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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

1. Remote & Flexible Learning - Sadly, we continue with Remote & Flexible learning again this week. Further work was made available on Sunday afternoon at the office and online via Skool Loop and Class Dojo. Families can assume that this will generally be our standard practice whenever we are in Remote & Flexible Learning. We haven't included Friday in the learning materials because of the Student Led Conference on this day. We have a number of families who are going through some tough times at the moment and our thoughts are with all members of our school community who are going through hardship at present. Families are reminded of the following: where there are two parents / carers, both must be authorised workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for onsite provision. Work permits are also required for both parents / carers - this requirement is also now needed for staff at our school who are assisting with onsite supervision at school. Continue to stay strong everyone.

2. Returning Materials - There is a box out the front of the office now for any learning materials to be returned for Weeks 7 and 8. It would be appreciated if these are returned promptly as much as possible.

3. Gratitude Wall - Last week we started a gratitude wall during this difficult time for everyone. It would be great to hear from as many people as possible - please be positive and use correct names. This site is moderated by me for approval - please put your name on the comment (see my examples). Unfortunately, there was an inappropriate comment which was taken down over the weekend. The wall can be found here - https://padlet.com/brodie_david_d/4jv9amkv0222tvd

4. Mr B's BINGO Nights - Last night we played 3 rounds of Bingo for a bit of fun. The winners were Dail, Penny, Chelsea, Bailey and James. It was great to see many students participate with their families and we look forward to the second night on Sunday 12th September from 5-6pm. It is not too late to participate - flick me a text any time to receive your playing card. Prizes will be awarded to students when we return to onsite learning.

5. Parents' Club Meeting - This brief meeting will be held on Thursday 9th September at 7.30pm followed by some online social drinks with members of the school community. It would be great to see as many people come along as possible. This meeting will be held over Webex at - 576 739 057

6. School Council - This is scheduled for Tuesday 14th September via Webex. More specific information will be delivered to School Councillors before the end of the week.

7. End of Term 3 - The last day of Term 3 will be held on Friday 17th September with dismissal at 2.25pm as per usual. Assembly will be held at 2pm on this day. We hope to resume back at school with normal learning on Monday 4th October - stay tuned for more details. Staff have had some discussions in regard to another fun social night to end the term - again stay tuned for more details.

8. Support to Families - There have been a number of posts on Skool Loop in regard to support to families in need with the current situation with COVID-19 in the local Shepparton area. Please don't hesitate to contact any of these agencies if you need any assistance.

9. NAPLAN - These were distributed to families via email last Friday. Please keep in mind that this is just one test and lots of assessment gets completed at school to allow our staff to make an informed judgement in regard to academic performance.

10. New Student Enrolment Forms (2022) - It would be appreciated if these are handed in ASAP to assist with planning for 2022. Please don't delay it considering the current uncertainty with COVID-19. We have only 8 in at present and are expecting 4 more which is pleasing. No school tours can be made at the moment, hopefully these will return and can be completed upon request depending on COVID-19 restrictions. Please continue to promote our school as much as possible because we have a large cohort of Grade 6 students leaving the school at the end of the year.

11. Student Led Conference Day - This is scheduled for Friday 10th September. Unfortunately because of restrictions, we will be doing these via our online platform Webex and families and students will be required to be online on this day only for the duration of their conference (15 minutes). As a result, there will be no school classes or OSH Care on this day so families will need to make alternative arrangements. Bookings were made available on Monday 30th August at 3pm and specific Webex numbers will be provided when booking.

12. Grade 3-6 Camp - Unfortunately, our camp to Billabong Ranch at Echuca which was scheduled to begin today was postponed. We are currently looking into the possibility of this camp being held in Term 4 and parents will continue to be informed when further details are available. There is a very high possibility that this outdoor program may not be able to occur at all in 2021 - full refunds will be made available to families if this is the case.

13. Production - This has also been postponed and we will look into recording this performance when we return to normal onsite learning. Further details will be available when we have a clearer picture of what Term 4 may look like.

14. Curriculum Days - Our last two curriculum days for the year will be held on the following dates below. There will be no school or OSH Care on these days so families will need to make alternative arrangements.

Week 2: Monday 11th October - Numeracy (Essential Assessment), Assessment Plan and Calendars Week 9: Monday 29th November - Report Writing (Semester 2)

15. Mr B's Lateral Thinking Puzzles - Late last week, the answers were put on Class Dojo and Skool Loop for students and families to have a bit of fun with. No pressure having a go at any of these - I would be interested in any possible alternative solutions though so feel free to text these through to me if you wish.

16. School Hats - School hats are again compulsory for all staff and students when outside. This is in line with our Sun Smart & Heat Policy which states that children will be required to wear Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 8 cm rigid brim) whenever they are outside from mid-August to the end of April or when UV levels reach 3 or above. Some leniency has been applied, but everyone should have a hat when we return to normal onsite learning - new ones can be purchased at the office if needed.

17. Swimming Program - We anticipate that our Swimming Program will be in Term 4 beginning on Monday 18th October. More information will be out hopefully before the end of term which will involve costs, permission forms...etc. This program is voluntary for all students from Foundation to Grade 6.

18. Chaplain / Consent Forms - A reminder to get consent forms in ASAP, so that students can interact with Tim in small groups or individually. These were sent home with report envelopes before the end of Term 2 and again a couple of weeks ago. Over the next few days Tim Ford, our Chaplain, may give you a call to introduce himself. Feel free to contact him via text or phone on 0429 348 500. You can also meet with Tim on Webex, simply send a text or join a meeting with his Webex number 789 080 499.

19. Assembly - At present, this will be held via Webex (576 739 057) on Friday at 3pm unless restrictions change.

20. Consent - If families misplace consent or permission forms, this can be granted by sending a message on Skool Loop. Simply click on Contacts (bottom right corner) and then click on Send Email. This will go directly to the schools email - please indicate specific details of what you are giving consent for (ie: name of children involved, name of the excursion, date, costs...etc).

21. Absence Notes - A reminder to families to do an online absence via Skool Loop whenever required - this is the preferred method of notification. We have missed some of these of late - schools need to keep an accurate account of these as directed by DET. Please remember to have the correct date for any absence notification that is sent also please.

22. Specialist Programs - This week we will have Library and Music on Wednesday - some more information will go on Skool Loop this week.

23. 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). Please contact the Principal in regard to this, so that families can be informed (via Skool Loop / Dojo) and then make an informed decision in regard to participation.

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