

## SCHOOL UPDATE

15/10/2021

Dear families,

As we are all aware students will begin the transition back to on-site learning from next week. This is an exciting and fantastic time for our students. Teachers have been very busy planning their return and setting up classrooms.

A lot of work has continued to be completed around the school in the student's absence. A new area has been developed adjacent to the gym under the large gum tree. This area has a new edging and will be filled with garden mulch as well as outdoor tables and chairs. It is intended this area will be utilised as an outdoor learning space for classes to utilise during nice weather.

The back wall will be repainted with something more engaging for students and the school.



## PAINTING WORK

The back wall of the gym facing out to the oval will continue to be updated over the coming week. The first half of the wall has been stripped and repainted with the second section to be completed soon. The school has applied for a Department Grant for \$25,000 to go towards providing a shade structure over this area and connect to the gym. This area will also become an outdoor learning space for PE sessions, classroom activities, sports days and other events. It is hoped this project will be completed before school resumes in 2022.

## **SCHOOL FENCING**

The school perimeter fencing projects have started. These have been long awaited and are finally coming to fruition. Already completed is the front entrance, car park section and area around the vegetable gardens. The next stage will be to install gates for these sections before moving to removing the interior fencing. The oval section will be the last section to be completed. The school did place signage around the oval advising of this, unfortunately these signs have been removed by members of the public. We are very lucky to have been able to complete this project through funding sought from the Department. The leadership team have continued to apply for additional funding to redevelop and improve our facilities for all students. The cost of this project is **\$107,000** with \$95,000 being provided by DET.

## **COVID RETURN PLAN**

**Prep students** are set to return on *Monday 18, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 October.*

**Year 1 and 2 students** are set to return on *Thursday 21 and Friday 22 October.*

Remote learning will continue for all other students unless they are permitted to attend school. Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will return to online learning on the days they do not attend school.

From Monday 18 October, in line with direction from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, all students in **Years 3-6 MUST wear a face mask at school.** Parents need to ensure students attend school wearing a face mask and it is recommended they have a spare in their bag.

Face masks **MUST** be worn when students are indoors. When outside the face mask will not be required. The school will ask students to remove their face mask before going outside and return to wearing it once they have come inside. Students will not be asked to carry a face mask outside.

Some students will be exempt from wearing a face mask. This only applies to students with a physical/mental disability where the mask is unsuitable. Parents are asked to contact Mr Hughes to discuss this if you believe there are concerns.

## **STUDENT ENTRY UPON RETURN**

When students begin to return to onsite learning the school has processes and procedures in place to ensure the safety of both staff and students. Parents will not be permitted to enter onsite unless attending the front office. I remind parents you must have a face mask or face shield on in order to attend. The office staff have been instructed not to permit any other entrant.

Students will be advised which gate to use – the prep students should enter near the oval and meet their teacher near the classroom. Additional staff will be on duty to support this transition. Mr Youngs and myself will also be available to answer any questions at these gateways. Students will be dismissed by their teacher from this gateway at the end of the day. Please ensure there is room for them to leave.

The return to school process can be daunting and an anxious time for students. I ask all parents and families to encourage a positive return where they will be able to see and catch up with friends once more. This is an exciting time and we look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Finally, students who are unwell must not attend school. If your child is absent for more than 2 days, a medical certificate is needed for their return. Parents will be contacted if a student attends and is unwell and will be required to arrange immediate collection. We understand that parents want their child back at school, so do we, however safety of the community **MUST** come first.

Please call me if you need to discuss anything,

Ross Carlson  
Principal