

# Sassy News

SASSAFRAS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 20, 2020

## TERM 1 DIARY DATES

Fri 28th Feb  
Clean Up Australia Day

Wed 4th Mar  
BBQ  
5.30pm to 7.00pm

Tue 10th Mar –Thu 12th Mar  
456 Camp

Mon 16th Mar  
School Council AGM

Sun 22nd Mar  
Working Bee

Fri 27th Mar  
Last day of term  
2.30pm finish



**WELCOME  
BACK  
EVERYONE**

## Principal's Pitch

*Thank you to all our students and families for the wonderful start we have had to the school year. A very big thank you to the staff for the work they have put in both over the holidays and the weekends to ensure that all of our students have a classroom that is inviting to work in. I have enjoyed spending some time in each of the rooms and it is lovely to get a sense of calm when working in the classrooms.*

## Welcome BBQ

*I am looking forward to our welcome BBQ on Wednesday 4th March from 5.30 – 7.00pm. Please ensure you let Mel know if you are attending so we can cater for the event. Please make the effort to get to the evening to welcome all our new families.*

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

*These interviews took place on Monday 10th February. Thank you so much for making time to come to these interviews. Our partnership with our families is so important for your child's/ childrens educational and well-being growth.*

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2020

*Once again, I would like to acknowledge the work of the current school councillors whose terms expire shortly. To parent members and to DEECD members I would like to extend a sincere thank you for your time on council. Your support and ideas have been very greatly appreciated and have contributed so much to the running of the school.*

*School Council nomination forms are available from the office. Nominations are due in Friday 6th March. Please consider nominating for school council as we have a few parent vacancies. If you have any queries don't hesitate to have a chat to me.*

## CHILD SAFE

*On our school website- [sassafras.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:sassafras.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) you will find a copy of our Child Safe Policy and our Child Safe Code of Conduct.*

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## SIGNING IN

Could we please have everyone sign in if you are in the school to help out. It is crucial in an emergency situation that we know who is in the school. Thank you!

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS REMINDER

### November 10-14 5/6 Camp

Working with Children Checks will be required for all parent/family/community volunteers who volunteer for, at least, the following activities: Classroom/school helper; playground supervisor; sports coach of a school team; parent supervisor on excursions; transporting students in a car to and/or from a school event; and travelling with students on buses to and from school events.

There will continue to be numerous volunteering opportunities that will not require a Working with Children Check including sports carnival helpers (timers, marshalls), book club, working bees, Father's Day breakfast helper and Mother's Day stall helper.

When you receive the Working with Children Check you will be issued with a card, much like a driver's licence, it will include a unique identifying number for your check. You will be required to provide this number to the school at the office where we keep a list of our volunteers with these checks.

More information on the Working with Children Checks as well as the application form may be found online at [www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren). The application is free for all volunteers.

## 2020 TERM DATES

Term 1: 28th January to 27th March

Term 2: 14th April to 26th June

Term 3: 13th July to 18th September

Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

On the last day of each term, school finishes at 2.30pm except in term 4, we finish at 1.30pm.

Sassafras Primary School  
Always Nurturing Excellence!  
Stacey Goodger



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CANDLEBARK COMMUNITY NURSERY

Cnr Hull & Taylor Roads, Mooroolbark

Are you a parent, grandparent or carer who could volunteer half a day or a full day a week at our nursery?

There are many jobs to do. These include pricking out plants, watering or gardening. *No experience necessary.*

It's a great way to meet new people and contribute to the community.

Please call or email Candlebark on:

9727 0594

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# Class Notes

## Prep & Grade 1

What a fantastic start to 2020! We have welcomed our new Preps to SassafRAS and have had a lot of fun exploring and settling into our room with the help of our Grade Ones.

Starting school is always a huge adjustment, not only for the students, but for their families as well. I would like to congratulate all of our families and students on such a great transition into school – it has been wonderful to see so many excited faces each morning and to know that we have such wonderful families supporting our students on their journey.

We have been trialling a new app in our room, Seesaw, which allows me to post student work and communicate directly with our parents about what we have been doing in the classroom each day. So far, the feedback has been extremely positive and I look forward to seeing where we

can take this moving forward. We have also begun doing an "emotional check in" in the mornings, which has been a wonderful tool for knowing who is feeling great and who is in need of some extra support. My favourite thing is when a student who was not feeling great in the morning moves their "chip" later in the day to let us know when they are feeling more positive.

Students of the week were tough to choose as everyone has made such a great start to the year, but I did have to choose, in the end! Congratulations to Louis I and Greyson R. Louis, your attitude to school has been fantastic - I love seeing you try things (even when you don't want to sometimes!) and exploring the things you CAN do. Well done Louis! Greyson, I've been so impressed with your work! The effort you are making to be a great class member has not gone unnoticed, well done!

Carol Huecherig, Prep/1



# Class Notes

## Grade 2 & 3

Hello everyone!

Welcome back to another exciting year in the 2/3 classroom. We have made a fantastic start to the year and I am particularly impressed by the amazing efforts of the grade 3's who have done a wonderful job making the grade 2's feel welcome in their new room.

In Literacy we have been working on story writing. We have spent time developing unique, original characters that will feature in our story. Some favourites being cyborgs, half human half pokemon characters and one darth vader-dog. To support our character design we have also been learning about adjectives and character traits, giving us a range of interesting words we can use in our stories to develop our character.

In Numeracy we have been looking at number and place value. We have been reviewing our knowledge of numbers from 0-100, and have worked up to larger numbers in the 10,000's. We also investigated what the largest number we could think of was.

In Science this term we are looking at Biological Science and Health. As part of this unit we will be investigating the characteristics and lifecycle of plants and animals and ways to be healthy.

My students of the week this week are Robbie and Toomas. Robbie has done a wonderful job becoming a Grade 3 Leader. He has shown amazing leadership when working with the Grade 2's and has made sure to look after the classroom. Toomas has quickly settled in to Grade 2 and has worked hard to become a responsible classroom member by staying focused on tasks even when things may be distracting him. Well done to you both!

Thanks,

Natasha Marotti.





# Class Notes

## Grade 4, 5 & 6

We have had a great start to the year. Well done to the children who have all come back ready to learn and happy to take on new challenges. It is going to be a great year in Grade 4/5/6.

We will be making some films to put into the Lantern and Light International Children's Film Festival. We are lucky to have Rainsford mentoring us again and we had our first session with him last Friday. If you would like to look at last year's films you can use the following links.

The Other Side <https://vimeo.com/369734766>

Petnapping <https://vimeo.com/369734167>

There are links on the site to other films that were in the festival – just remember that there were primary and secondary films. Our Grade 4/5/6 students are starting to think of possible film ideas and we will be working with Rainsford again later this term to choose which ones to make.

The Grade 4/5/6 students have also had their first session of Trailblazers with educator Kate Wilde. These sessions will be once a week this term and are focussed on leadership and communication skills. We are learning some games and thinking about what makes them easy to learn and easy to teach. At the end of the sessions the Grade 4/5/6 students will be running a games session for the younger children. The first piece of homework was to do something at home that you don't normally do – like a load of washing, or making your lunch, or cooking dinner (with adult supervision if necessary). They will report back their experiences on Thursday.

In Mathematics we have been looking at mental strategies for addition and subtraction. One strategy is the jump strategy – this is where you keep one number the same and break up the other one to add it on in bits, making friendly numbers where you can.

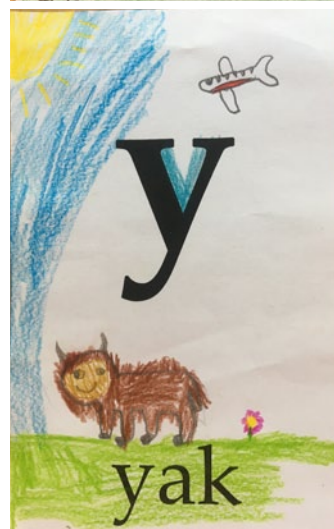
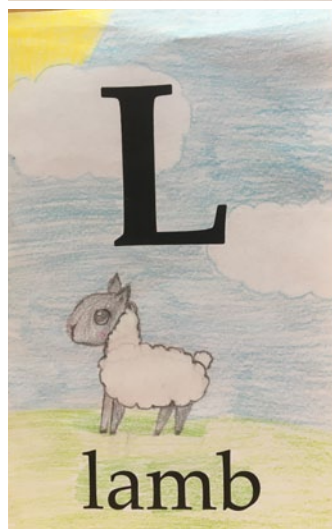
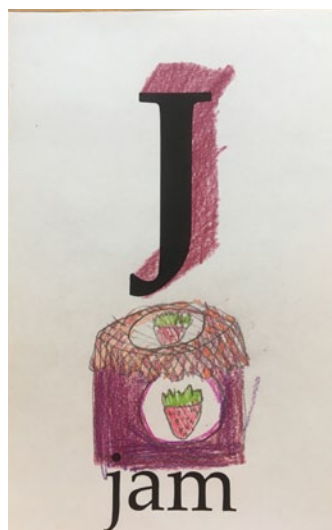
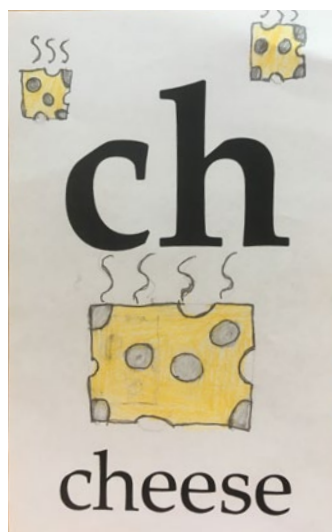
For example,  $460 + 190$  could be  $460 + 40 + 150$ . Keeping track in your head: 460, 500, 650.

Or it could be  $460 + 200 - 10$ . Keeping track in your head: 460, 660, 650.

We have also been working on a chart for the consonant sounds. We are big fans of drawing so our poster is going to look great. This week we have been looking at double letters in words like address and Harry Potter. The extra letter means that we don't flip the sound, we keep the short vowel sound. The "double letters" that do the same work for the K sound, the J sound, and CH sound are ck, dge, and tch in words like catch, ridge, and stocking. The "double letter" for the F sound, made by the letters PH, in the word sapphire, is an extra p.

Student of the week: James for working hard and completing all his work every day.

Annie Mitchell



## *extreme tennis*

### TERM 1 "GET INTO TENNIS" JUNIOR COACHING SUMMER SPECIAL OFFER



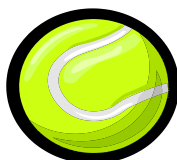
Receive a **FREE** junior racquet upon enrolment in Term 1 junior group coaching – (RRP \$30.00)

OR



Receive a **15% discount** on normal junior group coaching fees for the remainder of lessons in Term 1

NB: Offer is only valid for NEW customers not currently enrolled in lessons at an EXTREME TENNIS venue.)



### COACHING VENUES & DAYS:

FERNY CREEK TENNIS CLUB – MONDAYS & THURSDAYS  
SELBY TENNIS CLUB – TUESDAYS  
UPWEY SOUTH TENNIS CLUB – TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

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