

Sassy News

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Principal Pitch

We have quickly found ourselves at the end of week seven of fourth term and the year that has seemed to have been never ending is quickly coming to an end. With four weeks until the end of term we are starting our planning for end of year activities and for next year.

Staffing for 2022

I wish to offer a big congratulations to Tash who has been successful in applying for a teaching position at Monash Children's Hospital School for 2022. She has accepted a maternity leave replacement position, whilst we will miss her next year it is a fantastic opportunity for Tash to gain valuable experience at such a setting.

At this stage we have a teaching position advertised for 2022 for the grade 3/4 classroom. I will introduce our newest staff member to the community as soon as we can.

Our grade structure for 2022 is:

Prep/1/2: Carol Huecherig

Grade 3/4: New staff member

Grade 4/5/6: Annie Mitchell



Vaccination requirements for parents and carers attending schools

I've had a few parents asking about vaccination requirements. The following is directly from the School Operations guide that all schools must follow.

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.

Parents and carers attending any event or activity inside a school building including, but not limited to tours, graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

End of Year Events

This year to ensure that all students are not in quarantine for Christmas we will hold all our events at least 14 days prior to Christmas.

Transition Day – Tuesday Nov 30th 9am – 12.30pm

All students will spend half the day with their grades for 2022.

Whole School Camp: 6th – 8th Dec.

Permission forms will be going home in the next few days. Please return as soon as possible.

Tennis Clinics – Wed 8th Dec

All students will take part in a tennis clinic on Wednesday. Prep and Grade 1 students will have a clinic at school during the morning. Grade 2 – 6 students will after camp travel to the Ferny Creek Reserve to have a tennis clinic at the Ferny Creek Tennis Club. This activity is part of the club connect program.

Family Picnic and Grade 6 Graduation Thursday 9th Dec from 5.30pm

Picnic – All families invited. Please bring your own food, drink and chairs or a rug and join us on the oval for a whole school picnic. All members of the school community can attend regardless of vaccine status. Please be mindful of social distancing for this event.

Graduation approximately 7pm – For grade 6 and their families only

All grade 6 families are invited to stay for the grade 6 presentations. These will occur in the BER building. Unfortunately, only vaccinated parents will be allowed in the building. If you are unvaccinated, please let Stacey or Annie know so that we organise viewing from outside on the verandah.

Grade 6 Excursion – Friday 10th Dec

Grade 6 students have an excursion. Organisation details are now taking place. Permission notices will be sent home as soon as all details are finalized.

Excursion and Camp vaccination requirements for school groups

The Department of Health has advised the Department of Education and Training that students aged between 12 and 15 who are not fully vaccinated will be able to attend camps, excursions, graduations and other school activities held at open premises that are also used by other schools or patrons from Tuesday 23 November.

This exception to the current Directions will apply only to school-organised activities when at least one teacher is present.

Student Wellbeing

Student Wellbeing is one of the key goals for schools this term. Students have been at home without peer contact for a great amount of time this year and as teachers and parents we should expect some difficulties as we return to school and social activities. During this time students normal social development has been put on hold and we all need to settle back into a more normal social environment.

To assist students we are working on emotions and friendships during wellbeing classes and providing greater assistance during recesses. Please let us know if your child is having difficulty navigating the playground and we will continue to assist them during playtime.



