

SCHOOL UPDATE

26th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND CURRICULUM DAYS – TERM 4

Monday 2nd November (day before Melbourne Cup Day). This Monday will be a student free day. Teachers will be writing end of year student reports and looking at transition for 2021 during this day. No students will be allowed to attend on site.



Date to be set – the second Curriculum day has not been set. The school will be working through two major reviews of operation this term and it is anticipated a curriculum day will be needed to complete whole school structural review and future development works. We will advise parents of this date once it has been set.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY



Parents have until **November 13th** to complete the survey. This survey will assist us in shaping the direction of the school for 2021 and beyond. So far 44 parents have completed the survey. Please give 15 minutes of your time to complete this. If you have lost your previous login details please contact me through the school office.

2021 STUDENT ESSENTIALS

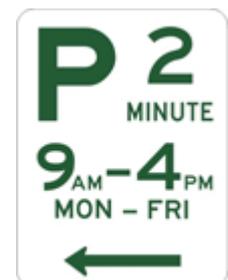
Parents have continued to pay for student essentials and this is greatly appreciated. The school will begin placing initial orders to ensure packs are delivered on time ready for the school year. Parents and carer's are reminded that the school can take payment over the phone which enables all families to pay without having to come into the school.

STREET PARKING

Following on from the last update. We remind parents to be extra careful when driving around the main entrance to the school. It was disappointing to see parents encouraging their children to cross the road themselves when the school crossing was less than 50m away.

Along the front of the school in Tucker street parents should note the parking restriction is for 2 minutes. Last week the school was notified by Council that concerns have been raised regarding parents parking for extended periods of time. Please observe all parking signs in the area.

We have also been notified by Council that parking inspectors and the Vic Police will be attending due to raised concerns by neighbours and parents around drop off and pick up times. It is important for all members of the community that we are acting in a safe and responsible manner.



STUDENT DOCUMENTS

Starting this week the office will begin phoning families and asking them to review their details over the phone. It is extremely important this information is accurate and up-to-date as our school funding to support your child comes from this data.

The office staff will ask to review your address, contact details, level of education, type of work and any medical conditions for each child you have attending our school. If there are any court orders these will need to be provided to the school if not already done so.

FOOTY DAY



It was wonderful to see the students all dressed up last Thursday for Footy day. Students and teachers alike enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and enjoy some light-hearted banter.

Congratulations to all the Richmond supporters on the victory, a great game was played. Best of luck to all other teams for 2021.

Melbourne has also celebrated further sporting victory over the weekend. Congratulations to Melbourne Storm and Melbourne Vixens for their win as well.



2021 GRADE DESIGNS

Staff will start reviewing designs of the 2021 classes. Moving away from the traditional composite classroom designs we will be focusing on running same level classes for most year level with a composite 1/2 and 5/6 grade.



This change will allow teachers the time to focus on the same level of curriculum for 2021 to support all students to consolidate the learning they may have missed from the COVID 2020 school year. The two composite classes will be specifically designed and students carefully selected.

Any parent with a concern should contact the school and I can discuss further. If you have a particular concern for student placement in 2021 all families should direct this concern in writing to myself prior to November 20th 2020.

GRADE 6 SHIRTS, 2021

This week the grade 5 students will be selecting the design of the 2021 Grade 6 shirts. Order forms will be ready to send out later in the week once the design stage is complete. Keep an eye out for this email.

SCHOOL REVIEW

Our four-yearly review is about to commence. I am thankful to the staff for their support in preparing the information and sharing the progress of the past four years with me.

I have spoken with our reviewer and dates are being formalised this week. We expect to start this Thursday 29th October and conclude on Wednesday 18th November.

Throughout this period of time, staff from both our school and neighbouring schools will work towards assessing our progress and determining the road ahead. Parents will also be asked to participate in meetings along the way.

It is expected the second curriculum day will be held during the review period to enable the whole staff to participate. More information will be sent out as it is determined.

Regards,

Ross Carlson
Acting Principal