

## **Our School Values:**

**RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY**



Dear Parents,

### **FACILITIES UPDATE**

Consultation is now underway to design the extension to the junior playground. This is a result of receiving an inclusive school's grant late last year. Following the design process construction will begin, this stage will most likely not occur until October/November this year. Although some time away, I'm sure the finished product will be worth the wait, particularly for our junior students.

### **2023-2027 SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN**

We are now getting close to the completion of the school's new 2023-2027 school strategic plan. Once completed the strategic plan will outline our key goals and strategies that we will work towards to enhance the teaching/learning and wellbeing programs already in place. To assist with monitoring our progress, specific targets have been determined, which focus on; parent, staff and student perceptions of school life and academic results including NAPLAN and teacher judgements. I look forward to sharing our strategic plan once completed.

### **NAPLAN RESULTS**

Individual NAPLAN student reports will be available later next week with your child's NAPLAN results uploaded to their Compass profile. An information brochure explaining how to interpret the results will be sent home to families via Compass. If you would like a hardcopy of your child's results or the information brochure please contact the school office and it will be made available to you. If you have any questions please contact the school.

### **LUNCHES**

We are noticing a large number of students seeking school lunches. Whilst the school is happy to provide lunches for those students who may have left them at home – this is to be done only for 1<sup>st</sup> lunch. We are unable to cater for students who may have eaten all their lunch and seek food during 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch. Where possible we also offer fruit, though this is often limited to what numbers we receive at school. We ask that families help ensure your child has enough food to get them through the day, especially in the colder weather.

### **ATTENDANCE**

We realise there are a number illnesses within our school community at the moment and we appreciate parents/carers keeping your child at home when they are unwell. However, we are concerned by the number of unexplained absences on our system. It is a departmental requirement that you inform the school of your child's absence. This can be done either via a phone message or directly onto Compass. We also ask that you contact the school if you require any assistance with this process.

The school regularly sends out pink unexplained absence notes, we would appreciate that these are completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

### **CURRICULUM DAY IN TERM 3 (REPEAT)**

Friday 18th August is scheduled as a pupil free day and has been approved by School Council. Students do not attend school on this day. Outside School Hours Care will run a full day program on this day, if enough families require it. *Please see details in today's newsletter.*

*Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL*

**4TH AUGUST, 2023**

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## DIARY DATES

Mon-Fri	7-11	August	<b>Swimming Program for Grades Foundation to 2 - (see newsletter article)</b>
Monday	7th	August	<b>Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Opinion Survey opens.</b>
Tuesday	8th	August	<b>Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.</b>
Wednesday	9th	August	<b>Food Share Program - every Wednesday</b>
Thursday	10th	August	<b>Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.</b>
Friday	11th	August	<b>School Lunch Order Day - (orders close Thursday August 12th at 10.00am)</b>
Monday	14th	August	<b>School Council Meeting 7.00pm</b>
Wednesday	16th	August	<b>Nude Food Day (see newsletter article)</b>
Wednesday	16th	August	<b>OSHC Bookings Close for Curriculum Day</b>
Thursday	17th	August	<b>“Flushed” Coliban Water Incursion - Grade 5/6 Students</b>
Thursday	17th	August	<b>Return Slip for Fathers’ Day Breakfast due back</b>
Friday	18th	August	<b>Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day (see newsletter article)</b>
Friday	18th	August	<b>Swimming Program \$20.00 payment due (see newsletter article)</b>
Monday	21st	August	<b>Book Week Dress Up and Multi-age Activity Day - whole school</b>
Monday	28th	August	<b>REACH - Grade 5/6 Students</b>
Tuesday	29th	August	<b>Fathers’ Day Breakfast 8.00am (see newsletter article)</b>
Thursday	31st	August	<b>Fathers’ Day Stall (see newsletter article)</b>
Friday	1st	Sept	<b>Sciencework Excursion - Grades Foundation/1</b>
Thursday	7th	Sept	<b>Grade 2 Sleepover</b>

### PRINCIPAL DAY - THANK YOU

Today, Friday 4th August 2023 we celebrate Principals' Day. This is an opportunity to recognise the contribution principals and assistant principals make in schools.

*On behalf of our staff, students and school community we would like to take the opportunity to say a big “THANK YOU” to Mr Lee for all he does for our school.*

*This is our day to officially thank Mr Lee for all his hard work and dedication to our students, staff and community.*

*Sometimes his efforts go unnoticed but it is his passion for the education of children, mentoring of staff and positive attitude that keep our school running.*



### NUDE FOOD DAY

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, the JSC will be running a Nude Food Day.

Students are encouraged to bring a lunchbox containing no wrappers.

Students will get 10 house points each for having a wrapper-free lunchbox!



## BACON AND SUNNY SIDE UP AWAITS!

# FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Invitations to our Fathers’ Day Breakfast were sent home this week....

**All Fathers and Carers are welcome to join us for breakfast on Tuesday 29th August.**

Breakfast will be served from 8.00am outside the MPR with a choice of egg and bacon rolls and drink. To assist with catering we ask that you please indicate your attendance and order on the return slip attached to the invitation and return it to the school office no later than Thursday 17th August. Toast will be served to children attending.

### BOOK CLUB

All orders from Issue 5 of Book Club have been sent home with students today. Issue 6 of book club should arrive within the next week or so.



Thank you and happy reading,  
*Morgan Trahair.*







## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST

Outside School Hours Care will be operating a full day program of fun activities on Friday 18th August.

Students do not attend school on this day. If you wish to book your child/children into the program (they do not have to be attending the whole day) please make booking online using OSHC booking system Xplor.

**Booking close 9.00am Wednesday 16th August**, so that staff and activities can be organised before the school holidays. If you have any questions please contact the school. *Please note that if we do not get enough bookings for the day the program will not run. Parents will be notified before hand so they can make other arrangements. Cancellations on the day will have to be charged.*

### BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY!

On 21<sup>st</sup> August, we will be celebrating Book Week with a dress up day, parade and multiage activity day.

Students are encouraged to come dressed as a favourite book character and enjoy participating in many different book related activities.

***Start planning those costumes!***

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### FATHERS' DAY STALL - THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST

Our Fathers' Day Stall will be held on Thursday 29th August. Children are asked to bring a bag to take their gifts home in. Gifts will range in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00, please send money to school in a envelope clearly marked with child's name and what money is for. This helps prevent children from losing their stall money.

**Helpers Needed** - *If you are available to help out on the day please leave your name at the school office by Tuesday 27th August.*



## SWIMMING PROGRAM 2023

Next week the Grades Foundation to 2 will attend the swimming program from Monday 7th to Friday 11th August. Students will again travel by bus from school to the Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre in Kangaroo Flat. Program timetable will be as follows:



**Grades Foundation to 2: Monday 7th to Friday 11th August**

Grade	Leave School	In the pool
F/1C & F/1Mac	10.30am	11.15 - 12.00
F/1A & F/1M	11.15am	12.00 - 12.45
2T & 2H	12.00noon	12.45 - 1.30

The cost for the swimming program this year will be \$20. We have subsidised the program to keep costs down.

Acknowledging the short notice regarding cost and timing of the swimming program, final payment is not required until Friday 18th August. If you would like to organise a payment plan for this event and or other upcoming events, please contact the school office.

**Permission forms have been sent home with students and must be returned before students can attend swimming.**

**Foundation students** need to have a Level Assessment Form completed online before they can start the program. The link for this form has been sent home to Foundation families via Compass last week. If you have any issues completing this form please contact the school office.

*Jess Monteath, Physical Education*

## ART ROOM NEWS

### **ITEMS NEEDED FOR ART!**

We need your help to re-stock our crafting and building materials. Items such as cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, plastic containers, newspaper, egg cartons, magazines and clean hard plastic recyclables would be greatly appreciated. Please leave at school office.

*Mr O'Toole, Art Teacher.*

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS









## RESILIENCE, RIGHTS AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS (RRRR)

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) learning materials have been designed for teachers to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills.

Efforts to promote social and emotional skills and positive gender norms in children and young people has been shown to improve health related outcomes and subjective wellbeing. It also reduces antisocial behaviours including engagement in gender related violence.

Students will participate in weekly sessions throughout the year, covering 8 topics.

**This term our first focus will be around Emotional Literacy.**

To understand ourselves and other people. Express and manage our own emotions, build empathy and respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Building vocabulary for emotions to increase emotional literacy and build self-awareness and empathy for others.

Each week a class will share an activity via the newsletter.

Students in 2H were working on their stress management skills. They discuss different strategies that could be used in situations where people felt stressed and overwhelmed. Students came up with a lot of ideas on how to help the character Wibbly, by suggesting things they find help them to calm down or to cheer up. They made some big cheerful balloons for Wibbly to hold, and each balloon had a helpful idea drawn onto it. This activity has helped students to identify and understand a range of strategies to deal with their own stress, fear or anger.



## WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

*These awards reflect our school values of: **Respect, Resilience, Community and Collaboration.***

Congratulations to the following students, Mr Lee will present them with their Student Recognition Award at assembly on Friday morning at 9.05pm.

F/1A - **Mia M:** *for showing persistence with her reading.*

F/1M - **Amiya S:** *for trying hard to improve her skilling skills*

F/1C - **Charlie W:** *for demonstrating respect and resilience in the classroom.*

F/1Mac - **Gaige K:** *for the hard work and effort he has put into his work with money.*

2H - **Ellie H:** *for putting in effort to practise summarising texts she has read.*

2T - **Katie B:** *for having a positive attitude towards her learning.*

3/4 GT - **Ebony M:** *for her terrific effort and participation during the swimming program.*

3/4 D - **Xavier Y:** *for his active participation in the swimming program.*

3/4 L - **Zinnia H:** *for her dedication to her work and her desire to continually improve her work.*

5/6 BP - **Tyler M:** *for excellent progress with his reading.*

5/6 L - **Emily R:** *for trying her absolute best at the pool and overcoming every challenge with a smile.*

5/6 M - **Nathan A:** *for the persistence he has demonstrated at swimming safety lessons this week.*