

DATES TO REMEMBER**Term 4 2021**

Monday 4 October to
Friday 17 December

October Monday 4	First Day Term 4
Monday 18	Prep 2022 Parent Information evening 6.00pm— online via Webex
Friday 22	Prep 2022 Transition day 2 9.30 to 10.30 online via Webex
November Monday 1	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 2	Cup Day Holiday
Friday 5	Prep 2022 Transition day 3 9.30 to 10.30—TBC
Tuesday 9	2.30 School Council Finance meeting
Friday 19	Prep 2022 Transi- tion Day 4 9:30—10:30—TBC
December Tuesday 14	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 17	Last Day Term 4 Dismissal 1.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**HOLIDAYS:**

We hope you had a restful break and were able to just catch up as a family without feeling the need of having to jump onto a laptop or iPad, jump onto DoJo, jump onto Google Classroom and just return to some sort of normality for two weeks.

Congratulations to the Melbourne supporters out there who waited 57 years to win the premiership, sadly not being able to attend in person. I hope in the future, they get to experience it in person, of course after the Swans have saluted in 2022.

Talking to our staff and some families, the consensus was it was nice to stop but the holidays was like having a main meal without the dessert. The restriction of the 15km radius and not being able to get away took away that final satisfaction.

**A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL:**

As we commence a term that will see us return to full onsite learning, we thank our community for the strength and resilience that has enabled the children to continue to learn and develop through the most challenging of times.

As you will have seen from communications last week, the Victorian government has deemed that the children will return in a staggered start.

Learning from Home will conclude this week before a staggered return to school with:

From Monday 18th October (Week 3)

- All Foundation children attend onsite (Monday to Wednesday)
- All Grade 1 and 2 students attend onsite (Thursday and Friday)

From Tuesday 26th October (Week 4)

- Year 3 and 4 return onsite (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- All Year 5 and 6 return onsite (Thursday and Friday)

From Friday 5th November (end of Week 5)

- All students are expected to return to onsite learning full-time.

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It will be exciting for our students to be able to be back with friends and teachers. I'm sure parents are looking forward to being able to send children to school, and know that teachers are excited about reconnecting not only with the students but also with their colleagues.

I don't use the term 'reconnect' lightly. Something that has been highlighted over the past 18 months is the critical role schools play in providing the social fabric that connects our communities.

There is nothing new in this: it is what is always at the heart of our work as educators. But the demands of this moment perhaps help us see the importance of what we do with more clarity.

Never has it been more important that we provide the support our students need to strengthen their mental health and wellbeing.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for the term ahead, which I'm sure will have its many challenges if the past year or two is anything to go by. I can assure you that our staff have started working fastidiously behind the scenes in preparation for the dual learning platforms that face the students (and staff) in the coming month or so, and that the needs of the children will always be our first priority.

You will also have seen communications from the school regarding the outbreak of COVID-19. It's a timely reminder to follow the advice of the medical fraternity in protecting the health of yourselves, your family and others. We ask that you be extra vigilant, as we will be, in enforcing our COVID safe plans. No doubt leading up to the return of the prep children on the 18th, we will have a new operations guide by which we conduct ourselves. We will let you know more when we know more.

VACCINES:

We can appreciate the topic of vaccines has become a very common topic of conversation amongst the community as people freely ask each other whether they have or haven't been vaccinated, even though for many it is a personal decision. You may be aware that the government has mandated coronavirus vaccinations for teachers, so this avoids any need for parents to ask our staff upon the return to onsite learning about this matter as all staff will be vaccinated by this time (with most already double dosed before the DET directive. Whilst students aged 12 and over are now eligible to receive a COVID19 vaccine, please note that vaccination is not mandatory for students as we await further details in relation to processes for checking vaccination status in relation to adult visitors attending onsite.

TERM 4 IS A SUN SMART TERM

Parents and children are reminded that this term, children must wear school sun smart hats every day during recess and lunch breaks.

See you around the school.....very, very soon!

Robbie Mallett
Principal





Book Fair Postponed

Due to the ongoing covid restrictions we are unable to run our book fair this year but it has been rebooked for next year.
It will run in from August 22-26 2022

- Carol Mackinley

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who completed the
2021 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Prep

Ariana S
Betty K
Declan T
Emily V
Andrea M
Lena S
Nihan Y
Sofia P
Hari V
Zayd Q
Pranshi S
Vedhika B

Grade 1/2

Isla C
Ivam A
Michaela A
Aaron L
Mirabelle D
Pitsahyel M
Rodoshi R
Roy A
Sanath U
Isabelle A
Nina P
Sunjae K
Alexia M
Anika S
Dilan C
Jeet M
Vasiliki K
Shoaib S
Nivedhita V

Grade 3/4

Semira P
Arjun S
Lavinia M
Lexi W
Oliver D
Sid N
Evlyn C
Rosalie K
Saanhvitha Y
Cooper W
Kiana P
Reuben S
Madhu V

Grade 5/6

Giselle A
Nikki V
Jennifer M
Nivedita A
Ilkahyel M



SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who are our Challenge Champions for 2021 – the students who read the most number of books from each year level. These students will receive a Challenge Champion pin in recognition of their efforts.

Prep – Emily V

Grade 1 – Vasiliki K

Grade 2 – Rodoshi R

Grade 3 – Rosalie K

Grade 4 – Semira P

Grade 5 – Giselle A

Grade 6 – Nivedita A

Also to our Junior School and Senior School Champions – the students who read the most number of books from Prep – Grade 2 and Grade 3–6. These students will receive a Book Club voucher in recognition of their efforts.



Junior School – Vasiliki K
Senior School – Semira P