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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

1. Face Masks / Exemptions for Testing and Isolation - Specific information was sent out via Skool Loop last week in regard to facemasks in schools and exemptions for testing and isolation - hopefully most families are aware of these changes. In a nutshell - it is strongly recommended by the Victorian Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because the wearing of masks is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19. The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has also been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks. See Skool Loop for more information.

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

3. Student Led Conference Day / Bookings Available - 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. Bookings were made available last Monday and will close on Wednesday 10th August - see Skool Loop. Please consult with class teachers via Class Dojo if you are unable to find a suitable time on this day and we will aim to make another time if possible.

4. Whole School Professional Practice Day - The Department of Education received very positive feedback in relation to the option for schools to hold a common professional practice day in Term 2, 2022, including staff electing to use the day to collaborate with their colleagues. In response to this feedback, the department is recommending schools hold one of the 2 further 2022 professional practice days on the same day for all staff. We are hoping to have this on Monday 12th September and consultation will occur with school council next week with confirmation ASAP to assist families with planning for this day as there will be no school or OSH Care again on this day.

5. 100 Days of School (Foundations) - We will be celebrating the 100 days of school on the 2nd of August. Foundation students will be involved in some 100 days of school activities and are asked to dress up. Students can: dress like they are 100 (like old people), dress like what they want to be when they are 100 (teacher, spaceman, doctor etc.), dress like what they might wear in 100 years (space suits, glitter, as an alien etc.) or 100 years ago, or have 100 things on their outfit (buttons, numbers etc.) We will be taking students photos and using the app Aging Booth. Students will also have some cake.

6. Orientation Program (Foundations - 2023) - These have been announced and are in last week's full edition of the newsletter. These dates have also been published on Skool Loop and our Facebook site and are vital for beginning school. Feel free to contact the school if any clarification about these dates is needed.

7. Grade 1/2 Activity Night / Sleepover - On Friday 26th August, students in Grades 1 and 2 have the opportunity to attend a fun activity evening after school. This will begin at 5pm and will involve some fun indoor and outdoor games. This will conclude at 7.30pm for the Grade 1 students. The Grade 2 students will have the option of staying the night at school. Supervising staff will be Mr Brodie and Miss Puetz - some Education support staff may be present also. There will be no breakfast the following day. Grade 2 students will need to bring a bag with pyjamas and suitable sleeping equipment (ie: mattress, sleeping bag, rug, pillow, teddy...etc). Tea will be held at 7pm (pizza varieties - let the school know of any dietary requirements please) and pick up for the Grade 2s the following day will be at 7.30am. Other specific information has been put on Skool Loop and distributed to students in the Grade 1/2 class. Medical forms need to be returned ASAP and the cost for tea is only \$5 per student.

8. Book Week Celebration - On Wednesday the 24th of August we will be celebrating Book Week. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite character. We will be having a Book Week parade just after lunch (12:00pm). Parents are welcome to come and watch the parade.

9. School Council - This will be held on Monday 1st August with the Finance Committee meeting at 6pm followed by School Council at 6.45pm. We are anticipating that specific information will be sent out to School Council members this week.

10. 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 July please.

11. School Photos - These will be sent home as soon as they arrive back at school. There is a photo opportunity at Dookie PS at 9am on Friday 29th July for any students who were away when these were taken during the last week of Term 2. Families will need to contact MSP photography to make these arrangements.

12. Chaplaincy - This position is currently advertised and we will be aiming to fill this ASAP. We will be working through this process with our provider - Korrus Connect.

13. Child Safe Standards - These were approved at School Council before the holiday break and can all be accessed at the [following link found here](#).

14. Police in Schools Program - Grade 5/6 students will participate in this program again on Thursday 4th August - further information has been included in past newsletters. Please contact the school if you would prefer for your child to not participate so that arrangements can be made if needed.

15. Tutoring Program - This continues this term and we hope that children involved with this support will attend school as much as possible over the next few weeks. We will be aiming to conclude some assessment over the next few weeks so participation is paramount in regard to this. This program will conclude on Tuesday 9th August with all funding available being utilised.

16. Music Program - As you may have heard, Mrs Tucker is having a baby which is wonderful news for her family. As a result, we have a Music position advertised at present with the hope that this curriculum area may be maintained going into the future. This position would begin in Term 4. We may potentially have to be flexible with our Specialist Program depending on interest with this position - fingers crossed obviously.

17. Somers Camp - A couple of students from Grade 5/6 have been allocated spots for this camp which begins on Tuesday 6th September. Relevant information and forms have been sent home and the full camp payment needs to be paid now please (due on Friday 22nd July) - contact Karen at the office if needed please. All forms that were sent home have been returned.

18. Parents Club Meeting - This is scheduled for Monday 25th July (tonight) straight after school and all are welcome as per usual. It would great to see some new faces at the meeting to assist with some activities which are planned for the future. Unfortunately, some of these had to be cancelled last term because of not enough helpers.

19. COVID-19 Notifications - 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.

20. Rapid Antigen Tests - A reminder to families that RAT tests 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.

21. Reducing the Spread of Influenza - 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.

22. 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.

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. 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.

25. Specialist Programs - This week is a busy one. We have Music and Library on Wednesday and our whole school rotation day on Thursday.

26. 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