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#### Newsletter 18

## From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

It is amazing to see how far we have come this term, transitioning so effectively from on-site to remote learning. At this moment, at least we know that in Term 4 the first week will be remote learning followed by all children returning to school by the 16th of October. A copy of the information sent via uEducateUs is here in the newsletter. As yet DET have not confirmed their plan for term 4, however I expect to be able to confirm the return date for all our students early next week, which I will send out to families via uEducateUs and next week's newsletter.

Although there has been a newsletter every second week, next week and the first week of term 4 will both have newsletters to ensure families remain informed or any changes.

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Sounds Trivia night, I'm not sure which sounds were the hardest, the movie themes or the general sounds. Answering too quickly was my downfall. Congratulations to the 3 podium families.

Today staff attended a curriculum day and we were able to review our teaching and learning to begin the preparations for next year. Staff were engaged in activities on numeracy, school wide positive behaviours and supporting learning engagement in the classroom.

Next term our year 4-6 students will be undertaking the annual Attitudes to School Survey in class. This is a DET survey, which this year has been held over to term 4 due to COVID-19. This year it will also have some questions for students based around their remote learning experiences and therefore DET have provided schools with a letter for parents to consent to their child's participation in capturing this important data. This permission letter will be sent out early next term.

Keep collecting for the 5 cent Frenzy! We will aim to hold the coin counting early in Term 4.

In the last week of school and over the term break there will be some planting, pruning, mowing and weeding around the school to be ready for the return of our students! With spring here the grounds have dried out sufficiently to be able to begin some of these much needed jobs.

A reminder that all students must have their school hat on-site now as we are in our SunSmart period. No hat, no play outside.

All students must also have a drink bottle full of water each day as we are still unable to use the bubble taps due to COVID-19.



#### Friday 11th September 2020

Student Term Dates for 2020 Term 3: 13 July-18 September Term 4: 5 October-18 December

#### **Diary Dates**

PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD	
Monday 14th September	Junior Unit Zoo Webinar 12:00- 12:30pm
Friday 18th September	End of Term 3, 2:30pm
Monday 5th October	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 13th October	School Photos-full school uniform
Friday 23rd October	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday

#### uEducateUs Announcement:

Last Sunday the Victorian Government released its plan for easing coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. It includes the following decisions about rural and regional school operations.

Schools will continue to provide remote and flexible learning for the remainder of Term 3, in rural and regional Victoria, consistent with current settings.

These changes remain subject to the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer:

#### 5 - 9 October (first week of Term 4)

Remote and flexible learning will continue for students in rural and regional Victoria.

On-site supervision for children of permitted workers and vulnerable students will continue to be provided consistent with existing guidelines.

Outside school hours care will be available to students attending for on-site supervision.

Later this week it is expected that DET will provide further information with regards to any potential staggered start to school in October for rural and regional students, as suggested by the Education Minister on Sunday.

As soon as the information is made available for families, I will provide advice with a student start back date and term 4 in general.



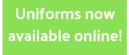
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#### **Notices/Reminders**

#### **SunSmart Policy**

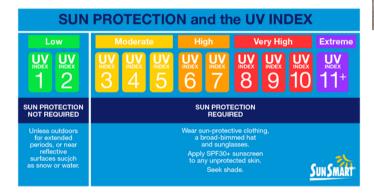
It's that time of year when we implement our SunSmart policy. All students on-site at school and when we return in Term 4 will be required to have their school hat to wear when they go outside. It is recommended that hats are kept in student bag lockers rather than taken home daily as they are then on hand when required. We have a very limited supply of spare hats so if you child does not have one on hand and we do not have spares they will be required to play in the shade. **Compulsory** school hats can be purchased direct from our uniform supplier EduThreads

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so you can get on with the important things



# **Family Sounds Night**

The Junior Team along with some very handy pre-service teachers hosted the Family Sounds Night to celebrate the start of Spring on the 1st of September. Again, many families welcomed us into their lounge rooms as they joined in the fun. There was some tough competition at the top of the leader board, with the two previous champions trying to reclaim victory! But it wasn't to be...... new champions Lillian and Escher made a handy lead in the early rounds and proved to be unbeatable. The Brown Family provided pure entertainment with a few early mistakes, but eventually took out silver place, followed by the Martin Family who have managed to be on the podium every Kahoot night but are yet to take victory.

Thank you to all the families who attended our virtual fun night and to the teachers for joining in the fun.



#### **Junior Unit**





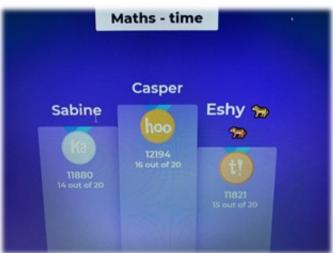


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toil and trouble...

Junior Unit Potion Writing: Monday 'inspire' was making a potion for procedural writing.

The Junior Unit took part in a fun Kahoot maths trivia session during week 8, to consolidate their learning from the past weeks. A few internet delays made the tasks a little more challenging than expected but the students did a fantastic job answering all the questions. Thank you to the students who took the time to join the session and congratulations to Casper for taking out first place.



The Junior Unit are off to the zoo on Monday. Sadly, only virtually by WebEx this time (but we have plans!). This will be the 'INSPIRE' session for Week 10 Writing. We can't wait! See you there. Pop on your school uniform, we don't want to lose you!

**Wild Explorers** includes a free 30-minute student webinar. A Zoo teacher will run a workshop for your students and answer their questions. Students won't be on camera and will type their questions and ideas. Siblings younger and older are most welcome to come and watch too. Perhaps try hooking your computer up to the TV and watch from the sofa together. There will also be a post in the Google Classroomstream and the Writing folder in the classroom.

Refer to the uEducateUs announcement sent this week for login details.

Australian Animals - Monday 14 September 12:00pm - 12:30pm

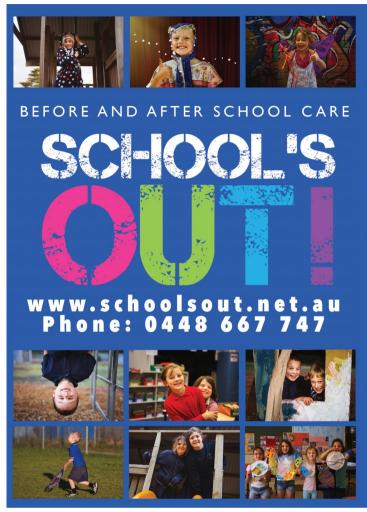
# **Zoning Information-Enrolments Open for 2021**



# Newham Primary School Zoning Information:

- Students residing in the zone are guaranteed a place at our school, which is determined on the basis of your permanent residential address.
- Students are also able to apply for a place at Newham Primary School if they live outside of the zone.
  - All requests from students living outside the school's zone will be considered by the Principal and entry will be subject to facility limitations.
- 3. https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/ hosts the most up-to-date information about Victorian school zones for 2020 onward
- For more information please visit our website https://www.newhamps.vic.edu.au or contact us on (03) 5427 0235

#### **Community Notices**



Our Outside of School Hours Care program compliments the formal school curriculum and provides children with opportunities to further develop socially, emotionally and cognitively. School classrooms are very structured and curriculum based, whereas at OSHC the learning is developed around children's interests and incorporated through play experiences. In OSHC, children have the opportunity to socially engage with children in different year levels which provides them with opportunities to form friendships with children no tin their immediate group of peers. Play and

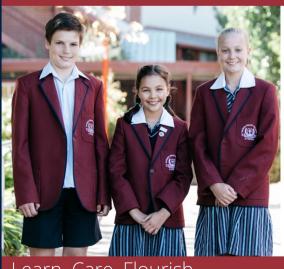
t in their immediate group of peers. Play and leisure is very important to children as it enables them to develop creativity and problem solving skills whilst being guided by our experienced and dedicated team members.

For some children, OSHC can be the only chance they have to engage in cooking experiences, learn about gardening, participate in team games and allows them to interact with other children outside of a classroom setting and in a play-based environment

. In addition, the OSHC program assists children in developing a strong sense of identity, provides each child with a sense of belonging and enables them to discover who they are as individuals in the world. All our programs are guided by the My Time Our Place framework, the programs we develop are child focused, child initiated and connected to both the school and the children's world beyond.

## Sacred Heart College Kyneton

### Year 7, 2022 Enrolments Closing Soon



# Enrolments for current Grade 5 students (Year 7 2022) close Monday 5 October

Interested in learning more about life at Sacred Heart College and the learning pathways on offer?

Our Principal, Dr Darren Egberts, invites prospective parents and students to participate in one of our Virtual Conversations via Zoom.

When: 16 September commencing at 6:00pm

**How:** Register using the online booking form on the Tours page of the College website. A Zoom link will be sent by email.

Visit our website for bookings or contact our Registrar for enrolment enquiries:

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