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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations to Annie Ewings for successfully gaining a \$500 gardening grant for our school. There are many ideas for our garden and JSC, along with the staff, will try can put the money to good use. Some ideas already put forward are to buy new trees for the fence line to replace the ones removed last year, plants for the garden beds and to give the vegetable garden a face lift.

Thank you to all families who complied with the new directives from government. **Our school is encouraging all parents to wear masks while in the school grounds. Parents /carers from Metropolitan areas MUST wear masks if you leave your car for any reason.**

Here at school we are trying to keep whole school gatherings to a minimum and so all children now eat their lunch in the classroom. It is really important for all **hot lunches to be clearly labelled** so that the lunches can be delivered to the correct classroom. Lunches should also be wrapped securely in alfoil / foil tray so that they do not fall apart.

Last week Kerry sent home a variety of information sheets, finance statements and WWCC requests to all families. All families need to return the family detail information sheet so that we can up date our data base. If your employment details have changed due to COVID -19 please let us know as this will have an effect on our equity funding from the government.

**Working With Children Check** All parents who volunteer at our school, whether you are a School Council members, Parents and Friends, attend working bees, excursions and /or camps, or are a helper in the classroom all need to have a current Working With Children's Check. We ask that your card has Coimadai PS listed as a place where you volunteer. This can be easily done on their website.

**Portfolios** Can all portfolios please be returned to school ASAP.

**Book Club orders** are now due.

**School Photo Day** will be on Friday the 28th August.

**School uniforms** It is essential that all children are adequately dressed for winter conditions. All students need a jumper or jacket on these cold mornings. Can all families please check to see if you have the correct uniform. If your child has accidentally brought the wrong jumper or jacket home we ask that you return it to the rightful owner. Please ensure all school uniform jumpers and jackets are clearly labeled so that lost property can be returned easily.

**Our school is in need of 'spare' girls long black pants. These are used when a change of clothing is needed. All sizes will be gratefully accepted.**

**Curriculum Day**— Monday the 10th of August will be a pupil free day.

**Recipe Book** Our school recipe book is almost completed. Krystle Brown has been very busy working on this task. Our book has lots of desserts, biscuits and slices but has very few main meal ideas. If you have any favourite recipes can you please email them to the school so that they can be added to the book.

**Library Books** A huge big thank you to all the families who have searched high and low for lost library books. Our over due list of books has shrunk this term. Students who still have lost books from 2019 have had a \$15 fee per book added to their financial accounts. If the library books are found and returned this charge will be reversed. Library Day is Friday so make sure your books are ready for returning on Fridays.

**Head Lice** We have had cases of head lice. Please check your children's hair and treat the lice if necessary. Students will be sent home if teachers can see head lice.

**Camps and Excursions** Under the current guidelines from the government school camps and excursions are now allowed as long as they are in Regional Victoria and that we follow the strict safety guidelines.

## Important Dates

### August

10th Curriculum Day—Student free day

28th School Photo Day

### September

2nd Father's Day stall

4th Summer Sports - only if sporting events are allowed to resume

7th - 11th Book Fair

8th School Council Meeting 3:45pm

18th Term 3 ends and school is dismissed at 2:30pm.

# Camps and Excursions

The Grade 1-3 camp to Billabong Ranch in Echuca has been rescheduled to June next year.

The Grade 4-6 Melbourne Camp has been cancelled altogether. School Council has decided that all students will attend a 3 day / 2 night camp at Sunnystones in December. Senior students will camp out in tents while Grade Prep—2 students will sleep indoors.

This will be a whole school event.

We are aware that many families will have to pay for multiple children so we aim to keep costs to a minimum.

Costing for this event will be sent home in the very near future so that families can begin saving for it. Payment plans can be arranged or families can now begin to make regular payments into their Bpay account.

## Term 3

To remain safe I ask that;

- All children have their own drink bottle as the bubble taps are turned off.
- If your child has lost their pencils, pens and other classroom items can you please have them replaced. We will be limiting the amount of items children will share in the classroom
- Social distancing in the car park is adhered to by all parents.
- **All parents to wear a face mask if you leave your car for any reason**
- Limiting only one person in the office a time.
- Keeping your child home if they are the least bit sick.
- If possible use Bpay to reduce the risk of spreading the disease by handling cash.

As we continue to limit visitors into the school grounds we will film and zoom our assemblies on Monday morning so that parents can watch, know what is happening, and still feel connected to the school.

Dates that we can confirm are:

### **July**

30th Principal's network meeting

### **August**

5th Principal's Forum Meeting

10th Curriculum Day—Student free day

28th School Photo Day

### **September**

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4th Summer Sports - only if sporting events are allowed to resume

7th - 11th Book Fair

8th School Council Meeting 3:45pm

17th Working Bee 2:30—4:00pm

18th Term 3 ends and school is dismissed at 2:30pm.

If restrictions are increased and changes are made to the way schools are run then I will notify you all via newsletters and emails.

Remain safe and healthy,