

Dates To Remember

TERM ONE 2021

Friday 19th February

Prep questionnaire to be returned

Monday 22nd February

Assembly 2.45pm

List of candidates and Ballots sent home for School Council

Tuesday 23rd February - Change of Date

Information Exchange night 2.30pm-7pm

2.30pm start for Year 3 & 4

3.40pm start all other year levels

Wednesday 24th February

No school for Preps

School Council - 7pm

Thursday 25th February

Miss Peppercorn School lunches returns

Friday 26th February

SDSSA District Summer Sport Round

Robin Years 5 & 6

Monday 1st March

Preps attend full time this week

Completed Ballot papers returned for School Council Votes

Tuesday 2nd March

School Review Parent meeting - PAC

9.15am - 9.45am

All parents welcome

Monday 8th March

Labour Day Holiday - No School

Thursday 18 February, 2021

Principal's Report

RETURNING TO ONSITE LEARNING

It was lovely to see the students return to school today. I think we are all feeling a little relieved! A huge thank you to the staff for so quickly uploading learning tasks to our two platforms. We only had an hours notice on Friday, which meant that staff were busy over their weekend preparing activities.

CHROMEBOOKS: Please ensure that if you have borrowed a chromebook that you bring them back to school. From Friday 19 Feb, they will remain at school once again, as they are an integral part of our learning and teaching program.

Masks: Must be worn inside and outside when you can't socially distance.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE NIGHT - Next Tuesday (23 Feb)

Due to the lockdown, we had to cancel our Information Exchange Night. We have rescheduled this to next Tuesday Feb 23rd. Current bookings will remain. Should you need to book in a time or change your booking please contact Julie up at the office.

Please be on time for your interview. The bell will ring every 10mins to indicate that the time is over. Please do not be offended by the teacher moving on to the next parent. This helps to eliminate waiting times. Should you require more time, please use Sentral to arrange a mutually suitable time.

COVID SAFE PRACTICES FOR THE NIGHT:

- Please wear a face mask
- Wait outside the building for the teacher to call you in for the interview



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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Thank you to everyone who nominated for School Council. It is the first time in 7 years that we have had more applicants than positions! Therefore we will be going to an election. On Monday all families will receive a statement from the candidates, ballot papers and return envelopes. You may vote for up to 4 people by placing a mark next to that person's name. All forms must be **returned by Monday March 1.**

PREP SCHOOL NURSE FORMS

Please make sure that the Student Entrant Health Questionnaires (SEHQ) are returned to school by **tomorrow**. The visiting Primary School nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be visiting in March and will use these forms to conduct the Prep grade Health assessments as consented by parents. We ask that you please return the form even if you do not want your child to participate.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWC)

As part of government regulations all volunteers (including parent helpers) must have a valid 'Working with Children Check'. If you plan on helping out at a school event, reading with students in class or helping on an excursion, then you are required to have a WWC.

The WWC Check is a minimum checking standard set by the Working with Children Act 2005 for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis. To be a volunteer at a school a Working with Children Card provided by the Department of Justice is required. This card is:

- valid for 5 years
- transferable between volunteer organisations
- free of charge for volunteers, but cannot be used for paid employment.

Information on how to apply can be found at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>. Once attained, please provide a copy to the school so that you can be added to our register.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Last Monday our school leaders ran their first assembly. Congratulations to our School Captains - Mia and Christian.

Congratulations also to our House Captains:

Dolphins - Christopher S & Bethany O

Wallabies - Ameer B & Annabelle H

Kookaburras - Roque N & Eleni M

Opals - John H & Elisabeth O



Let's celebrate...

- Miss Spurling's recent engagement news! Congratulations to Elizabeth and Luke. We would also like to congratulate Miss Jamieson on her engagement too. Lovely to celebrate some positives!
- Chinese New Year - 'Year of the Ox'. Happy New Year!

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal



Assistant Principal's Report

Wellbeing Matters

Well done to all our families, staff and students who demonstrated amazing flexibility and resilience during this last lockdown. That is what makes our school a wonderful community to be a part of.

The Education Department website has a great wellbeing page, including a booklet on wellbeing activities and conversation starters for parents of primary aged children. There are a range of activities that can help build and maintain your child's wellbeing. Most of them are short and require very few materials. The activities cover six key elements that are important to wellbeing. There are also activities that focus on positive thinking and gratitude, as well as breathing exercises that promote calm.

The six elements important to wellbeing are:

- understanding emotions
- personal strengths
- positive coping
- problem solving
- stress management
- help seeking

Over the next few weeks I will highlight some of the activities you can do with your family. Some of the things we got up to over lockdown to help with our wellbeing were:

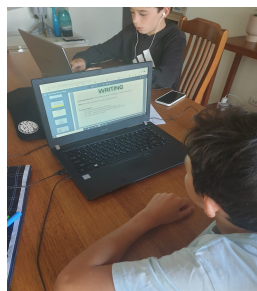
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Cooking



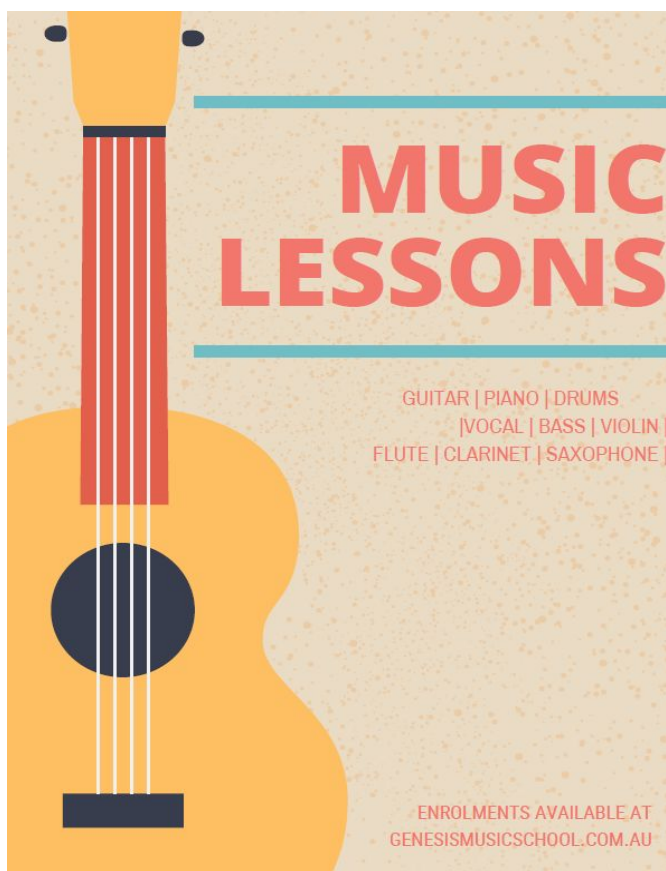
School work!



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Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal



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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 10 children per day

Toddler 2

(2 years to 3 years)
Up to 10 children per day

Pre- Kinder

(2.5 years- 3.5 years)
Up to 10 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

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 5-26 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.

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/ \$190 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

Soothman's Creek

Local Library

Local Café's & Shops

Local Schools



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.

Bring out the best in your child with singing.



Enrolments for the Australian Youth Choir are now open to boys and girls from 7 years.



An opportunity to develop singing, build confidence, self esteem and make new friends.



Weekly rehearsals in Burwood during school Term; workshops and concerts included in the year.

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Beginner Netball

@ Oakleigh Rec Centre

Introducing a new six week NetSetGo program and 9 & Under competition at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre.

NET/SET Skill Program **Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30**

This program is aimed at players aged 5 - 9 who want to learn netball skills in a safe and fun environment.

GO! 9/u competition **Wednesdays 4:20 & 5:00 games**

This comp is aimed at teams who have completed a skills based program and are ready to begin competition netball.

The programs begin Wednesday
24th February and will run
each Wednesday of Term One.

Round One - 24/2/2021
Final Round - 31/3/2020

6 Week NetSetGo skills program
\$148 per player

6 Week 9/u Competition
\$160 per team

9/u teams provide their own umpire for each game.
We recommend the team coach umpires the game, to help
their team understand the rules netball.



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