday 19th July. More information has been provided in previous newsletters.

16. Time for Me - Tim Ford will be taking some basic welfare sessions with all classes on the remaining Monday in the afternoon: 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.

17. Curriculum Day 3 - The 3rd Curriculum Day for the year will be held on Monday 1st August with specific information in the full edition of the newsletter. Again, there is no school on this day and also no OSH Care - families will need to make alternative arrangements on this day, hence the early notice.

18. Student Led Conference Day - This is planned for Friday 12th August. Again, there is no school on this day and also no OSH Care - families will need to make alternative arrangements on this day, hence the early notice. Booking will be available early in Term 3 with more specific information - refer to past newsletters if needed.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. Men's Shed Visits - 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.

22. Open Days - The next of these days will be held on Friday 17th 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.

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

24. 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.

25. 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 and be specific in regard to why your child is away from school. This may include such things as: medical, illness, COVID-19, appointments, family holidays and bereavements / funerals. The Education Department mandates that schools must record student attendance twice per day giving suitable reasons for each absence. This is necessary for schools to meet their legislative requirements and to enable school councils to report on student attendance annually. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

26. Specialist Programs - This week is a busy one. We have Music and Library on Wednesday. There is no rotation day on Thursday because of the whole school excursion.

27. 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