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Newsletter 13

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

The last time I wrote a newsletter I was welcoming everyone back for an exciting term of activities planned out ahead of us. So much changed in so little time! So now I would like to welcome everyone back to a revised term 3!

Thank you to all families who supported their students through another lockdown of home learning. Your feedback did not go unnoticed and this time we were able to cater for the fickle internet some of you experience. As a staff we found the 'add on' and 'add on some more' style of lockdown extension this time around was challenging to get hard copies out to students, and we would like to thank parents for their resilience and attendance at the student collection box. I would also like to thank our staff who kept meeting the revised challenges determined by DET and demonstrated a keep calm and carry-on attitude to getting things done.

5/6s will begin their series of sessions on **Body Safety this week with a session tomorrow** and another Friday session to follow in order to make up for time lost during the lockdown.

Unfortunately, 3/4 camp had to be cancelled and it has been re-booked for Dec 7th & 8th. This is a last hurrah for booking availability, and we are grateful to the camp for finding us a spot.

Under current COVID restrictions our 5/6 Camp at the end of this term is able to continue and we will speedily get out the information to parents now that DET have confirmed our regulations.

This week should have been Swimming week for years 2, 3 & 4, this was cancelled during lockdown and recent DET updates have confirmed that swimming will soon be able to take place with restrictions. Therefore, we have put our name on a waiting list for cancellations should they occur in term 4. In the meantime, we are offering a refund to parents.

Wet Weather

With the weather having been exceptionally wet over the past few weeks and our school being situated adjacent to a creek, it means the water flow through the school and the amount of water laying on the school grounds is phenomenal. Consequently, staff have requested that students keep off the worst wet, waterlogged and muddy areas of the school grounds. This requires students to think differently about the type of games that they can play in these circumstances. We have enough court, concrete, playground and multi-purpose areas to accommodate everyone.

However, students are deciding not to pay attention to their teachers and are choosing to deliberately play in areas where they shouldn't. Parents are to know that there will be consequences under our SWPB system for students doing this.

It is recommended that all students bring a change of clothes right down to socks and even underwear for emergency changes, where they may accidentally slip over while in the playground.

Friday 30th July 2021

2021 Term Dates

Term 3: 12 July-17 September

Term 4: 4 October-17 December

Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

6th August	Virtual Assembly-recording will be provided
10th & 12th August	Potential 5/6 sporting dates TBC by Cobaw District Sports Association
16th August	Curriculum Day
1st September, 9:30am	School Tour

Students will be expected to report to the office when required to change, in case a phone call home for clothes is appropriate. All children with a change of clothes will be sent to change.

The behaviour seen over the last few days has in quite a number of cases, not been an emergency situation. We have even had students looking for a second or third change of clothes.

Staff would appreciate the support of parents to remind all students of their duties as role models for younger students, the consequences of succumbing to peer pressure to go against the rules and the consequences of this behaviour not only for themselves but also for the rest of the class.

Where students don't have a change of clothes, where we can't provide something from our spares, or parents can't be contacted, students will be cleaned up as best as possible and returned to class. In these instances, it is the rest of the class who must put up with the smell of mud and wetness in their classroom.

Also, a reminder that a plastic bag for wet clothes to go home in would be a necessary inclusion.

COVID Reminders

The Victorian Government has announced new arrangements for schools in Victoria from 11.59pm Tuesday 27th July. Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, wearing a face mask is now mandatory indoors and outdoors unless an exception applies – this includes all schools. For the purpose of communication, teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.

All non-essential visitors are excluded from the school.

- **Guitar will shift online for the moment**
Parents cannot enter a classroom or building, the office (and first aid as required) being the exception.

Parents picking up students early can call ahead, and we will have students waiting if possible. Parents can call from the car park, and we will bring students out. Parents may also be required to attend the office.

Parents dropping off students late should not need to accompany their child to the office. Please remind your children to go to the office first and not straight to the classroom.

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QR code use is mandatory for parents required to visit the office. If you do not have your phone on you, our kiosk/sign-in tablet at the office will enable you to use the QR code.

Parents/carers must wear a face mask and keep a 1.5m distance during drop off and pick up of students.

Parents may:

- Collect students at the 3 gates.
- visit the school office for an essential reason, (please check for space before entering - **QR code and face mask required**)
- attend inside a school building at staff request (this request will be made for an essential/ emergency reason - **face mask, QR code & sign-in required**) Otherwise staff will try to meet with parents at the fence/gate.

Parents needing to speak to a classroom teacher should use uEdu-cateUs to send their message or to organise a return call from the teacher at a later date.

- **Density limits:** In Victoria, a density limit of 1 person per 4 square metres applies to areas accessed by the public, such as reception areas.
- **Incursions** are not permitted
- **Excursions** with strict guidelines attached may proceed
- **School tours** cannot be conducted
- **Interschool sports** events can take place with strictly regulated numbers. **No Spectators are allowed at these sporting events.**
- **Kitchen garden cooking at the hall can continue without parent helpers**
- **School assemblies** will go online (on the same dates: 6/8, 20/8, 3/9 & 17/9) with a pre-recorded abbreviated version developed by our school leaders.
- **School Council meetings** will be conducted via WebEx.
- **School bus services** across the state will continue to operate as normal.
- **Face masks and hygiene:** Practise good hygiene and ensure physical distancing. Wash hands and hand sanitise regularly. Carry a mask (adults) at all times and wear it at all times while at school.
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY... Please do not send unwell children to school. Unwell students must remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms. Unwell students exhibiting Covid like symptoms will need to go home.** If staff are unsure if a student is unwell, parents will be contacted, and the student will need to go home as a precaution. Younger children (especially Prep – 2) may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school following a negative Covid test even if they are not completely free of symptoms however, they WILL need a medical certificate from a GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness. Students with a negative test whose symptoms have completely resolved do NOT need a medical certificate to return to school.

Happenings around the School

In spite of lock down things are starting back up around the school. In general students have settled back into class and have been keen to get back into a routine. In the 3/4 rooms and 5/6 room students have begun experimenting with a variety of preferred ways of getting their work done. The physical learning environment can have quite an impact on how long a student can maintain focus, therefore those who have expressed an interest have trialled standing up for some of their activities, staying on the floor for longer to work or even facing a different direction in the room. They are reporting to their teachers on any benefits they feel.

Cobaw district sports association is currently working on the known restrictions to interschool sports in an attempt to plan and/or re-schedule sports expected this term. Please look out for uEdu-cateUs messages or in the newsletter for updates.

The contractors for the Shelter in place works are finishing off their last jobs before summer arrives.

In June the big storm caused the Septic pump pit to flood. This has been rectified with a riser installed to raise the system above further flooding threats. Only the next storm will confirm that, and I hope we don't have another one soon! We are also waiting on both an arborist and a fencing contractor to fit us in for quotes to repair damage around the fence line from the storm.

While it would be madness to attempt to fix the potholes in the car park while there are still strong flows of water heading for the creek. Rest assured that the contractor has been booked for the September term break to make repairs. In the meantime, could everyone please drive carefully through the car park.

Simone Wood
Principal

Notices/Reminders



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year;
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CSEF application closing date has been extended to the 13th August 2021. Applications are available from the CSEF website or by contacting the school office.

Book Club

Book Club issue 5 orders close today Friday 30th July. If you wish to order please do so via the Scholastic LOOP payment system scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app.

Community Notices



ENROL NOW

There is so much to see and do at Newham Primary School

**Kitchen Garden Program
Nature Play
Instrumental Music Lessons
French
5 Star Resource Smart School
School Wide Positive Behaviour Program
Before and After School Care**

Enquiries or to book a school tour contact us

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Term 3 School Tour:
1st September 9:30am



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Learning Strengths

Free Event:

Parents and carers come along to hear Andrew Fuller discuss **"Tricky Behaviours"** how we can manage these behaviours in our Children & Teens while staying sane!

Come and have a fun session with well-known Clinical Psychologist Andrew Fuller. Andrew's talks are always entertaining and informative.

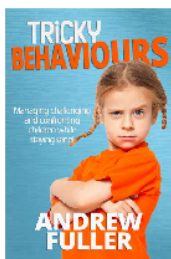
When: Monday 9th August 2021

Where: Campbells Creek Community Centre 45 Elizabeth St.

Time: Arrive 6 pm for a 6.15 pm Start – 7.45 pm Finish with light refreshments, tea & coffee provided

We still have places, so please register to Jacqui Carter @ Jacqueline.carter@scchc.org.au or call 0428 480 587: I am looking forward to learning with you.

To maximise your learning from the session, please complete the learning strengths analysis at www.mylearningstrengths.com for yourself before coming. Have the letter or full report with you (refer to- not to share!) during the session.



Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist, family therapist, author, speaker and creator of Learning Strengths™.

Andrew has worked with over 3,500 schools in Australia, NZ, Asia and the UK and with more than 500,000 young people on core elements of resilience - connect, protect and respect (CPR) and building *The Resilient Mindset*, which he defined as "the happy knack of being able to Bungy jump through the pitfalls of life to rise above adversity and obstacles".

Andrew Fuller is an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne and has been a scientific consultant for the ABC and a regular presenter on Radio National. He has established programs for neuroscience and education and promoting mental health in schools.



Charlie trialling a sit stand desk