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Term Dates 2020

Term 4 2020
Monday 5th October

Term 4 2020
Thursday 17th December 3pm – Students Last Day
Friday 18th December - Staff Last Day

Important Dates

Thursday	22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Week Dress Up day
Friday	23rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Final Public Holiday
Wednesday	28th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bendigo Cup Holiday – Pupil Free Day

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of our school culture, student engagement and, this year, your experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous and completely confidential. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 12th October to Friday 13th November**. The survey will be conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete. It can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. A separate letter will be sent home with the access details for the survey, as this letter contains our unique PIN access code, which cannot be published on the internet. If you have any difficulties in accessing the survey, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



PUPIL FREE DAY- BEGINNING THE SCHOOL REVIEW

Yesterday, we had an exceptional day, starting the process of undertaking a Pre-Review Self Assessment in preparation for our school review in Term 4. We undertook a range of processes to review and refresh our school vision and values. I wish you could have all heard the passion that our staff spoke with yesterday. It was a glowing testament for their collective and deep belief in the rights of every child to be respected and valued for



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who they are, for each child to be recognised for their skills and their strengths and for their learning and growth to be the focus of every effort. It was also inspiring to hear staff detail their desire to continuously improve; as we know that, no matter how knowledgeable or experienced we may be as individuals or as a school, we can always learn new skills, implement new ideas, and develop and redefine our own and collective teaching practices. Two separate working groups of five staff are now taking all of the input from yesterday and will finalise the outcomes. We can't wait to share the results with you.

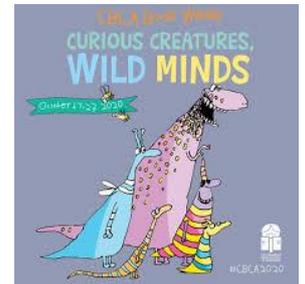
COMMUNICATION SURVEY

Last week we sent you all an email and posted on Facebook a survey about how you would prefer us to communicate with you. Another survey, I know, however, this will be critical for our planning as to the systems that we put in place to support and build upon the partnership we have with you at home. Please take a few minutes to complete this, or give us a call if you would prefer to chat about it.



BOOK WEEK

Next Thursday 22 October, we will be having a dress up day to mark Book Week. Books are a vital part of living and learning, and hold a very special place in the daily routines of all our students, and I am sure for many of you at home. This year's theme is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". We can't wait to see the various costumes that this theme will lend itself to.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS COMING UP

As strange as it is, there will be no school on Friday 23rd October as this is a public holiday to mark the AFL Grand Final. Typically this holiday falls in the school holidays, however, 2020 being what it is, this will be observed before the Grand Final in Queensland. There will also be no school on Wednesday 28th October, as this is the Bendigo Cup Public Holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day the following week.



With Thanks,

Kirshy McAinch
Principal

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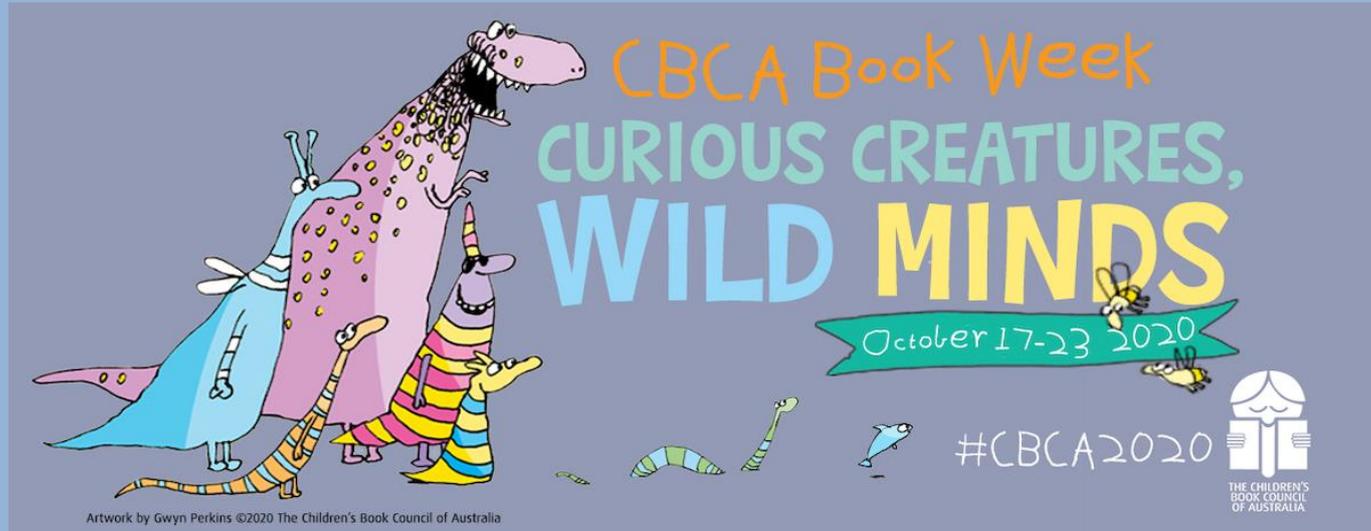
BIRTHDAY!

16 th October	Kylie A	Room 13
16 th October	Nada	Room 14
17 th October	Sancia	Room 20
17 th October	Angela	Room 17
18 th October	Liam	Room 21
19 th October	Tate	Room 21
20 th October	Ashraf	Room 15
21 st October	Jack	Room 3
22 nd October	Mathew	Room 13
24 th October	Darryl	CRT
27 th October	Davina	Room 4
28 th October	Seth	Room 22

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

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BOOK WEEK



Book Week 2020

Thursday the 22nd of October

The theme of book week this year lends itself to all things in our imagination. Let's let ourselves be curious and go wild with our thinking and celebrate this together. Talk about stories at home that explore the idea of curious creatures.

Throughout the day at school, we will be enjoying lots of books, songs, dancing, art and cooking activities all about exploring our curious and wild minds.

In STEAM throughout book week, students will be making Curious Creatures.

So watch out for these, as they might come home.



Parade- There will be a costume dress up parade in the morning. No need to spend lots of money. It's time to get creative. You can do a lot with tin foil!



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Notes from Meg and Baxter

Relief grants for paying overdue energy or water bills are available to low-income Victorians experiencing unexpected hardship.

What is the grant? The grant provides help to pay a mains electricity, gas or water bill that is overdue due to a temporary financial crisis.

Who can apply for the grant?

An account holder who has one of the following eligible concession cards:

Pensioner Concession Card

Health Care Card

Veterans' Affairs Gold Card

If you do not have one of these cards but are part of a low-income household, you may also be able to apply. Your retailer will ask you some questions to check if you are eligible before issuing a form.

The grant is available to renters and homeowners.

What are the criteria for the grant?

You must show that you have no way of paying the account without assistance, and you must meet one of the following criteria:

You or someone in your house has experienced family violence

You have had a recent decrease in income, for example, lost your job

You have had high unexpected costs for essential items

The cost of shelter is more than 30% of your household income

How much is the grant?

The amount of the grant is based on the amount you owe at the time of application. It is also based on the reasons you have given for applying in your application form.

You can receive a maximum of \$650 on each utility type in a two-year period (or \$1,300 for households with a single source of energy (for example, electricity only). You can apply for separate grants for each utility (electricity, gas and water).

How do I apply for the grant?

Phone your electricity, gas or water retailer to request an application. Your retailer will ask you some preliminary questions before starting your application. The application can be completed online, or your retailer will post you a paper form to complete. A friend, support worker or financial counsellor can help you complete the application

More information: Phone your electricity, gas or water retailer

OR the Concessions Information Line on 1800 658 521

Link: <https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme>

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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General Notices

Epilepsy Specialist Series 2020



Online Family Information Session

The Epilepsy Foundation is pleased to invite you to a Virtual Public Talk on
Sunday 8th November

[Click HERE to register](#)



Session One presented by

Professor Ingrid Scheffer

10am till 1pm

Session Two presented by

Dr Silvana Micallef

2pm till 4pm

This is a free ONLINE event.

Further details will be sent via email in the week prior to the session.

For further information:

edutra@epilepsyfoundation.org.au or phone 8809 0600

Each person experiences epilepsy in different ways depending on the type, frequency, severity and predictability of their seizures.

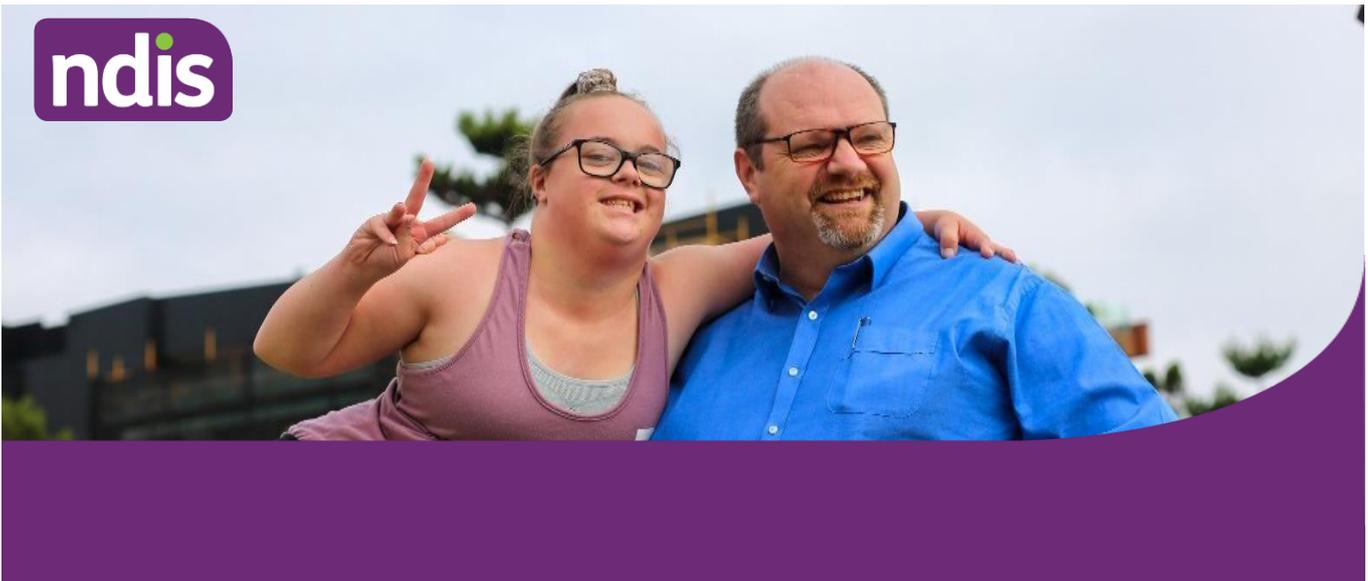
The presentations are designed to address the many questions parents, people living with epilepsy and carers of people with epilepsy may have.

Epilepsy Information Line

1300 761 487

Overview Session One	Overview of Session Two
<p>Presenter: Prof Ingrid Scheffer Paediatric Neurologist Austin Health Royal Children's Hospital</p>	<p>Presenter: Dr Silvana Micallef Senior Clinical Neuropsychologist Department of Clinical Neuropsychology Austin Health</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seizure Definition• Causes and trigger factors• Seizure types and syndromes• Diagnosis and treatment• Safety and lifestyle issues• First aid for seizures• Epilepsy surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Epilepsy and its challenges• The role of the neuropsychologist• Cognitive and behavioural functioning in children with epilepsy• Psychosocial and family issues for children with epilepsy• Epilepsy Smart Schools Resources

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Supporting your pathway to post-school life

The National Disability Insurance Agency would like to invite Victorian parents and carers to attend a virtual information session.

This session will provide an opportunity to hear about supports available through the NDIS to support transition to post-school life and employment. Learn how to prepare for a conversation about goals and things to consider when choosing the right provider.

Sessions are offered over multiple dates to allow flexibility for attendees, and will be delivered via video-conference using Microsoft Teams. Registrations will close three business days before the event. If you would like to attend, please register via Eventbrite.

Two business days prior to the event, login details (including the MS Teams link to join the session) will be sent to the email address you provide at registration.

For any enquiries regarding this session, please contact community.engagement.vic@ndis.gov.au and include the session name in the subject line.

Virtual Information Sessions via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 20 October 2020 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Wednesday 21 October 2020 10.30am – 11.30am

RSVP: Please register via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ndis-victorian-schoolleaver-information-session-tickets-124190782975>

Additional information: Accessibility is important to us. If you have any accessibility requirements please let us know when you register for your chosen session. Please note – a minimum of five (5) business days' notice is required to book interpreters and live captioning services.

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