

## Dates To Remember

### TERM FOUR 2020

#### Friday 13th Nov

Year 5/6 photos, Graduation photos

#### Friday 13th November

Prep Transition 2 - Group 2 onsite

#### Monday 16th November - 2.45pm

Whole School Assembly - online

#### Tuesday 17th November - 6.30pm

Prep Parent Information Night Online

#### Wednesday 18th November

School Council Meeting 6pm

#### Friday 27th November

Prep Transition 3 - Group 1 onsite

Uniform shop open 9.30am-3.30pm

#### Monday 30th November - 2.45pm

Whole School Assembly - online

#### Wednesday 2nd December

2nd Internal transition

#### Friday 4th December

Prep transition 3 - Group 2 onsite

Uniform shop open 9.30am-3.30pm

#### Monday 14th November - 9am

Final Whole School Assembly

#### Friday 18th December

Last day of school for 2020

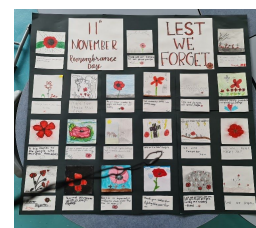
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Thursday 12th November, 2020

## Principal's Report

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On Wednesday we held an online Remembrance Day Service for our students. A lovely way to commemorate our history and all the men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

A huge thank you to Julie Gifford and Kiralee Molnar for organising and running our school photos. They look amazing! These will be sent off to the printers next week.

### INTERNAL TRANSITION SESSION

On Tuesday, students were given the opportunity to meet with their new level. Teachers discussed the importance of friendships and more importantly, the people we work best with in class. Sometimes our best friends are not necessarily great influences on learning. Students were then asked to write down 5 friends they are hoping to have in their class for 2021. We ensure that at least one friend will be in their class for the new year. Our next Internal transition session will be on December 2nd.



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### **ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY**

We will be holding our next assembly on Monday 16th Nov at 2.45pm. We hope you can join us online: [meet.google.com/zys-mbgx-adr](https://meet.google.com/zys-mbgx-adr)

### **2021 - CLASSES**

Next year we will have 14 classes:

3 X Prep

3 X Year 1

2 X Year 2

3 X Year 3/4

3 X Year 5/6

As you can see we will be moving to straight classes in the junior school. This decision was made purely from an organisational perspective. At MWHPS we organise teacher release time for the whole level, so that all teachers are able to be involved in the planning and preparation of the curriculum. This is essential for consistency across the year. We are unable to schedule release for 5 teachers, at the one time. It also becomes more difficult to plan with many people involved. Not enough or too many make it tricky. Like 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', there is an ideal!

Whether we have straight classes or composite classes, there is really no difference for teachers. The learning gap from the child who struggles, to the child who excels is about 4 years within a straight class and similar in a composite class. Good teachers need to know the curriculum below, at and above their level to truly differentiate and meet every child's needs. It is what we do already.

We currently have 12 teaching spaces. Over the past 6 months I have been working with the DET to secure an additional portable for 2021. Unfortunately, our PAC (Performing Arts Centre) counts as one additional teaching space. This space is neither suitable nor practical to set up as a classroom. Based on numbers we are technically entitled to 13 teaching spaces for 2021. However, given the predicted class sizes in Years 5 / 6 (being at 30 each) we are able to afford to move to three smaller classes. Due to the PAC, and moving to 3 X Year 5 / 6 classes, we need to find two additional spaces.

Whilst we made every effort to get a portable, we haven't been successful. So we have had to think creatively and come up with different options. We are going to use the breakout space between Mrs Douglas and Mrs Teoh's room as a classroom for 2021. A year 5 / 6 class will move to 3/4Ts room, Mrs Douglas' room will remain a 5 / 6 class and the space between the two will become a small Year 5/6 class (18). This will create a Year 5-6 hub! We have moved furniture, discussed seating and storage spaces and we believe we can make it work. This means the class numbers will go down to 21 in the existing classroom spaces and 18 in the smaller break out space. Whilst the room is not ideal, I know as a parent, I would much prefer my child to be in a class of 20 than a class of 30!

We will also need to move some classes around in preparation for the 2021 school year. Prep and Year 1 classes will stay in the new building. Year 2 classes will move to Building E whereby a classroom will be set up in the library space and Mrs Playsted's class will become a Year 2 classroom. Library lessons for classes will be scheduled when the Year 2 class is at specialist sessions. Two out of the three year 3 / 4 classes will remain in Building B. One Year 3 / 4 class will move to the portable space.

### **ACT OF KINDNESS & GOODWILL – Community Celebration**

We would love every family to get behind our 'Act of Kindness & Goodwill' event by...

**1) Each family making a 'Seasons Greeting' card** which includes a special message, along with a small homemade gift. The gift might be sharing a family recipe, a poem, a motivational quote, some seeds from your garden, something that you sewed yourself, or even a pot with something you have grown.

We encourage families to be creative. No food items please.

**2) Once you have made your card and small homemade gift...**

- Sign your card with your family's surname (It's nice to know who made it) and which class your child/dren are in. You might even include a picture of your family.
- Place in an envelope clearly marked 'Seasons Greeting from the '(surname) family' and **return it to your child's classroom teacher by Monday November 30.**

Teachers will record which families are participating in this event. If you do participate, then you will receive a randomly selected card from another family on Monday December 7th . Contributors will not know which family is going to get their kind gesture.

If you are planning on purchasing something instead, kindly keep it simple within a maximum of \$5. Please understand that only those who participate will receive something in return. So, we would love all our families to get involved.

### **PREP 2021 TRANSITION**

Our second transition session will take place tomorrow!

### **DETAILS FOR REMAINING SESSIONS:**

FRI 13 NOV - **GRP 2** - (9.15-3.15pm) Groups of 5 children have been scheduled to arrive every 45mins to undertake the Numeracy Transition session. This will enable the other half of our Prep 2021 children to participate.

FRI 27 NOV - **GRP 1** onsite again. (9.15-3.15pm) Uniform Shop will be open 9.30am - 3.30pm

FRI 4 DEC - **GRP 2** onsite again. (9.15-3.15pm) Uniform Shop will be open 9.30am - 3.30pm

### **Parent Information Night Online**

TUE 17 Nov 6.30 pm- 7.30 pm

### **Let's celebrate...**

- Mrs Kiralee Molnar and Mrs Julie Gifford for being our school photographers this week. Lots of organisation has been undertaken to make sure our community doesn't miss out on precious memories
- A lovely Remembrance Day celebration on Tuesday. Thank you to the SRC for organising this event.

***Sharon Reiss-Stone***

Principal

# Assistant Principal's Report

## Library

We are currently upgrading our library system. This has been a huge task for Jane! We had to migrate our entire library catalogue over to the new system and that has taken a bit of time.

Jane, Mrs Thomas and Julie have completed the training for the system and will now start to work on the implementation.

Although students have been able to visit the library and read the books in the library, they have been unable to borrow. Teachers have set up their own classroom library for students to use in the classroom.

If students have any library books at home that need to be returned, this can be done when their class has library time.

If you are looking for books for your child to read at home please use Myon or Get Epic or speak to your classroom teacher about take home readers.

## Car Park

Just a reminder that the gates where the pedestrian crossing is in the school grounds (where students walk across the driveway) are closed between 8.45 - 9am and 3.30 - 3.45pm. This is done to ensure students can walk safely across the driveway. If you choose to park past the gates please be aware that they will be closed and not opened until the teacher on duty opens them. We ask that parents do not open them.

## Medication

If your child is requiring medication please remember to fill in the 'Approval to Administer Medication' form. This is available at the office or from our website. Please ensure that you bring the medication to the office. Students are not allowed to keep medication in their bags or administer medication themselves due to OHS reasons.

*Carolyn Datson*

Assistant Principal



# Extend News



Extend is the place for your children to thrive, learn and play, so what are you waiting for? Book and enrol at

[www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au)

## Hours of Operation

Before School Care: 7:00am – 9:00am  
After School Care: 3:30pm – 6:30pm  
Holiday Care: 8:00am – 6:00pm

## Contact Details

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## Coming Up Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>BSC:</b> <b>Group Game -</b> <i>Whats the time Mr. Wolf</i>	<b>BSC:</b> <i>Extend Joke and Riddle Book</i>	<b>BSC:</b> <b>Community -</b> <i>Environmental Bingo</i>	<b>BSC:</b> <b>Construction -</b> <i>DIY Naughts &amp; Crosses</i>	<b>BSC:</b> <b>Guinea Pigs -</b> <i>Dandelion Walk</i>
<b>ASC:</b> <b>Art -</b> <i>Summer Sea Creatures</i>	<b>ASC:</b> <b>Language -</b> <i>Auslan Alphabet</i>	<b>ASC:</b> <b>Wellbeing -</b> <i>The Kindness Challenge</i>	<b>ASC:</b> <b>Sport -</b> <i>Dodgeball</i>	<b>ASC:</b> <b>Science -</b> <i>Fizzy Drinks Vs. Mentos</i>

## DISCOVER



Scarlett enjoys spending time with the guinea pigs.

## LEARN



Caitlin's learning how to sew and is constructing a star cushion

## PLAY



Tanaya's happy to be back at Extend playing with her peers

## SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK!

# Yassir H

Thank you for being AWESOME!  
You voluntarily show peers around our Extend building, always use manners and always let an educator know where you are going!

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

"What do you get when a Yeti forgets something?  
A FORGET!!" - Theo R

## What's Been Happening?

It's NAIDOC week! We've been celebrating our fellow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander's through a whole week of experiences and activities that allowed us to build our knowledge on Indigenous Nations and Language. We spoke about the meaning behind the NAIDOC poster, played a Traditional Indigenous game, constructed a new display of Aboriginal Languages and finished off with painting Aboriginal symbols.

From Jayde & her little Extenders

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# Caulfield Little Athletics invites all boys and girls aged between 5-15 years to join us!



## Our location

Duncan Mackinnon Reserve,  
Cnr North & Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena

## Want to know more?

Visit our website [www.caulfieldlac.com.au](http://www.caulfieldlac.com.au)

Or for registrations and further information please email [registrar@caulfieldlittleaths.org.au](mailto:registrar@caulfieldlittleaths.org.au)







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## Registrations open soon for the 2020–2021 Little Athletics Season!



**Start date**  
**21<sup>st</sup> November;**  
modified programs to comply  
with "Covid Safe Centre" rules



**8:45am start time on**  
**Saturday mornings,**  
**Central Reserve,**  
**Glen Waverley**



**Record low fee:**  
**\$120 per athlete**  
**all season**



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## Guardian Childcare & Education Oakleigh East



At Guardian Oakleigh East, we strive for **consistent, high quality education and practice** to support the **best outcomes for our children, our families, our educators and our community.**

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### Nursery

(6 weeks to 18 months)  
Up to 12 children per day

### Toddler 1

(18 months to 2 years)  
Up to 16 children per day

### Toddler 2

(2 years to 3 years)  
Up to 16 children per day

### Pre- Kinder

(2.5 years- 3.5 years)  
Up to 16 children per day

### Kinder 1

(3 years to 4 years)  
Up to 30 children per day

### Kinder 2

(4 years to 5 years)  
Up to 30 children per day

### Some useful information

We are lucky enough to have **three large outdoor environments** complete with sandpit, vegetable garden, undercover spaces and soft grass. All rooms spend plenty of time outside embracing the fresh air and strengthening their development.

- **Opening Hours:** 7:00am to 6:30pm
- **Parking:** Ample parking is available at the front of the service, allowing easy access to the building.
- **Fees:** \$135 per day/ \$130 per day for fulltime bookings.
- **What's provided:** Everything!!  
All you need to bring is spare clothes and any comfort items your child may have.

### Curriculum

Here at Guardian Oakleigh East we view children as competent and capable learners. Providing opportunities to explore, question and discover at their own pace and through their own interests.

Our Educators plan the curriculum around children's current interests, goals and in close consultation with families. Ensuring that each child is provided equal opportunities and is supported to achieve their outcomes.

We provide children access to authentic resources and encourage their engagement with the wider community.

### INCURSIONS:

Monday- Yoga

Tuesday- Art

Wednesday- Language

Thursday- Clay

Friday- Music

### EXCURSIONS:

Reg Harris Reserve

Scothman's Creek

Local Library

Local Café's & Shops

Local Schools

### What is covered in my daily fee?

The daily fee includes all meals the children will consume at the Centre (breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, late snack). We also provide nappies, wipes, hats, bed sheets, sunscreen and S-26 formula.

The only things we ask families to bring is a change of clothes, and a comforter, if your child uses one.

### How will I know what my child has been doing each day?

We use an online communication platform called Storypark, where the educators upload a daily group story with photos from the day. We also use this to share observations on children's learning and encourage families to also share their own stories with our team.

### With the current COVID19 pandemic, how does the Centre ensure the environment is safe and hygienic?

With all the changes that have come with the COVID19 pandemic, our Centre maintains safe and hygienic environments for children, educators and families. Our children and educators have worked together to create embedded hygiene practices, including hand-washing procedures.

