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Term Dates 2020

Term 4 2020 Thursday 17th December Friday 18th December	Term 4 2020 Students' Last Day 3pm finish Pupil Free Day - Staff Last Day
Important Dates	
Monday 16 th November	School Council
Thursday 19 th November	Circus Day Celebrations- Dress up Day and Flash Mob Dancing
Monday 14th December	SAC Day- Students attend their meeting with parent/ carer

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

INVITATION TO ATTEND PARENT FEEDBACK SESSIONS FOR THE SCHOOL REVIEW

As identified in the last newsletter, we would like to extend the opportunity to invite all parents and carers to participate in one of two information sessions on Wednesday, 2 December 2020; one at 10am and one at 6pm. The 10am session will be held at The National Hotel Motel Complex corner of High and Violet Street Bendigo. Tea, coffee and morning tea will be provided. We are still confirming a venue for the evening session. These will be feedback sessions will be run by John Crofts, and will support our school review process. It is a chance for you to tell us what has worked well in the school over the last four years and what you would like to see as our priorities for the next four years morning. An expression of interest will be sent home next week.

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week is an opportunity to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme for this year is "Always Was, Always Will Be" which represents the continuous connection to country of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognising that this culture is the longest surviving continuous culture in the world, dating back 70,000 years!!! Our students have been engaging in a range of activities to learn more about ATSI culture and have undertaken a variety of experiences such as cooking with Bush Tucker ingredients, painting with ochre paint, reading and learning about local Dja Dja Warrung stories



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and spending time reflecting on the challenges faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples since colonisation.

FOUNDATION TRANSITION BEGINS

Our 2021 Prep, or Foundation students have begun their transition to school this week. We were very excited to meet our newest school community members and are grateful that we have been permitted to have small groups attend each Thursday to support their transition to school.

CLASSES FOR 2021

We are in the last stages of finalising the classes for 2021. Our school structure will continue to be built around Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), which has been the case this year, and as such, there are a number of team teaching spaces. Students also work with all staff across the PLC for a variety of subjects areas. We will be having a whole day school transition on Tuesday 8th December, which means that you be provided with a transition sheet identifying your child's PLC allocation, teacher, support staff and classroom on Monday 7th December.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11th November, a small ceremony was held at our Remembrance Garden to commemorate the end of the First World War, 102 years ago. The students laid a wreath and had observed a minute's silence following the playing of The Last Post. We had a discussion about the meaning of the Last Post, and the Rouse (or reville) and noted the sacrifices that all people make during times of war, both those that serve the nation in uniform and those who stay at home, not knowing about the safety of their love ones. It was also my great honour to be able to answer a number of questions from students about my own service as an Officer in the Royal Australian Navy many, many, years ago.

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Whilst there have been a number of changes announced by the state government with regards to the easing of restrictions last Sunday, there have currently been no changes to this operations guides for schools. This means that we continue to operate with the current COVID restrictions in place.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

By the time you get this newsletter, there will be a few short hours left to complete the DET's annual Parent Opinion Survey. This is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. All responses to the survey are anonymous and completely confidential. It only takes at most 20 minutes to complete and can be accessed anytime on the following link <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> A text was sent today with this link and our unique PIN access code, which cannot be published on the internet.

With Thanks
Kirshy McAinch

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14 th November	Kyra	Room 14
17 th November	Kane	Room 2
20 th November	Joanne	Room 7
22 nd November	Abbey	Room 9
23 rd November	Eadweard	Room 8
24 th November	Alba	Room 13
25 th November	Masie	Room 19
26 th November	Donna	-

BUS		DRIVER / CHAPERONE	TELEPHONE
Heathcote		Gary & Jodie	0435 900 890
Huntly		Kiwi, Meg & Jamie Lee	0428 261 802
Fryerstown/Castlemaine		David & Debbie	0409 421 500
Kyneton		Steve & Raelene	0428 236 271
Lockwood		David & Kim	0428 271 824
Strathfieldsaye		Gordon & Joy	0427 287 843
Serpentine		Peter & Janine	0427 380 040
Spring Gully		Steve & Heather	0428 159 660
Wedderburn		Shaun, Cathy & Peter	0438 587 791 (S) 0466 367 656

General Notices

SunSmart

We would like to remind parents/carers that we have a SunSmart Policy that outlines the procedures to keep our students safe during our warmer months. We encourage students and staff to wear broad-rimmed hats and apply sunscreen before each playtime and outdoor activities. The school supplies the sunscreen. If your child has any allergies to brands of sunscreen please advise your teacher or office staff to organise a Student Health Support Plan so we can arrange for appropriate accommodations.

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Congratulations

To Flynn from Room 15 for getting his Learners Permit



Thank You



To Barbara,
Grandma of Georgia in room 15,
for her generous donation of \$ from making and
selling masks.
Your donation is gratefully accepted by the SDS
Community