

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4. It is a great week for our whole school with the staggered return of all students having started on Tuesday! It has been wonderful to see students back to on site learning. They have been outstanding in getting straight back into their learning and school routines. All staff are proud of the way the students have been transitioning back!

Are the children tired? Do they want to stay home?

Please let teachers know if students are feeling tired or have anxiety about being back at school. It is to be expected that such a change will pose challenges. Building up the stamina to be back at school will take some time, and we have processes to help ease students into school.

Students may also be feeling like they are falling behind, or have missed out on important learning. This is a state wide, shared feeling, and is also to be expected. All Victorian schools have directions from the Department of Education and Training for how to address this and adapt practices to include “catch up” of learning. I would strongly urge all families not to put too much pressure on students, or cause panic about a situation that cannot be changed. I would also urge all families to promote home learning using the weekly “preview” sent by teachers. These previews can be used for family discussion, to address concerns with teachers, or request additional resources to ease any anxiety about the upcoming week of learning.

What happens in schools if there is a positive COVID-19 case identified?

A number of positive cases have been identified in our local primary schools in recent weeks. It is highly important to note that *schools are bound by strict protocols for informing communities of any positive case.*

Social media, and word of mouth spread quickly. It may appear that schools are lagging in the communication of important information but *this is not the case.*

Should a case be identified in our school, the following protocols are in place:

- Case is identified and verified
- Principal notifies, or is notified by, the Department of Education and Training
- The school **must not** directly send any information to the community
- The school will be directed by the Department of Health to communicate with the community
- All communications will be from the Department of Health and shared via our website, Facebook, and the uEducateUs platform
- The school will not be able to share any information that is not directly from the Department of Health

Masks for students:

As of Monday the 18th of October, there is a mandate for our Grade 3-6 students to wear masks indoors while at school. As of now, the guidelines for any student that is unable to comply with this mandate must fit the category “*Students with a physical or mental disability are not required to wear a face mask where their disability means it would not be suitable*”. As with public exemptions, proof of this status from a medical professional should be provided to the school as soon as possible.

Any other student that wishes to wear a mask is encouraged to do so, as per the announcement made by the Premier.

Have a safe and enjoyable week, Tamara Halket

Term 4	Coming Up	Term 4	Coming Up
Tuesday 19th October	School Council Meeting 6.30pm	Monday Nov 15th –17th	Swimming Program Begins



MASK WEARING NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD!



Regional Victoria* - Return to School Plan

*Does not apply to City of Latrobe and Mitchell Shire due to stay at home orders

	Mon 4 th Oct	Wed 6 th Oct	Mon 11 th Oct	From Tues 26 th Oct
Prep	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time
Grade 1/2	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time
Grade 3/4	No	No	Tuesday - Wednesday	Full Time
Grade 5/6	No	No	Thursday - Friday	Full Time

VISUAL ART . TOP SECRET

This week the whole school has started a very special art project. This artwork will be a gift for someone special at the end of the year.



**TOP
SECRET**



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**Students enjoying
a Science
experiment in
MARC Library on
Monday.**



**ART SUPPLIES WANTED:
CEREAL BOXES**

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

JUNIOR ROOM

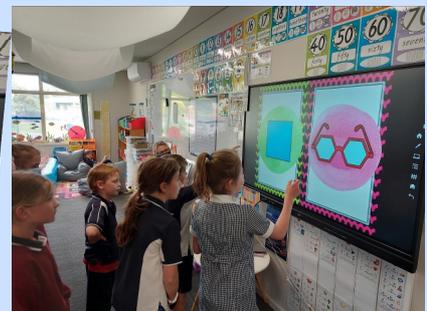
Yesterday in Science, we investigated how items moved. We set up a ramp and needed to choose some items that we thought would and wouldn't roll and test them out! We had some creative discussions about the difference between rolling and sliding. Soon we will be practising our Christmas concert. Students will need a plain bright coloured shirt for the performance.



MIDDLE ROOM

Here we were revising our 2D and 3D shapes with a game called "Knock Out".

Heads up for end of year concert, Grade 2/3/4 will be singing a Hawaiian Christmas carol. Please be on the look out for Hawaiian shirts, bright shorts and sunglasses.



SENIOR ROOM

I'm looking forward to welcoming the whole Grade 5/6 class back tomorrow and Friday.

With Christmas concert approaching we will be looking into sourcing the students costumes soon.

The main roles in the Christmas play that the Grade 6's will be acting in are news reporters.

Grade 5/6 students will be taking part in the singing of Christmas songs. There will be one Canadian Christmas song and one UK Christmas song.

We are seeking costumes for all of the above (e.g suit pants and shirts for news reporters, red and white clothes for the Canadian flag, and blue, white and red clothes for the UK flag. If you have anything you would like to donate to the school, please hand them in to Michelle at the office.

GERMAN Holiday: when the cows come home



Yesterday in German we learnt about the annual German holiday: The Viehscheid, when the cows come home. In Germany, Austria and Switzerland the end of summer is marked with a cow parade. Before the cows leave the high mountain alps they are decorated with bells and flowers and then make their way down the mountains and through the villages home.

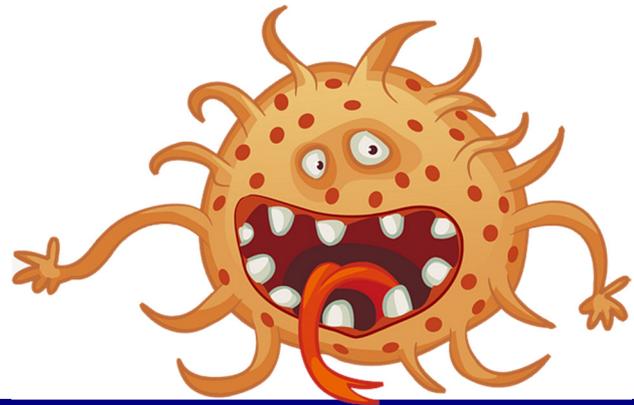


This is the lead cow who gets all the attention!

It's an event where the whole family gets involved.



Just a reminder to keep you children at home if they are unwell. If anyone shows signs of illness at school they will be sent home.



LET THE DRUMS BEAT

TODAY SOME LUCKY STUDENTS WERE TAUGHT BY MARK TO PLAY THE DJEMBE DRUM. THEY WERE LEARNING TO COMMUNICATE THEIR FEELINGS THROUGH PLAYING DRUMS.

STUDENTS DISCOVERED THE WAY THEY CAN COMMUNICATE MESSAGES THROUGH SOUND.

THEY LEARNT THAT SOME AFRICAN COMMUNITIES STILL COMMUNICATE THIS WAY TO THIS DAY!





WE WANT YOU

2021/22 SEASON

JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED

JUNIOR WARRIORS (AGE 5-10)

UNDER 12s, UNDER 14s

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