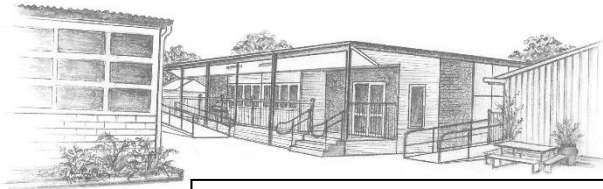


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

1. Fun Fridays - To conclude the school year and to make up for some of the fun activities that we have had to cancel, we will be having Fun Friday's each week. These will involve informal fun dress up days which we encourage all students and staff to participate in and all students will get a free icy pole each day as well.

* Friday 19th November - Winter PJ Day

* Friday 26th November - Dress as a Teacher Day

* Friday 3rd December - Job Aspirations Day

* Friday 10th December - Super Hero, Book or Movie Character Day

* Friday 17th December - Casual Day

2. Cancellations - After consulting with the schools SEIL (Senior Education Improvement Leader), we have decided to cancel the Colour Run for 2021 and try and do it some time in 2022 if possible depending on support from the Parents' Club. This was scheduled for Friday 3rd December. We have also made the difficult decision to cancel the Christmas concert (Tuesday 14th December) and will now publish some Christmas songs on Class Dojo similar to last year. Mrs Tucker did a great job with this in 2020 and I am sure this will again be the case this year. Unfortunately, the risks are still very high for transmission in the community and there have been a number of positive cases in Shepparton schools over the last few weeks. We are very fortunate to have not had a positive COVID-19 case yet and we wish to minimise the risk of this leading up to Christmas to prevent people from potentially being in quarantine over Christmas. Both of these events have had many people attend these in the past and the logistics are just too difficult at present and as always schools are encouraged to take a cautious approach. I am sure that there will be many disappointed members of the school community, like myself, but these measures are taken for the health and safety of everyone to allow us hopefully some time with our loved ones over the break.

3. Graduation Night - This will go ahead but there will be some major alterations in line with COVID-19 restrictions - this night will now take place on Monday 6th December to allow for 14 days before the Christmas festive period. The evening will begin with a tea at 6pm for Grade 6 students and staff followed by a formal ceremony at the Outdoor Learning Space from 7-8pm. The formal ceremony will only be for immediate family members of Grade 6 students, staff and Grade 5/6 students - digital full vaccination certificates can be given to the school by Thursday 2nd December - these can be emailed to the school email address above and added to our school register. Our SEIL has recommended that digital certificates be received for anyone attending this evening which will also be streamed on Facebook Live on the school's Facebook page. Please be prompt with this, so that we can enjoy the evening along with other Grade 6 school community members. If any Grade 5 students can assist as waiters for the tea from 6-7pm that would be appreciated - information will be sent home soon and they are welcome to stay to watch the formal part of the evening if they wish.

4. Restrictions / Vaccinations - A reminder to families about the vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers that were published in last week's newsletter. Please assist us with this by emailing full digital certificates ASAP please so we can keep our registers updated. This is in line with COVID-19 vaccination information collection and recording procedures just released by the Department of Education. As stated previously, facemasks are still needed for staff and students in Grades 3-6, but staff no longer need to wear facemasks outside. All visitors on school sites are limited still to include contractors, external Department staff and building and maintenance staff. Parents are still encouraged to not enter school buildings but if they do, QR codes and digital certificates are needed. Visitors to school grounds must comply with vaccination requirements, density limits, face mask requirements, QR code check-ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

5. Shade Sail Grants - Our school has been successful with a shade sail grant. We are thinking of installing this at the Outdoor Learning Space to continue to make this area appealing and useful for outdoor lessons. We hope that this will occur early in 2022 - stay tuned for more information.

6. Miss J - Congratulations to Miss Jondahl who has accepted a teaching position at St. Luke's Primary School in Shepparton for 2022. We look forward to having a positive end of the year with Miss J and wish her all the best as she continues her teaching journey. Hopefully, it will be more normal in the new year.

7. BYOD Program - Any current Grade 4 students thinking of having their own iPad for school use for 2022 should now start investigating this. Miss Lothian has updated information in regard to this program which can be found - [HERE](#).

8. Numurkah SC Transition - Grade 6 students have 2 days of transition at Numurkah SC on Tuesday 16th and 23rd November. Information has been sent out to families already, but families may need to contact Numurkah SC for specific arrangements.

9. Finalising Enrolments - If any families are planning on potentially leaving the school for 2022, could you please contact myself to have a general discussion. This will obviously remain confidential and private. This just helps with planning for the new year and finalising staffing, classes...etc for 2022. Currently, we are not aware of any families who have confirmed that they will be leaving for 2022 apart from our Grade 6 cohort of students.

10. Parent Payments (School Fees - 2022) - We are in the process of finalising contributions and payments in line with DET policy for 2022. These may be similar to what they have been in the past which will enable families to plan and budget accordingly. A Parent Payment Arrangements document will be sent to all families before the end of the year once approved at school council.

11. Production Organisation - Recording continues this week at the Outdoor Learning Space after some inclement weather last week. As stated previously, students in Foundation to Grade 4 will need to bring a black shirt (named) to school as part of their costume. It would be appreciated if these could please be brought to school ASAP. It is important that students have their shirts at school so that filming can be undertaken in the afternoons as time permits. If your child often wears a dress, could a black or navy pair of shorts, pants, leggings or even a skirt please be brought to school.

12. Orientation Program - Our next day will be held on Tuesday 16th of November from 9am until 11am. These dates have been updated and published on Facebook and also on Skool Loop and all families with children starting their first year of schooling have been informed. Students who go to the local Kinder will be walked back over the road at 10.55am and other children will need to be picked up by 11am please. Obviously, we still need to be conscious of reducing the mixing of students.

13. Regular Communication - Families will need to be aware of notifications via Skool Loop in regard to disruptions at school in line with COVID-19. 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, closures, remote learning...etc. As always, we will follow DET guidelines and advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

14. Curriculum Days - Our last curriculum day for the year will be held on Monday 29th November (Report Writing). There will be no school or OSH Care on this day so families will need to make alternative arrangements.

15. Tutoring Program - We are currently planning on how this may look in the new year and are aiming to contact specific families if possible in regard to student involvement in 2022. Stay tuned for more details.

16. Class Structures - These were published in last week's full edition of the newsletter and we welcome Miss Puetz to our school for 2022. We look forward to Miss P being at our school on the state-wide Orientation Day on the 7th of December.

17. School Council - The last meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 30th November. More specific information will be delivered via email closer to the meeting.

18. 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. School tours are available by appointment. Please continue to promote our school as much as possible.

19. Absence Notes - A reminder to families to do an absence via Skool Loop whenever required - this is the preferred method of notification. Please remember to have the correct date for any notification that is sent please.

20. Specialist Programs - This week we will have Library and Music on Wednesday as per normal and I will be taking Respectful Relationships on Friday.

21. 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