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Newsletter 21

From the Principal's Desk

Hello everyone,

Since our last newsletter there has been a flurry of updates from DET, releasing schools from some of the long term restrictions. The major changes came in yesterday with an update to our Operations manual for Term 4. DET have provided a mandatory Infection Control course for all school staff across Victoria. Newham staff have been completing this course and it has been reassuring to know that our practices are within the parameters provided by this information.

School photos are in BUT a traditional graduation ceremony is still out. We hope that very soon conditions will once again change for the positive in Victoria and there will be further reduced restrictions enabling us to expand upon our Graduation plans. It is important to understand that although regular Government announcements are being made at news conferences, these cannot be acted upon at the school level until DET makes their official announcement via the Operations Manual and updates. The main emphasis for term 4 is on the testing for COVID, knowing that both Hay fever and colds/flu have similar symptoms and preparing schools by providing the operational information and steps required should a school report a positive case.

We continue to put out information reminders and updates via uEducateUs and the school newsletter. It is important that families check their uEducateUs messages regularly as this remains our quickest point of information supply. Following are updated topics covered in the latest manual and updates.

School Photography

School photos are now permitted to take place indoors and outdoors for regional and rural schools. Staff will be able to remove their masks for the short time that the photo is taken. Our school photos will take place on November 27th. The photographer will be working under the government recommendations for photographers as well as DET guidelines. Please don't forget to wear school uniform on this day. Photo envelopes will go home to families 2 weeks prior to photo day.

Hay Fever and Asthma

During grass pollen season between October and December, there is an increased risk of seasonal asthma, hay fever and epidemic thunderstorm asthma.

It's more important than ever for staff and students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce **symptoms that are similar to coronavirus (COVID-19) such as runny nose, cough or shortness of breath.**

The best way to reduce and prevent symptoms of asthma or hay fever and reduce unnecessary absences from school is to follow an up-to-date asthma action plan or hay fever treatment plan. **If you have any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, even mild, please stay home and get tested.**

Thursday 22nd October 2020

2020 Term Dates

Term 4: 5 October-18 December

2021 Term Dates

Term 1: 28 January—1 April

Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

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| Friday 23rd October | AFL Grand Final Public Holiday |
| Monday 2nd November | Curriculum Day |
| Tuesday 3rd November | Melbourne Cup Day |
| Friday 13th November | Whole School Virtual Camp |
| Wednesday 18th November | School House Sports |
| Thursday 26th November | Bully Zero Day Webinar for Parents |
| Friday 27th November | School Photo Day |

Allied Health Staff

Allied health and wellbeing staff can now return to on-site provision in all schools, in line with allied health services in the community. This means that our Educational Psychologists, School Nurses and Speech Pathologists can return.

Clarification - What is a close contact?

Close contact means having face-to-face contact for more than 15 minutes with someone who has a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) – or sharing a closed space with them for more than two hours. In a school, a closed space could be a classroom or office space.

Kinder Visits

Kinder pupils enrolled for Prep 2021 at Newham Primary School will be allowed to visit the school this term under strict DET guidelines. These are currently under review again and further updates will be sent directly to those families.

Other News this Week

Dress- Up day – Sport and Footy

Today there were a number of Geelong and Richmond supporters at school, all dressed up for the grand final. Mr Furphy ran some footy themed activities at recess and lunchtime for any students who wanted to join in. Not only was the grandfinal well represented but coming through the gates this morning were all sorts of sports stars from aerobics, running, fencing, riding, soccer and dance to name a few. Thank you to students and their families who provided a gold coin donation. Senior student volunteers counted the coins (COVID safely) and we were able to raise \$101 towards making sandpit funnels of our own design.

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5 cent Frenzy

Our senior students also counted the coins collected during remote learning unfortunately as expected, without frequent use of notes and change 5 cent pieces have been hard to come by. We managed to raise \$11.25, again going towards the sand pit funnels. Due to the small amount of change we will not be able to hold our Frenzy. Instead we will attempt to provide an alternative maths challenge this term.

Lessons for currently enrolled guitar students will recommence next Wednesday with Aaron via webinar. **Students in the two groups will need to remember to bring their guitars and their printed off music required for that lesson.** Sessions will be supervised as an extension of Mrs Hiland's classroom.

Our important work in preparing the school grounds for bushfire season is coming along nicely. Tom has cleared out the undergrowth in the forest area and we are awaiting arborist works on some of our trees.

The Parent survey is still open to families wishing to take part this year. A reminder that families wanting to opt their 4/5/6 student out of the student survey need to do so prior to October 29th.

Staff are currently working on the logistics of some 'Virtual' activities including a camp, a concert and of course Graduation. As soon as these events are ready, families will be notified.

Bully Zero

National Bullying Prevention Week (16-20 Nov) has the theme this year; UNITED AGAINST BULLYING. This fits in very well with our School wide positive behaviour goals and with our emphasis on student wellbeing.

We are therefore very fortunate to be able to present to our families the opportunity for students and parents to participate in Webinar sessions supporting our understanding of Bullying. The webinars are fully funded with the Prep to 6s undertaking UNDERSTANDING BULLYING on Thursday 26th November. Parents are invited to register for the Parent information session, IT TAKES A VILLAGE at 7pm that evening. This way we hope to be able to encourage conversation where students, parents and the school are united against Bullying.



UNDERSTANDING BULLYING

Young people are provided with evidence-based information on bullying, the different types of bullying and its impact on young people. Participants are also taught a variety of strategies to help them assess and respond to bullying situations, whilst also identifying and understanding the role of bystanders.

AUDIENCE: PREP – YEAR 6



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The session is aimed at Teachers and Parents and recognises the importance of the whole school community coming together to help recognise and prevent all types of bullying. The session provides understanding of bullying behaviours, how to recognise it and how to prevent it and manage it.

AUDIENCE: Parents & Teachers

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xnMd_3LyRQa_B0i4uJMwg

Have a lovely long weekend everyone and should you be watching the football, I hope your team wins!

Management of Unwell Students

There have been a number of enquiries from parents around students attending school with runny noses, coughs, colds or flu-like symptoms. The following is, until further notice what we continue to follow.

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell students remain at home, even with the mildest of symptoms.

It is important that any student who becomes unwell while at school returns home.

- If a staff member is unsure whether a student is unwell it is advisable in the first instance to contact the parent/carer to discuss any concerns about the health status of the student, and **taking a precautionary approach, request the parent/carer to collect their child**

- Students experiencing compatible symptoms with coronavirus (COVID-19) should be encouraged to **seek the advice of their healthcare professional who can advise on next steps.**

A medical certificate is not required to return to an education setting after a period of illness, however **students should not return until symptoms resolve.**

While it is unlikely that a student who is unwell with flu-like symptoms will have coronavirus (COVID-19) collection by a parent or carer in these instances is a precaution.

- Students experiencing flu-like symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), such as fever, cough or sore throat, should be collected by a parent/carer as soon as possible and urgent medical attention should be sought.

- **Students who have been tested for COVID-19, must stay home until they receive their negative test result. Should a positive result occur, please inform the school immediately.**

- Health care plans, (asthma and other conditions where relevant), should be updated to provide additional advice on the monitoring and identification of symptoms in an unwell child in the context of coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.

- With a number of students coming and going from a class due to illness, it is impractical for staff to provide them with work for home. It is recommended in these instances that students rest and recover and as their health improves parents can choose to access the DET 'Learning from home' website for student activities.



Bushfire compliance work in our forest area. Weeds and undergrowth removed by Tom.

Notices/Reminders

School Uniform

It is compulsory to have a school hat for outside play during this term. If your child does not have a school hat please arrange purchase of one either from the school or eduThreads.

With the change in seasons it might be time to look at uniform items. New uniform can be purchased directly from our supplier eduThreads. A black skort is an addition to the range which might appeal to some rather than a dress, leggings or shorts.

We still have some new old stock available for purchase at discounted prices (see below). We also have new school hats available and some second hand items. Please contact the school if you wish to purchase any of these.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

New Old Stock Must Go! Please contact the school office to purchase.

ALL PRICES HEAVILY REDUCED

| Item | Sale Price |
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| School back pack | \$32.00 |
| Library/Reader bag | \$6.00 |
| Polar fleece half zip jumper (red) – size 4 (6) | \$12.00 |
| Polar fleece vest (red) – size 4 (5), 12 (5) & 14 (5) | \$10.00 |
| School windcheater (red) – size 4 (2) | \$17.00 |
| Bootleg pants (black) – size 4 (2), 6 (2), 10 (2) & 12 (2) | \$16.00 |
| Long sleeve polo shirt (red) – size 14 (3) | \$14.00 |
| Girls gingham summer dress (red & white) – size 8 (2) & 12 (3) | \$16.00 |
| Cotton/poly shorts (black) – size 14 (1) | \$11.00 |
| Double knee track pants (black) – size 12 (1) | \$16.00 |

Lost Property



Community Notices



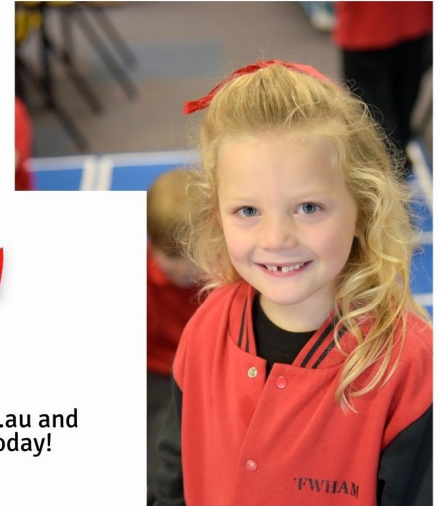
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Accepting enrolments for 2021

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Term 4!

We're back to School!

**Are you looking for
Before and After
School Care?**

SCHOOL'S OUT!


**Existing families please manage your
bookings through the kidsoft app.**

**New families, please go to our
website to enrol.**

www.schoolsout.net.au

HOWZAT!

Lancefield CC




IS BACK!

5-8years
Boys & Girls welcome!

Friday Nights
30th Oct - 11 Dec
5pm - 6pm

For more information
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 Lancefield Cricket Club Inc