

Dates To Remember

TERM FOUR 2021

Thurs 28th - Fri 29th October
Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 attend onsite

Monday 1st November
Curriculum Day

Tuesday 2nd November
Cup Day - Public Holiday

Wednesday 3rd November
Curriculum Day

Thursday 4th November
All students return onsite
Prep - Grade 6

Monday 8th November
Assembly 2.45pm

Thursday 11th November
Miss Peppercorn lunches resume

Friday 12th November
Book Club orders **DUE**

Wednesday 17th November
School Council 6pm

Friday 19th November
Prep Transition 1

Monday 22nd November
Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 26th November
Prep Transition 2

Thursday 28th October, 2021

Principal's Report

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all our families for respecting our covid safe practices. It has been wonderful to see fewer adults on site and everyone respecting social distancing and mask wearing.

Can I also extend our thanks to Leonie, who ran some parenting sessions around Emotional Intelligence over the last couple of days. There were some really great take aways from these sessions around identifying emotions and practical strategies to support children through our current climate. It was also interesting to hear from families about their concerns which were generally shared by all. Nice to know that you are not alone!

ONSITE LEARNING

It has been brilliant to see all levels return to school for parts of the week. We finally had the opportunity to welcome back our Year 3/4 students. As of **Thursday Nov 4th, all students will be back to onsite learning.**

CURRICULUM DAYS

As you may have heard, the Department did request schools to rethink their Curriculum Day plans for Mon 1 November. Leadership did discuss whether we should postpone these days to later in the school year, but have decided to keep them as is. Reasons for our decision..

- Better to have students return on Thu Nov 4 full time, so that our learning can continue without interruption for the remainder of the school year (plus the week is already disrupted with Melbourne Cup Day)
- We have guest speakers already booked in to work with the staff.
- The long weekend provides an opportunity for families to go away for the first time in what has been a more challenging lockdown
- Even if we returned Mon Nov 1, we would likely have many families choosing to go away



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OSHC - EXTEND

Unfortunately, Extend are unable to run care for our upcoming Curriculum Days, as there weren't enough students booked into the program. Families, who were booked in, will need to find alternate care.

CAMP 3-6

Our Year 5/6 students were booked in to attend camp from Nov 8-12. Unfortunately, last Friday we had to cancel these arrangements. We were still awaiting feedback from 1/3 of our parents on whether they were comfortable sending their child on camp. Alongside this, no one was able to confirm camps. Whilst the Department of Education were unable to confirm nor share what covid safe practices were needed, everyone we spoke to said that it was best to cancel (given the time frame) and look for other options later in the term. Luckily enough, we were able to secure a two night getaway for our Year 5/6 students.

From Mon Dec 13-Dec 15, students in **Years 5/6** will be able to attend **Camp Gundiwindi**.

After our Year 3/4 City Camp was cancelled due to lockdown, we booked **Camp Gundiwindi from Wed Dec 15 to Dec 17**. Students will be back for our final 2021 assembly in the Dream Space.

As both camps have been moved to the last week of school, we have also needed to move other school events scheduled for that week. Our **final school assembly will be held on Dec 6 from 9.15am**. At this assembly, we will be handing out Year 6 Awards and announcing our Captains for 2022.

Graduation, Year 6 Fun Day and meeting 2022 classes will also be moved to the week prior. Details to come.

AWARDS

Congratulations to all our award winners.

Aussie of the month - Eleni M

Eleni has demonstrated these qualities on numerous occasions that qualify her as *Aussie of the Month*.

- She is kind and helpful to all - her peers, younger students and staff.
- She is very responsible with her work and often will put in extra effort to ensure it is at the highest possible standard.
- She participates in class and asks questions that will help her understanding.
- She enjoys learning and never puts people down.



Prep J - David M & Tehgen B

Prep M - Roseanne P & Aisha M

Prep T- Ollie C & Charlotte C

1GM - Kian D & Smera A

1M - Mica P & Rickson L

1S - Vivaan T & Siena F

2D - Mark R & Hiyori O

2J - Darren L & Shihanah F

3/4K - Zara E & Jaap P

3/4M - Vela R & Riza E

3/4T - Dwayne B & Jayden K

5/6C - Tiare T & Geonui K

5/6D - Roopy P & Haruki Y

5/6M - Christian S & Sophia R

Specialist awards:

Art - Max D & Arjun B

Music - Ariel A & Lara H

PE - Georgia B & Dion S

Japanese - Jessica B & Emma H

FORMING GRADES FOR 2022

Shortly, teachers will begin the process of organising next year's grades. This process takes several weeks and involves all staff in developing well-balanced classes for optimal learning. Input from class teachers, parents and children are taken into account, in conjunction with learning and social considerations. Parents with particular information, they would like considered during this process, may put their request in writing to me **no later than Friday 5 November**. Requests may relate to social, family or learning matters. Please note that requests for particular teachers will not be supported, unless there are extenuating circumstances. If you would like to discuss your request, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with me.

Requests may be forwarded to the office in writing or to my email address:

sharon.reiss-stone@education.vic.gov.au

Please note that late requests will not be accepted

CAR PARK

With classes now resuming onsite, we ask that parents no longer park in the staff parking area, unless you need the disabled parking bay. The gate to the Staff Parking area will be closed between 8.45am - 9am and again from 3.30pm - 3.45pm. This is to allow students to walk safely to and from the school grounds.

If the gate is closed and you have parked in the staff parking area, you will need to wait until 3.45pm to leave.

2ND HAND UNIFORM

If any families have any 2nd hand uniform they would like to donate to the school it would be much appreciated.

It is always helpful to give parents another option to source uniform pieces and we are currently running very low. If your child is leaving the school or in grade 6, we would also be very grateful for any donations of old school bags if they are in good condition.

WHAT AM I GRATEFUL FOR?

My positive for this week...

- Spending time on the weekend with our extended family
- Being able to get away for the weekend!

Let's celebrate...

- Our Year 3/4s returning to onsite learning!
- Restrictions easing so that we can have school events and transition activities

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Lean In session

Thank you to those parents who attended the *Lean In* session run by Leonie Griffin (nee Becker) not only a MWHPS parent, but an Emotional Intelligence and Sales Performance Specialist.

I attended the Tuesday afternoon session and I really enjoyed hearing from Leonie. The last few years have impacted us all differently and we have all felt a wide range of emotions.

Leonie covered:

- What are emotions? Understanding how emotions 'show up' in behaviours
- Understanding and managing your own stress
- How to keep on building strength and resilience with small steps that will prepare you and your child(ren) for the months ahead
- Tips for transitioning your child(ren) through a staggered return back to school and face-to-face learning

I walked away with some practical tips and ideas about how to navigate not only my own wellbeing but that of my children. Leonie discussed the circle of emotions and giving our children the language around describing emotions. That it is important to recognise the emotions and once identified be able to respond to it.

Finally the interactive session included a moment to practice box breathing. In these uncertain times taking a moment to breathe can make all the difference.

Thank you Leonie!



Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal



Reusable Kids Masks

Ariella is a 4th Generation Master Tailor and while she can't do bespoke fittings she is using her skills to help provide the community with durable reusable fabric face masks. (not medical grade)

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The criteria to obtain a payment does not change. The minimum threshold of a \$10 payment must be achieved as per the normal terms and conditions.

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FOR 5-7 YEAR OLDS ON SUNDAYS
 COMMENCING 7TH NOVEMBER
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