

Thursday 2nd September, 2021

Dates To Remember

TERM THREE 2021

Friday 3rd September

Whole School Digital Disco

7pm- 8pm

Joining details will be sent out through Sentral

Sunday 5th September

Fathers Day

Mon 13th - Fri 17th September

Specialist week

Monday 13th September

End of Term assembly 9am

Friday 17th September

Term 3 Finishes - 2.30pm

TERM FOUR 2021

Monday 4th October

Term 4 commences - 9am

Tuesday 5th October

World Teachers Day

Principal's Report

COVID UPDATE

The Victorian State Government announced yesterday that the current restrictions including remote learning will continue to the end of Term 3. This is not the news we were all hoping for. For our students, remote learning will continue in its current format for the remaining two weeks of Term 3. As previously mentioned, the learning has already changed slightly.

Whilst the session times have not changed, you may have noticed slight changes in the delivery of our lessons. Sessions can look like the following..

- Students are taught as a whole class
- Students are taught as a whole class for 15-20 mins then groups of students stay online for a focussed group session
- Sometimes individuals or groups of students are asked to stay online to undertake assessment.

In the last week of term, teachers will have a planning day to prepare for Term 4. On this day there will be no online sessions. However, work will be posted on the hub for students to complete.

In the coming weeks, there will be a plan announced for schools for Term 4. This plan is dependent upon reaching vaccination targets and being able to slow the spread of the virus in the community.

Please let us know if you or your child/ren are struggling. I think lockdown fatigue has genuinely hit and we are all doing it a little bit tougher this time around.



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FATHER'S DAY - SUNDAY

This Sunday we will be celebrating the wonderful men in our lives. Whether that be dads, grandads, uncles, sports coaches or significant others, they play an important role in contributing to our childrens' academic and social development. There are many ways to spoil our dads even in lockdown. Here are a few tips..

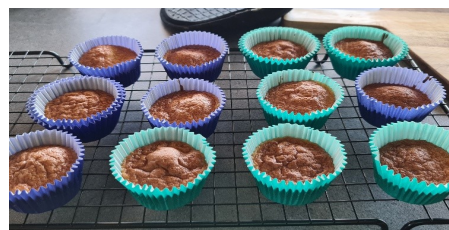
- Breakfast in bed is always appreciated but have you thought of a backyard or indoor picnic?
- Go on a bike ride
- Fire up the backyard BBQ
- Go on a virtual tour together
- Have an outdoor movie night together
- Complete a task together
- Watch your dad's favourite band virtually
- Construct something out of lego
- Set up a tent and go camping in the backyard
- Write a sweet Father's Day quote or letter

NAPLAN

In some good news, our 2021 NAPLAN results were delivered to school this week. Year 3 and 5 parents are able to collect their child's results from the office at any time. In even better news, our results have in fact improved upon our 2019 results. This is an incredible performance by our students despite the challenges. It provides some comfort to parents that what we are doing online is of the highest standard. I look forward to sharing some highlights with you in next week's newsletter.

My positives for this week...

- I am grateful that my husband likes playing video games and is happy to challenge our children online, whilst I sneak off for some quality netflix or Stan time!
- I am grateful that my cupcakes didn't sag in the middle. I have a terrible track history when it comes to cupcakes. However, they were not as fluffy and light as expected! (If anyone has a fool proof recipe, I would love a copy) Time to look for another recipe!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS.

Congratulations to all our award winners announced at last week's assembly!

Class awards:

Prep J - Jacque D & Vishal E
Prep M - Caden C & Vinu N
Prep T - Sonya G & Wyatt L
1GM - Pippa S & Lincoln T
1M - Phoenix RZ & Francesco G
1S - Elijah L & Amelie W
2D - Jessica W & Harvey B
2J - Sarah G & Luciano B
3/4K - Milton S & Jayden E
3/4M - Matthew C & Vinudi R
3/4T - Alrazza M & Reet S
5/6C - George N & Kalara M
5/6D - Kara L & Sam K
5/6M - Sophie K & Soma O

Specialist awards:

Art - Sebastian O & Sam A
Music - Max D & Jisan P
PE - Sammy P & Zoe P
Japanese - Sreyash S & Akira Y

Let's celebrate...

- Atarah in Prep J who took part in the MS Readathon 2021 this month and raised \$160 by pledging to read 25 books. Congratulations, what a great achievement.
- Spring has arrived!

Sharon Reiss-Stone

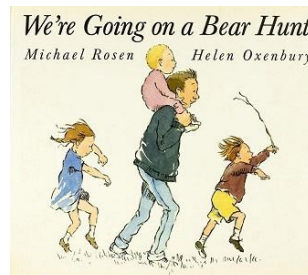
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

JUST A LITTLE MORE ON BOOK WEEK

What a fabulous Book Week...WEEK! It's been great to celebrate Book Week, have a dress up day and participate in online incursions. Here are some more bookworms sharing their favourite books!

JULIE (in the office) What's the first book you ever remember reading? *I can run* What is your all time favourite book? *We're going on a Bear Hunt* Who's your all-time favourite book character? I don't think I have a favourite character. When I was younger I use to love George in the Famous Five, as I always wanted to have the adventures she had and live where she lived Who's your favourite author of all time? As a child I read every Enid Blyton book there was. Now I love reading books by Liane Moriarty Has a book ever changed your life? No, but made me look at things differently or question things more What genres do you love? Crime and mystery Do you think there are any movie adaptations out there that were actually better than the original? No. Although the movie *The Princess Bride* comes pretty close!



MRS MORRIS

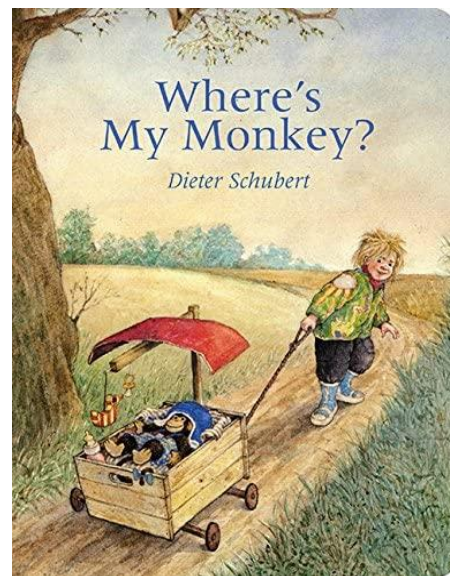
What's the first book you ever remember reading? I remember listening to my dad read one of the Mr Men and Little Miss books every night before bed. What is your all time favourite book? *The Bible* Who's your favourite author of all time? C.S. Lewis What genres do you love? Non-fiction, fantasy, drama, romance, picture books Do you think there are any movie adaptations out there that were actually better than the original? The Disney versions of the classic fairy tales (such as *The Little Mermaid*, *Cinderella* and *Tangled*) are much happier than the original storylines.

MRS THOMAS What's the first book you ever remember reading? The first book I remember reading independently was called 'The Third Wish' by Emily Rodda What is your all time favourite book? A book called "Where's my Monkey?", which is actually a lovely wordless picture book about a toy monkey who gets lost. The monkey looked exactly the same as my favourite toy monkey growing up, which is why it's so dear to me. I still have the book to this day.

Who's your all-time favourite book character? Wow, so many characters to love! Who do I choose? I think Alanna of Trebond from a book called 'The Song of the Lioness' by Tamora Peirce is a great character. She's strong, brave, stubborn and never gives up. Who's your favourite author of all time? Again there are so many to choose from, arghhhh! But you can't really go past JK Rowling

Has a book ever changed your life? Yes, *The Tomorrow When the War Began* books made me fall in love with reading. Before that, I found reading to be a chore, but now I love to read! I will say though, don't read this series until you are 13+.

What genres do you love? Adventure, mystery, comedy and fantasy are all favourites, but I don't mind reading an autobiography/biography every now and then. Do you think there are any movie adaptations out there that were actually better than the original? Not often are movies better than the book, but I think *Frozen* would be one that is better than the original.



Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

Digital Disco

Hi Everyone!

I am super excited to announce that we will be holding a Digital Disco next **Friday 3rd September from 7pm to 8pm!**

DJ SAM I AM will be our host for a fun, interactive and engaging disco filled with dances, games and a good old fashioned sing along! Dress up in your finest dancing outfit, put your dancing shoes on and get your whole family involved in an hour of fun! Watch out for some of the teachers who might appear to show off their best dance moves too!

The digital disco lasts for 1 hour. DJ SAM I AM will play music for 15 minutes with a holding slide on the screen giving families enough time to join and connect their devices to their televisions or to bluetooth speakers. Following those 15 minutes DJ SAM I AM will jump on and facilitate a fun, interactive and engaging disco filled with dances, games and a good old fashioned sing along. At the conclusion of the disco activities there will be 15 more minutes of music with a holding slide so the students can keep on dancing.

Please note that the way the Digital Disco is set up is as a one-way stream. Students will only be able to see DJ SAM I AM. DJ SAM I AM cannot see the students and the students cannot see each other. This is done as a safety measure.

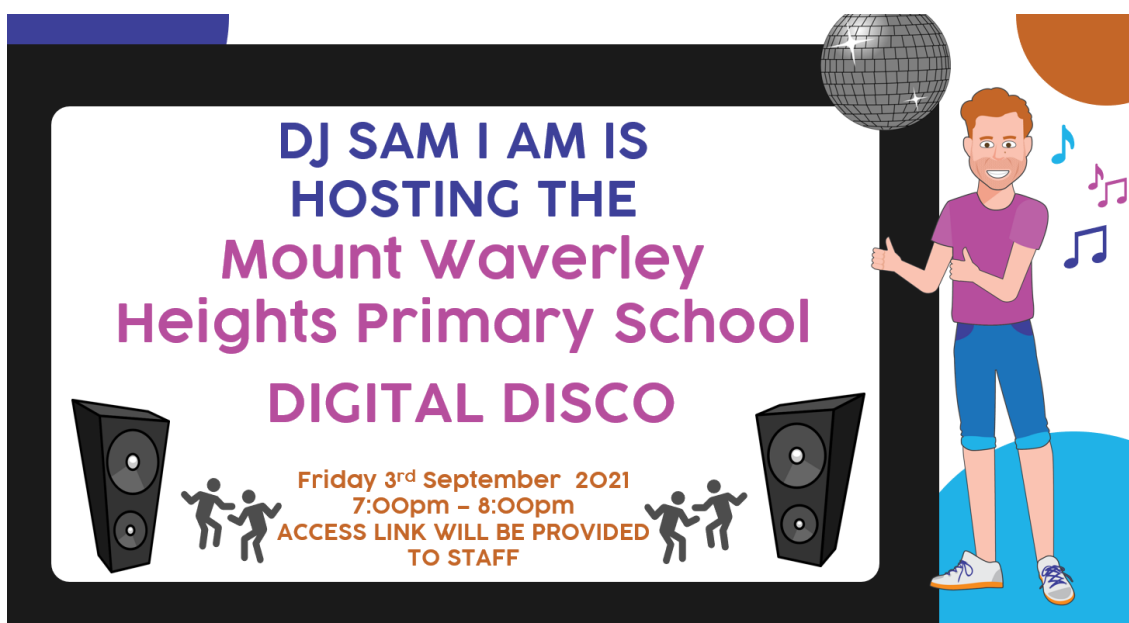
DIGITAL DISCO ACCESS LINK:

The digital disco is hosted on the Zoom platform and a secure Zoom Webinar Link will be provided to families via Sentral on Thursday 2nd September.

This will be a fantastic event and a great way to brighten your Friday night in lockdown and have some fun! We would love for you to take a photo of yourself in your disco outfit and send it to us so we can feature them in the following week's newsletter!

I can't wait to boogie with you all!

Mrs Furlong



Japanese News

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The Japan Foundation Sydney is running "Japan in a Minute Online Video Contest" and I thought that some of our students might be interested in entering. This is an optional activity. Here is the link with all the details:

Link: <https://jpf.org.au/events/japaninaminute/#enter-no...>

Kind Regards,
Sensei



JAPAN IN A MINUTE

ONLINE VIDEO CONTEST

ENTER ONLINE AT
[JPF.ORG.AU/
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ENTRIES CLOSE
September 8, 2021
Wednesday, 11.59 pm AEST

What does your "Japan in a minute" look like? Submit a short video about what you love or miss about Japan to win **Japan-inspired experiences and prizes** you can enjoy at home, from ryokan adventures to dining experiences, onsen sojourns, gift vouchers and more! To enter:

- 1) Check our website for the entry guidelines.
- 2) Plan and create your video!
- 3) Upload your video to YouTube on your own channel and include #japaninaminute in the title.
- 4) Fill in the online entry form at www.jpf.org.au/japaninaminute, including a link to your entry.

Enter here!



WINNERS ANNOUNCED
September 29 (Wed), 2021
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Specialist News

Look out! It's back, all of next week is:

Specialist Challenge Week!



Do the Disco Dance Challenge!



Recreate your favourite picture book cover art!



Dress up as your favourite Japanese character or food!



Complete the Paralympics Challenge!

Parents Association

R U OK? Day is next **Thursday 9 September** and is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs.

Empowering young one's to ask for help i.e. I want help but can't ask. What can we adults do to help ?

As they say , a picture paints a thousand words.

Teaching young people that it's ok to ask for help

As adults we send messages about whether or not help seeking is ok. Be sure to send positive messages about asking for help. Here's some suggestions to get you started:



Accept that everybody needs help sometimes, including you! Recognise when you're not managing and ask for help.



Reframe asking for help as a strength and not a weakness. Facing our fears about asking for help takes courage.



Respond positively when a young person asks you for help and try to give them your full attention. Or organise a time when you can talk uninterrupted.



Try not to minimise their feelings, thoughts, or situation. Show you understand that it's hard to ask for help and that you care.



Avoid viewing help seeking as a sign of failure. Instead try viewing it as a normal part of life and as an important life skill. It's ok to make mistakes!



Encourage young people to seek professional help when it's needed. Instead of hoping that it will go away on its own, ask for professional help when you feel out of your depth.



Share a story with the young person in your life about a time when you needed help. Be open and honest about times when you needed extra support and how you went about asking for it.

Extend News

ESSENTIAL CARE SERVICES

EXTEND REMAINS OPEN FOR AUTHORISED WORKERS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

We offer fun, COVIDsafe programs for permitted children. Our priority is keeping everyone safe during this latest outbreak. Please remember:

- Wear your mask when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Wipe down the sign in/out tablet before and after each use.
- Please maintain a distance of 1.5m for all people in the service.

It will be these small contributions that will make the biggest difference!
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MOUNT WAVERLEY PRIMARY

Monday 20 September
Friday 1 October
8.00am – 6.00pm
Session Fee \$78.75*
Pay from \$11.81 after CCS.

* Early Bird Rate – Book 14 days in advance.

20 Monday
Hip Hop
Get down with the latest move that encourage expression, creativity and improvisation!
Session Fee + \$20

21 Tuesday
ARTVO
Interact with the beautiful artwork and take selfies with your favourite place - or all of them! Drop off by 8.30am.
Session Fee + \$25

22 Wednesday
Cat in the Hat Biscuits & Dodgeball
Havent you heard? Didn't you know? We are making Cat in the Hat biscuits!
Session Fee Only

23 Thursday
Bubbles & Drama Games and Activities
"Happiness is blowing bubbles." Let's enjoy this Autumn by blowing slime bubbles. It's not messy, it's amazingly slimy and stretchy!
Session Fee Only

24 Friday
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

27 Monday
Games Galore & Mini Experiments
Neverending fun with these games...which is your favourite? Duck, Duck, Goose? Line Tippy or Ship, Shark, Shore? You choose.
Session Fee Only

28 Tuesday
Soccer & Confetti Biscuits
Let Steve teach you some tricks and soccer skills that will put you to the test and discover your inner soccer legend!
Session Fee Only

29 Wednesday
The Big Goose
From tiny fluffy chicks to greedy geese and cheeky lambs, we've got so many animals for you to see.
Session Fee + \$28

30 Thursday
Mad about Science
An awesome combination of crazy chemical reactions and mad science fun. Fun for mad scientists of all ages!
Session Fee + \$20

1 Friday
Party Games & Float a Boat
Ready, Set, Freeze! Hop along to the groovy tunes at the Extend Disco and show off your best moves with a variety of party-themed games.
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