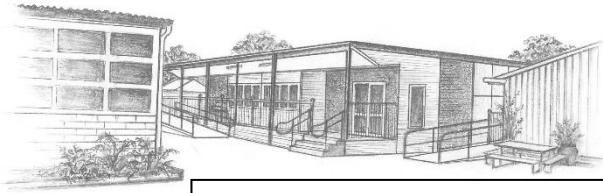


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

- 1. Assembly / Leadership Announcement** - This will occur at Friday's assembly at 1.50pm. All families are welcome to attend - just go via the office please to sign in and confirm your vaccination status. Our new School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced on this day - congratulations to all of the students who delivered their speeches last week.
- 2. Events last week** - It was great to have our Graduation Night and Aquamoves Fun Day last week. Special thanks to the staff and Parents' Club who assisted with the Grade 6 night on Monday evening and also the staff at Aquamoves for being so accommodating last Thursday when we had some inclement weather.
- 3. Grade 5 Reading Awards** - On behalf of the Soroptimist International of Shepparton our school has been offered two Grade 5 Certificates and Book Awards. The Certificate is to recognise one boy and one girl in Grade 5 for an 'Outstanding Improvement Award' along with a \$20 gift voucher each from Collins Bookseller in Shepparton. All Grade 5 students are eligible for this award.
- 4. Fun Fridays** - The last day of the year will be a simple casual day. Again, all student will receive a free icy pole on this day. Many of the fun days will be documented in the first newsletter of the year in 2020.
- 5. School iPads** - We have purchased 10 new iPads to be utilised by students for 2022. We look forward to continuing to add suitable resources to the school to ensure that our children are engaged going into the future.
- 6. School Reports** - These were distributed yesterday, along with student goals and also assessment summaries. Feel free to contact any class teachers if any clarification is needed before the end of the year. All school reports will be uploaded onto the Grade Expert portal this week - all families should have access to this, but if you need any assistance please contact me.
- 7. School Bus - 2022** - All families utilising the school bus at the start and end of the day have been contacted in regard to costs for the new year. More information will be distributed in the middle of January and specific forms will need to be returned before the beginning of the new year - stay tuned via Skool Loop.
- 8. OSH Care Enrolment Forms** - At present, we don't have many of these returned for 2022. A reminder that no children will be allowed to utilise the OSH Care service unless enrolment forms are returned for each child - there have been constant reminders so far via the newsletter. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions in regard to this.
- 9. Skool Loop 2022** - Towards the end of January, new groups for 2022 will be set up. All families will need to join these in order to receive constant notifications for the 2022 school year.
- 10. Dismissal - Friday** - This will be at 2.25pm as per normal on the last day of the year. OSH Care will continue to be available until 6pm if needed.
- 11. Start of School Year** - All students in Grades F-6 will begin school on Monday 31st January. Staff begin on Friday 28th January - the office will be available after midday for any families if needed.
- 12. Foundation Rest Days** - These will occur on Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd February. The first full week for new Foundation students will begin on Monday 28th February - although extra dates can be negotiated with Mrs Haberfield if tiredness is still evident.
- 13. English Online** - These have been set for the following days - Wednesday 9th, 16th and 23rd February. This mandated assessment is for all new Foundation students and all families have been notified formally. A reminder will be sent out closer to these dates in the new year.
- 14. Christmas Songs** - During the last couple of music sessions, we were able to record some Christmas songs performed by our students. We hope to release these to the school community ASAP via Class Dojo - stay tuned for more information.
- 15. Restrictions / Vaccinations** - A reminder to families about the vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers that were published in the newsletter a couple of weeks ago. 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 where schools are required to sight specific vaccination status. As stated previously, facemasks are still needed for staff and students in Grades 3-6, but staff no longer need to wear facemasks outside. 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.
- 16. BYOD Program** - Any current Grade 4 or 5 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](#). BYOD agreements have been sent out to students - can these be returned ASAP. Students are not allowed to use their own iPad at school unless these are returned.
- 17. 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 and is not compulsory.
- 18. 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.
- 19. Finalising Enrolments** - If any families are planning on leaving the school for 2022, could you please contact myself to have a general discussion. This will 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.
- 20. Parent Payments Arrangements for 2022** - These have been sent home and were published in the full edition of the newsletter.
- 21. School Production** - Recording has been completed 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.
- 22. Regular Communication** - Families will need to be aware of notifications via Skool Loop in regard to disruptions at school in line with COVID-19. As always, we will follow DET guidelines and advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer.
- 23. Tutoring Program** - Families who have children involved in this program for 2022 have been notified via information that went home yesterday with school reports. It would be appreciated if consent forms are returned this week because this program begins on the second day back next year.
- 24. 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.
- 25. Specialist Programs** - This week we will have only Music on Wednesday as per normal. Library has concluded and any outstanding library books should now be taken to Congupna Primary School.
- 26. 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