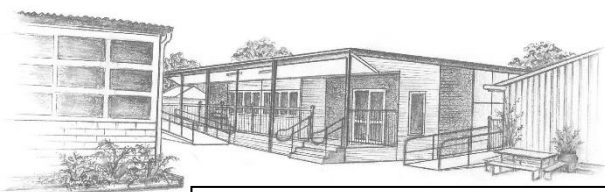


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

1. Welcome - Welcome to Ameerah and Lilly along with their mum Tanya to our school. We hope your time here with us is an enjoyable and long one - our enrolment is currently at 82 students which is pleasing going into the new year.

2. Leadership Speeches - The current Grade 5 students will present their captain's speech before the end of the year. This will occur on Wednesday 8th December at 11.55am and families are welcome to attend if they wish - provided vaccination certificates have been received.

3. 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 as well. Remaining days are summarised below:

* Friday 3rd December - Job Aspirations Day

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

* Friday 17th December - Casual Day

4. Aquamoves Day - This is scheduled for Thursday 9th December. All parents are asked to apply sun cream to their children before arriving at school, but this will be re-applied by school staff at Aquamoves. We will leave school by bus at 9.45am at the latest and assemble at 10am for an introduction to the day and provide further information to students and teachers as to how the day will unfold. The day will finish up at around 1.30pm - 2:00pm. Permission forms went home last week - could these be returned ASAP please. This day has been kindly subsidised by the Parents' Club and as always this is invitation only depending on attendance and behaviour at school.

5. 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 or displaying (to Karen or David) the full digital certificates ASAP so we can keep our register 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.

6. 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.

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](#). We will be aiming to get BYOD agreements out to students this week hopefully.

8. Muck Up Day - On Wednesday 8th December, the Grade 5/6 students will be having a Muck Up Day in the afternoon. This will involve some water fights and students can bring in water balloons, buckets, water pistols, etc. This will begin after lunch beginning at 2pm and conclude at 2.45pm - enough time to dry off at the end of the day. This activity will be closely monitored by Miss Lothian and Mr Brodie and students will be invited to participate - depending on behaviour at school. If you would prefer for your child to not participate contact the school please.

9. Shirt Signing - Only Grade 6 students will have an opportunity to sign some of their school shirts if they have written permission by their parents. This will need to be handed to Miss Lothian. This will occur on the last day of school in the morning and all shirts to be signed should be placed in a plastic bag. The last day of the year is a casual day so no school uniforms will be required. Please take into consideration if you would like to use these uniforms into the future. The day gives students the chance to take away a souvenir from their time at Primary School - not compulsory.

10. Grade 6 Wall - This is situated outside the Sport Shed and Grade 6 students will add their handprints to this wall on the last day of school on Friday 17th December. Basic water-based paint will be used.

11. 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 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.

12. 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.

13. Production Organisation - Recording has finished and Miss Lothian is busily putting this together so that a link can be released to families before the end of the year. A number of trailers have been released on Class Dojo and I am sure we are all looking forward to seeing the end product.

14. Orientation Program - Our next day will be held on Tuesday 7th December - the Statewide Orientation Day. Our new Foundation students will be with us for the whole day along with Miss Puetz. Good luck to our Grade 6 students who venture off to their secondary schools for the day.

15. 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 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.

16. Cricket at School - The new guidelines state that schools are permitted to allow external providers to use or hire school facilities. As a result, I will be contacting Lori Hall to try and organise cricket back at our school ASAP.

17. 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.

18. School Council - The last meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 30th November onsite in the Project Space - thanks to all school councillors for providing specific vaccination information which was required. More specific information was delivered late last week.

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 Thursday. All library books need to be returned by Wednesday - families will be invoiced for any outstanding books as stated in the MARC borrowing agreement which is signed at the beginning of each year by families.

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