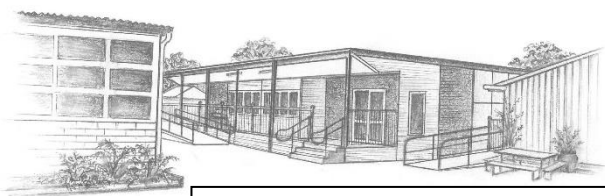


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

1. 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)

2. Remote & Flexible Learning - Sadly, we continue with Remote & Flexible learning again this week. Because of the snap lockdown announced on Friday evening, all students from Foundation (Prep) - Grade 6 will be involved in Remote Learning this week. Further details about what the following weeks will involve will hopefully be provided soon. To enable staff sufficient time to prepare, hardcopy booklets for Week 1 will be available at the office at 3.30pm on Monday 4th October. This work will also be available on Class Dojo and Skool Loop. Online learning tasks for Monday 4th October only will be provided via Class Dojo. There were brief Webex whole class sessions this morning to enable staff to prepare quality work programs with short notice. Again, 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.

3. Regular Communication - Families will need to be aware of notifications via Skool Loop in regard to hopefully a return to onsite learning. 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.

4. Road Maps to Returning to School - These can be found at the link below. Please note that in the current lockdown, we are following the Metropolitan Road Map. Let's hope that we are back to the Regional Road Map for the week beginning on Monday 11th of October.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/returning-to-onsite-learning>

5. Swimming Program - This program is now highly unlikely because of current uncertainty with COVID-19. It was scheduled to begin on Monday 18th October - we will make a decision on this program before the end of the week.

6. 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>

7. Orientation Program - We have set a number of days for this transition process for new 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 but at the moment next week's planned day on Tuesday 12th October will not go ahead.

8. Returning Materials - There is a box out the front of the office for any learning materials to be returned during Remote & Flexible learning. It would be appreciated if these are returned promptly as much as possible. Students are encouraged to send through completed tasks on Class Dojo. This will enable staff to provide additional feedback beyond Webex sessions.

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 19th October probably via Webex again. More specific information will be delivered via email next week.

11. 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.

12. 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. No school tours can be made at the moment. Hopefully these will return soon 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.

13. Grade 3-6 Camp - We are still 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Chaplain / Consent Forms - A reminder to get consent forms in ASAP, so that students can interact with Tim Ford in small groups or individually. 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.

17. 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).

18. 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.

19. Specialist Programs - This week we will have Art and Music on Wednesday - some more information will go on Skool Loop this week. Music (576 261 178) and PE (572 499 324) will be held each Wednesday on Webex at specific times below: Music in odd weeks (1, 3 ... etc) and PE in even weeks (2, 4 ... etc). Please attend to make these sessions worthwhile - some tasks will be available on Class Dojo as well.

9am - Grade 5/6

10am - Grade 1/2

11.20am - Grade 3/4

12.20pm - Grade F/1

20. 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