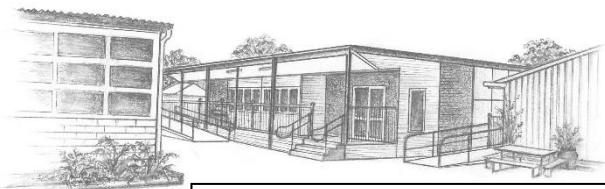


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

- 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 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. Holiday Break Communication** - Families will need to be aware of notifications via Skool Loop during the holiday break in regard to hopefully a return to onsite learning. Skool Loop messages would not be the norm during a term break, but we are obviously going through an extreme situation at the moment and specific measures will need to be put in place to regularly communicate to our families updates in regard to any lockdowns relevant to the COVID-19 situation. As always, we will follow DET guidelines and advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer.
- 3. Michael Carr Gregg & Sharon Witt Presentation** - Permission has been granted for the "Riding the Coronacoaster" webinar to be shared widely. This can now be accessed here - <https://vimeo.com/sharonwitt>
- 4. Orientation Program** - We have set a number of days for this transition process for new Prep (Foundation) students for 2022. These have been published on Facebook and also on Skool Loop and all families with children starting their first year of schooling have been informed. These dates will need to be confirmed
- 5. Footy Colours Day** - There will be this Friday 17th September. All students are encouraged to wear Footy Colours and join in with some fun throughout the last day.
- 6. Returning Materials** - There is a box out the front of the office now for any learning materials to be returned for Weeks 7, 8 and 9. It would be appreciated if these are returned promptly as much as possible - especially this week's work before the end of the term if possible.
- 7. Gratitude Wall** - A couple of weeks ago, 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). The wall will not be accessible beyond the last day of Term 3. The wall can be found here - https://padlet.com/brodie_david_d/4jv9amkv0222tvd
- 8. Mr B's BINGO Nights** - These have concluded for the time being. Thanks to those families who came along and had a bit of fun and enabled the games to run smoothly. Congratulations to the lucky winners - Chelsea, Penny, James & Bailey, Pippa, and Dail. We will organise some prizes when we return to normal onsite learning.
- 9. Parents' Club Meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm. It would be great to see as many people come along as possible. This meeting will be held over Webex at - 576 739 057
- 10. School Council** - This is scheduled for Tuesday 14th September (tomorrow) via Webex. More specific information was delivered to School Councillors last week.
- 11. 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 (576 739 057) on this day. We hope to resume back at school with normal learning on Monday 4th October - stay tuned for more details.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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 9 in at present and are expecting 3 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.
- 14. Student Led Conference Day** - Thanks to the many families and students who were involved in the Student Led Conference Day. Obviously, we would have preferred an opportunity to meet onsite but COVID-19 prevented this. Feel free to contact myself or any class teachers if any further discussion is needed.
- 15. Grade 3-6 Camp** - Unfortunately, our camp to Billabong Ranch at Echuca which was scheduled to begin last week 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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)

- 18. 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.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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.
- 21. 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).
- 22. 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.
- 23. Specialist Programs** - This week we will have Art and P.E. on Wednesday - some more information will go on Skool Loop this week.
- 24. 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