



WEEK 3 TERM 2

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I can now feel the excitement in the air as it is camp week. The Grade 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp begins on Wednesday and continues to Friday. Melbourne Camp is an amazing camp for all. There's visits to the Aquarium, a MCG Sports Museum & tour, the Melbourne Museum, Eureka Sky Deck, plus much, much more. I would like to thank Renae Williamson, Trish Beardsley and Doug Crowe for offering to attend this camp. Being on duty from 9:00am Wednesday morning until 3:30pm Friday and being responsible for the wellbeing of 21 people is a huge responsibility to take on and we thank you.

Last week the senior class attended the BMPSSA Athletics Carnival. Although we did not win any ribbons we can be very proud of the student behaviour and support which they displayed to classmates and students from other schools. Our Parents and Friends must also be congratulated on the wonderful job of "feeding the masses". There were no hungry people and everyone had full bellies. It was a busy day for all and a well earned rest was needed by all at the end of the day. A big thank you to the following people: Sharon Thurgood, Kyrie Harris, Jim Ray, Sara Ray, Blair Dellelijm, Anna Simcocks, Joe Spratt, Ebony Walgers and Krystal Doohan. The final profits of the day were \$860.57.

ANZAC Day in Coimadai

It was lovely to see students represent our school at the local ANZAC Day service in Coimadai. Our school was certainly well represented with the following people attending; Spencer, Matilda, Lauchlan F, Lexi, Rupert, Ella-May, Harper, Hunter, Isobel R, Arya, Benjamin T, Jackson T, Benjamin S, Hayley, Everleigh, Juliet, Ella, Lucy and Xavier.



Baby Updates

Congratulations to Noah and Hollie on the safe arrival of their little brother. Billie Mc's little sister Wynnie arrived last week also. I am pleased to say all mums and babies are healthy and happy.



Book Fair

Our next book fair runs from Monday 6th May - Friday 10th May. Spread the word to family and friends so that they can come along to purchase books and stationery. Books are amazing gifts. Developing a love for reading is one of the most important things we can develop in children. As Dr Sues says, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



Sick leave

This Thursday I begin leave. I will be back at school on Monday the 3th May. If you have any issues while I am away, please see either Annie Ewings or Renae Williamson. Have a great week,
Moira Ross

OSH CLUB



To enrol and to find out about the Child Care Subsidy available to you to support attendance, please come and visit. We'd love some more enrolments moving forward to ensure that the program remains viable in the future. Drop in a see Bailey or visit the OSH Club website www.oshclub.com.au to see how you can support or be supported by this service.

Please remember when using OSH Club parents need to go to the Library and sign students both in and out for every session that students attend.

Shopping Tour

Parents and Friends have organised a Shopping Tour Fundraiser for Saturday the 24th of August. Please mark this date on your calendar and invite your family and friends to come along and enjoy the fun.



Hot Lunches

Pie Warmers are back on for Term 2 and 3. Students may bring cooked food wrapped in foil or in a foil container with their name clearly written on it. Make sure the food is defrosted and has been cooked, especially nuggets, chips, fish fingers etc. Remember, it is a pie warmer, not an oven.

Tomato sauce is provide thanks to Parents & Friends.

Soup for lunches returns on Wednesdays. This week we will be serving pumpkin soup. Orders for soup will be taken tomorrow.

Remaining pupil free curriculum days for the year.

Friday 24th May

Friday 6th September

Monday 2nd December.

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

School Uniform

Wide brim hats are not compulsory during Terms 2 and 3 unless the UV is above 3. Black beanies may be worn. Jewellery, (for safety reasons) small sleepers or studs and a watch are the only items of jewellery to be worn. Long hair must be tied back. The school uniform policy states that white or black socks must be worn.

Parent Payments

A huge thank you to our families that have already paid their voluntary curriculum contributions for the 2024 school year. These contributions ensure that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

School Working Bee

Get out your family calendar and note down Saturday 18th May. A list of jobs as long as your arm is developing for our first School Working Bee in 2024—this list is an ultimate wish list and we know not all jobs may be tackled.

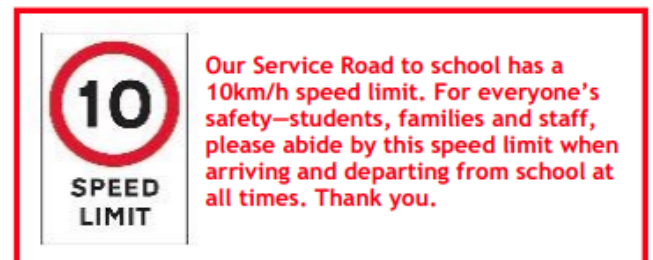
Our primary focus will be to spruce up the front gardens, oil the wooden fort, paint yellow stripes on the steps, mow, whipper snip around the toilets, cob web removal, sweeping paths, clearing out water drains, sweeping/blower vacc the sports oval, installing a new fence around the biocycle, cleaning and repacking the bike shed and reattach sleepers.

As a small school, we do not have a huge budget for garden maintenance, if you could take a look at this list, think about how you might be able to help and support, it would be very much appreciated. If you have some expertise/experience/enthusiasm in any area and would like to offer some time, please let the school know.



**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Sunday the 11th August**

Please save this date to your calendar.



IMPORTANT DATES



May

- 1st -3rd Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp
- 6th - 10th Book Fair
- 7th Mother's Day stall
- 9th BMPSSA Cross Country Carnival
- 10th Coffee and catch up - parents and Friends
- 24th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day

June

- 5th - School Council meeting
- 6th Winter Sports Years 4/5/6
- 14th Parents & friends meeting
- 17th -27th Whole School Swimming Program
- 28th School dismissed at 2:30pm for Term 2 Holiday

July

- 15th Term 3 commences
- 17th School Council meeting

August

- Summer Sports Years 4/5/6
- 11th Bunnings BBQ
- 24th Shopping Tour
- 27th Father's Day stall

September

- 6th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
- 11th School Council meeting
- 20th School dismissed 2:30 for term 3 holidays

October

- 7th Term 3 begins
- 7th -9th Year 2/3 Billabong Camp, Echuca
- 11th Parents & Friends meeting
- 15th Year 2/3 Big Bash Cricket Day
- 16th October - School Council meeting
- 18th Prep/1 sleepover/ activity day
- 25th School Disco & Moo Poo

November

- 13th November - School Council meeting
- 29th Parents & Friends meeting

December

- 2nd Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
- 4th December - School Council meeting
- 20th Last day of the school year

READING NIGHTS



25 nights

50 nights

75 nights

HAYLEY
BLAKE
JUILET

100 nights

RUPERT



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following student who had a birthday recently:
Juliet

We hope you had a lovely day celebrating with friends and family.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Hayley -For helping friends in the playground when they get upset.
- Xavier-For using his manners and treating classmates with kindness.
- Hunter-For trying his hardest during maths this week and sharing his thoughts with the class.
- Iris-For always giving everything her best shot. Super effort Iris!
- Eden B.-For drawing an amazing house for our classroom display.
- Ella-For displaying lots of courage and bravery when she was injured.
- William-For demonstrating respect at the Shrine.
- Theodore-For demonstrating leadership at school.
- Evie-For her calm and friendly attitude.
- Hayley- For doing her best in Maths.
- Arya - For great story writing with 'The Key'
- Alana- For asking great questions in STEM



Things to Look Forward to in Oshc this week

Monday

Uno Competition



Tuesday

Taco Tuesday



Wednesday

Baking Club



Thursday

Special Breakfast:
Bacon and Egg muffins

Friday

Movie Night





School Attendance – School is better when your child is there!

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

In Victoria, School is compulsory for children and young people aged 6 – 17 years

Student absences

The main reasons for absences are:

Sickness – there are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick. Developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising can make a big difference.

Family Holidays – it's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible and not during the school term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure you talk to your child's teacher in advance and work with them for an absence learning plan.

'Day Off' – think twice before letting your child have a 'day off' as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – this is when students choose not to go to school without their parents' permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

School refusal – school refusing children will experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with knowledge of the parents despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school.

Being away from school for one day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

If your child is away:

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parents/carers.

HEALTHY DIGITAL HABITS



Healthy families chat about online experiences



Prioritise sleep



No devices in bedrooms, bathrooms or toilets



Take regular breaks from screens



Trust your early warning signs



Balance screen time with green time

NAVIGATING UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATIONS



Do Not Respond



Record/
Screenshot



Take a Break



Mute/Block/
Change Settings



Report



Seek Help



INFORM & EMPOWER

Trusted eSafety Provider
esafety.gov.au

Kinship Carer Support Groups

All Carers are welcome to come and have a chat in a safe and supportive environment.

Daylesford - Thursday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Address will be advised after registration
- 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 August, 31 October and 28 November

Ararat - Tuesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Ararat Hotel, 130 Barkly Street, Ararat
- 6 May, 11 June, 6 August, 3 September, 8 October and 12 November

Bacchus Marsh - Monday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Baby Black Cafe, 10 Church St, Bacchus Marsh
- 20 May, 17 June, 29 July, 19 August, 16 September, 14 October and 18 November

Ballarat - Wednesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Clothesline Cafe, 202 Humfray Street South, Ballarat
- 15 May, 26 June, 24 July, 14 August, 11 September, 23 October and 20 November



To register or enquire about any of Cafs Kinship Carer Support

Groups please contact:

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