



SCHOOL UPDATE

20th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please see below our most recent updates. The Colour run has happened today, the students had a great day and enjoyed seeing their parents along Tucker Street watching them. Photos will be showcased in our next newsletter. A big thank you to Mr Pearce and his team of helpers who have worked hard to arrange this day.

Again with the warm weather we encourage all students to bring a fresh drink bottle each day, this can be refilled at school but drink taps are not available for us as yet.

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

This week saw the final day of work for the review panel. Visiting Principals provided valuable feedback on the positives of the school and ideas on where we can redirect for a bigger and better 2021.

Whilst the final report is still to be provided the school will be moving ahead to start constructing the next Strategic Plan. This plan will run from 2021 to the end of 2024 and encompass all feedback from students, staff, parents and our review panel.

To start with, the staff will conduct a review of all curriculum programs and processes across the school. 2021 will bring even further change than what has already occurred. This change is important for the ongoing wellbeing and academic progress of your children as well as building school pride within the community.

Change can be difficult to accept and the school wants to work with all parents who have concerns. To support change, the school aims to be transparent in our decisions, provide clear communication to parents and work to ensure there is the least amount of disruption to student learning as possible.

As a school we look forward to 2021 and beyond.

BOOK LISTS BACK BY 11th December

A reminder to parents that student essential item packs need to be ordered by Friday 11th December. All orders placed by this date will ensure the supply arrives prior to the start of the school year in 2021. Parents will be supported through payment plans if the need arises, please speak with Chris in the main office. All voluntary donations will be used to best support your child in 2021 to ensure they have access to the best learning facilities available.

GRADE 6 PLANTS

The grade 6's have completed the planting of new plants around the senior building. We look forward to seeing these develop and grow in the years to come. Congratulations to the students on this task, it was certainly something new for many of them.

PREP TRANSITION DAYS

Our 2021 prep transition days have started with great success. Miss Bell and the Prep team have been very busy planning multiple sessions throughout the day. In line with the new guidelines we can only have up to 10 new preps at a time. We look forward to seeing these students start to make connections with the school ready for 2021. If you have a new child due to start with us and not yet enrolled they are missing key steps in transition. Please come to the office to complete the enrolment.

2021 TUTORING

Like all schools in Victoria, next year we will be engaging with a tutor program to support the ongoing development and learning of our students.

The Department of Education will be providing additional funding to the school to assist in helping students fill the gaps from the 2020 COVID year. Our leadership team will be starting to investigate the best initiative to run next year. We will keep all parents updated along the way.

UNIFORM

As a school we are really impressed with the number of students wearing full school uniform each day. This helps your child build school pride, connectedness and engagement with the school. Please remember, the school is available to support students who need uniform due to financial hardship. We remind students they need to wear the correct uniform at all times.

CURRICULUM DAY

Finally, our last Curriculum Day for the year is being planned. The proposal for school council is to endorse the last day of school as a curriculum day. This would mean students finish the 2020 school year on Thursday 17th December. The next school council meeting is scheduled for 1st December, more information will come out after that date.

Regards,

Ross Carlson
Acting Principal