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DATES TO REMEMBER

YEAR 12 GRADUATION	FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER
GRADE 6 GRADUATION	TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM STUDENT FREE DAY MEET & GREET 2021 STAFF	FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Edition 11—Friday 4th December 2020

A Message from the Principal

We are only 2 weeks until the end of the 2020 school year! It has been such an amazing year for everyone in many different ways. Every year we feel like we are running out of time to ensure the following year is set up and ready, but this year seems even more tight than normal! We are so grateful to have such a supportive parent community to provide feedback to us so we can improve on our programs for your students. I know it has been a tough transition back for some of the community but we know we can get to the end of the year – ready to be back in 2021!

Parent Drop off and pick up

Despite the changes in restrictions we will continue with our current drop off and pick up processes. Please do not bring your child to the gate unless they can get to the classroom independently. Please continue to use the loop. Please don't double park in the slip lane, the police have been patrolling this area.

2021 Class Lists

Staff are currently busy drafting and evaluating class lists for 2021, we have a big Prep group coming in this year and have had to make some changes to the class sizes etc around the school to accommodate. Please note we do not take specific requests from students or parents about the staff they would like for the following year.

Celebration morning for students on the 16th December

On Wednesday the 16th of December, the school will be running some fun activities for our students to celebrate the year. It will consist of running a range of activities in our Sub-School for around 40mins each. We are very much looking forward to having some fun and celebrating the massive achievements this year!

Personal Devices

A reminder for our students that speakers and personal devices are not to come to school unless absolutely necessary. Thanks for your assistance with this.

Curriculum Day December 18th Pupil free day

This will be a 'Meet the New Teaching' team for 2021 and the opportunity to learn about the exciting 2021 programs. You will be allocated a time between 9-12pm.

Grade 6 Graduation

We are very excited for our Grade 6 students to be able to celebrate their Grade 6 Graduation on Tuesday 15th of December -1.15-2.15pm. We will be providing lunch beforehand for the graduates and then greet our guests and move into the gym. Photos will be taken and given to the graduates later in the week. We are so proud of our 'soon to be' Secondary students, it has been a year they will remember, one where they have shown RESILIENCE continuously. Thank you to the families for supporting them in this important year.

Invites and arrangement details will be sent out next week. Please note, we will be following DET guidelines regarding hygiene practices. Please remember to socially distance where possible and wearing a mask inside is expected. Thank you in advance for the team of staff that have organised this event: Kerri, Jodie, Rhowna, Denise & Joyce.

 **COMPASS**
School Manager



Blackwood

We have several classes attending our Blackwood Camp for a day visit over the next week. We are so grateful for these excursions to recommence. We are sure those attending will enjoy the fresh air and bush activities.

PBS

A big **THANKYOU** to the PBS Team that have worked very hard this year, under difficult circumstances to continue to promote our PBS values and strategies. Many parents also utilised these strategies during our Remote Learning time. The Gotcha Shop has evolved and adapted during the various stages of the year, and a special thanks to those staff and STUDENTS who have helped to make this happen. Next year we will be changing our Reward system slightly to accommodate the need of the students. This is very exciting...

School Tour Dates

We are now able to take parents for tours around our school. We are booking sessions on the following dates:

- Monday 7th December between 1.30-2.30pm

- Monday 14th December between 1.30-2.30pm

If you know of new families needing a tour, please ask them to call the office 03 9743 4966 to book in.

Whole school transitions

Students will get to meet their new teachers and classroom teams on Wednesday 16th December at 2pm. More information about this will be forwarded to families.

Best wishes everyone,

Brooke



We would like to congratulate two of our students Shyanne MCDONNELL (left) & Jennifer TROTT-LEAMAN (right) on the completion of their full Certificate in Horticulture. Audrey and Heather are both very proud of these two young ladies and would like to thank them for the privilege of training them. We wish them all the wonderful things that life has to offer and will miss their chatty behaviour each Wednesday.



S3 News

S3 have had a busy term completing hands on learning, science art and craft. We have enjoyed the science experiments which included skittle rainbow, lava lamp and the colourful milk swirl. Students also participated in NAIDOC week where we entered the colouring-in competition and played Kahoot!



UNIFORM SHOP (PRE-ORDER FOR 2021)

The uniform shop will be running by a click and collect service for the start of 2021.

Please see the uniform order form on the next page for you to complete and return by no later than Friday 11th December 2020.

We are only accepting the following payment options:

- **Correct Cash** (return in an envelope in diary or hand to office staff with form)
- **Bpay** (call the office on 03 9743 4966 for your Bpay code)
- **Bank Deposit** (call the office on 03 9743 4966 for the school bank details and use student name as reference)

Once paid, uniform orders will be available for collection on Wednesday 20th January 2021 from 11am until 3pm. Please note no payments will be accepted on this day.

Due to the recent restrictions, students will be unable to try on the uniform items however, feel free to bring in a personal clothing item to help compare sizes. We also are unable to exchange items for different sizes after purchase and apologies for any inconvenience.



SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

ITEM CLOTHING	UNIFORM CODE	COLOUR	UNIT PRICE (incl. G.S.T.)	SIZE	Quantity	Size	Total Amount	Office Use ONLY		
								Ordered	Received	On Backorder
Bomber Jacket	UNBOMBIACK	Navy	\$ 29.00	4 TO 18						
Bomber Jacket	UNBOMBIACKLG	Navy	\$ 34.00	20 TO 26						
Long Sleeve Polo	UNPOLOLS	Navy	\$ 21.00	4 TO 16						
Long Sleeve Polo	UNPOLOLSIG	Navy	\$ 26.00	18 TO 24						
Short Sleeve Polo	UNPOLOSS	Navy	\$ 15.00	4 TO 24						
Shorts	UNSHORTRUG	Navy	\$ 12.00	4 TO 20						
Shorts	UNSHORTRUG	Navy	\$ 24.00	22 TO 26						
Track pant	UNTRACCUFF	Navy	\$ 18.00	4 TO 16						
Track pant	UNTRACCUFFL	Navy	\$ 27.00	18 TO 24						
Summer Dress	UNDRESS	Navy	\$ 33.00	6 TO 24						
Tunic	UNTUNIC	Navy	\$ 34.00	6 TO 20						
Parker	UNPARKA	Navy	\$ 30.00	6 TO 14						
Parker	UNPARKALGE	Navy	\$ 30.00	6 TO 28						
Windcheater (Primary Students Only)	UNWINDCHEA	Navy	\$ 24.00	4 TO 18						

TOTAL \$ _____

Student Name: _____

Student Class: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

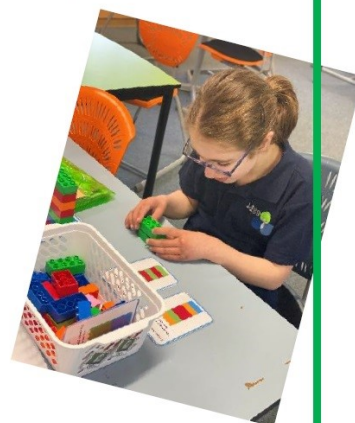
P8 so far in Term 4



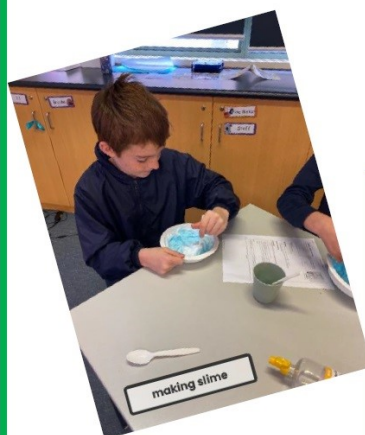
P8 have returned to school and are ready to learn. Here is just some of the fun things we have been doing in term 4!



We went on a virtual excursion using Zoom to the National Gallery of Victoria.



The class entered the NAIDOC colouring-in competition. Kyle from our class was lucky enough to win!!





THERAPEUTIC HORTICULTURE



We all have had a wonderful time with Horticulture this year. Being outside and looking after our gardens, painting pots and planting them to take home was really special. The VCAL students came to see us often on Thursdays to see if we needed any assistance or help. It was good working with the bigger students.

VCAL have done an extremely great job planning the program, therapeutic Horticulture, and carrying it out each week. Working in teams and problem solving helps the students to further develop on these skills. They have enjoyed this program immensely.

The Horticulture students also have had a busy year and due to remote learning they have had quite a bit of practical work to catch up on. They all have shown their ability and knowledge in the units they completed this year, and we thank them for participating in making our grounds and garden a lovely place to be.



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN TR1?

This term our class has been having a lot of fun. We have been painting lots of artworks and making messy handprints while exploring parts of the body. We have been learning about the different colours and mixing them together.

The students have taken part in sensory stories about going on a Bear Hunt and Wombat Stew. There was lots of puppets, different textures and materials to hold, different smells and things to taste. We are all looking forward to having more fun in the coming weeks.



MSS ALLIED HEALTH HERE'S THE SCOOP!



Meet Our New Team Members



ANNE ABEYASINGHE
SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

When I left school I knew I wanted to work within the health industry and first started studying science. A few years down the track, I felt I needed a job that focuses on our interactions with others and chose Speech Pathology. Years ago I had a placement at Melton Specialist School when I was a Speech Pathology student, which played a big part in choosing to work with students with special needs. I have enjoyed previously working in a community setting within the disability sector and now enjoy working at Melton Specialist School supporting students with their learning. I am enjoying seeing the clients I work with on a more regular basis and being a part of their journey through school.

I always wanted to help people, and Occupational Therapy seemed like a great option for me. It focuses on person centred care and allows you to really get to know the person you are working with. It also encourages participation in all the activities we find meaningful. I find it to be a super rewarding career and love waking up every day being an OT!



LORYN WEBBER
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST



MADELENE ERVIN
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

I chose to become an OT because growing up I always knew I wanted to be in a profession that helps people. I was drawn to OT because of its endless opportunities of different ways to help people.

MSS ALLIED HEALTH

HERE'S THE SCOOP!



Signs of the fortnight

Key
Word
Sign
Australia



Key Word Signs are a fantastic way of supporting your child's understanding and use of language. KWS are hand signs that are used to represent the main words or key words in a sentence. It is important to use spoken language alongside KWS to ensure that your child also hears the spoken word.

Here are some greetings and manners that you can try at home. Have fun!



Good

Extend dominant thumb, close rest of fingers into fist, thumb pointing up, move forward with stress. (Natural gesture).



Hello

Move open dominant hand side to side in air at chest height, palm away from body. (Natural gesture).



Afternoon

Place dominant thumb into crooked index finger, other fingers closed. Hold formation close to chin. Flick thumb up and tap crooked index finger against chin once.



Morning

Place dominant hand, bent at third knuckles into armpit on opposite side of body, and tap fingertips into armpit twice. *May use armpit on dominant side of body. (V, S, W, NT, T)



Goodbye

Use dominant hand, palm forward and bend fingers onto palm, twice. Or may move open dominant hand side to side in air at chest height, like "Hello". (Natural gesture).



Please

Move open dominant hand straight forward from chin, while closing into a fist. May use "thanks"



Thanks

Move fingertips of open dominant hand, palm towards body, forward from chin, once. * May use two hands.

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Here are some signs used to request that you can try at home. Have fun!



want

Move heel of open dominant hand down front of chest and turn to palm down.



more

Cup dominant hand, fingers spread and place fingertips on centre chest. Move hand forward.



drink

Shape dominant hand as for holding a glass – tilt to mouth as for drinking. (Natural gesture - mime the action).



eat

Close dominant fingertips onto ball of thumb. Tap formation on chin, twice.



help

Place dominant hand bent at third knuckles, palm down, onto non-dominant palm. Or may place dominant hand onto non-dominant hand, palms together. Move formation forward. * With directionality.



wait

Bounce open dominant hand, palm down, in front of dominant side, twice. *May use both hands. (Natural gesture).



finished

Extend dominant thumb, fingers closed. Rock hand formation from side to side several times.



MSS ALLIED HEALTH **HERE'S THE SCOOP!**



FUN WAYS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO KEEP ACTIVE



Due to easing of restrictions here in Victoria, we are now able to slowly return to sport, activities, playdates, and all the fun things we have been missing over these last few months. It is important to keep active and exercising together as a family reinforces to children that it is an important part of everyone's life. We understand that making time for physical activity can be difficult, so below are some ideas that everyone in the family can get involved in to keep active!



Family walks / hikes

Play tag

Toss a ball

Jump rope

Dance to music

Walk the dog

Bike ride

Go to the park

Musical chores

Gardening

Yoga



<https://www.mothering.com/articles/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/health-department-recommends-more-activity.jpg>

https://usercontent.one/wp/www.southasiatime.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/study_326.jpg

Multi-Modal Communication in Schools

A three-part workshop presented by Melissa Riepsamen, senior speech pathologist, Cerebral Palsy Education Centre

8th February 2021, 4-6pm: Communication Development & AAC
15th February 2021, 4-6pm: Multi-Modal Possibilities – Aided Language Systems
22nd February 2021, 4-6pm: Considerations for Assessment and Intervention

Registrations essential: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/multi-modal-communication-in-schools-tickets-126363044267>

When you register, you are registering to attend all three parts of the workshop. This workshop is offered to Victorian School Staff only.

Communication is complex and unpredictable. Opportunities to communicate for all people are constantly occurring and we choose the most efficient and effective strategy to communicate in each moment as it occurs. For the student with Complex Communication Needs (CCN), they require a range of different Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) strategies to use at different times. No single strategy will be the most efficient or appropriate for all communication opportunities, therefore a range of communication strategies need to be implemented, and always available to the student. As speech pathologists and educators we have to implement these different strategies to a range of students with varying needs. This presents a number of challenges in an already busy school environment. So, how do we balance the needs of all students and work toward autonomous communication for all?

In this workshop we will:

- Discuss and explore the definition of autonomous communication.
- Discuss the theory behind effective ways of communication intervention with a range of students with CCN.
- Explore a range of AAC strategies and tools and their possible uses and purposes in a school environment.
- Update on current AAC technology and software available
- Identify opportunities to genuinely communicate across the school day.
- Provide practical solutions for use in and out of the classroom.
- Discuss possible tools and strategies for speech pathologists and teachers to gather information about their student's communication requirements.
- Explore principles that guide effective AAC intervention.

On completion of this workshop series participants will be able to:

- Discuss a range of AAC strategies and tools available for students with CCN.
- Discuss the evidence base and reasoning behind Aided Language Stimulation.
- Identify communication opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom and the strategies that may be most effective to communicate at those times.
- Implement a range of AAC strategies within a school environment with students with a range of complex communication needs.



Free Access to the 2020 'CIRCUS QUIRKUS' and 'WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC' Shows

COVID has changed everything for all of us, and particularly so for the vulnerable and 'high-risk' children and families, many who can no longer safely attend public spaces. We are unable to do live events, but as the old saying goes, "the show must go on"...

The Rotary Club of Preston and Children First Foundation are again holding their annual 'CIRCUS QUIRKUS' and 'WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC' Events, but this year with a difference... both shows will be streamed directly to the audience over the internet.

'CIRCUS QUIRKUS' - hosted by the Rotary Club of Preston
Streaming Available from Friday 20th November- Sunday 22nd November 2020

An eclectic & entertaining mix of circus acts brought to you from all over the world. Internationally renowned clowns, jugglers, acrobats & more, deliver hilarious, hugely engaging & sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill. Suitable for all ages.

'WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC' - hosted by Children First Foundation
Streaming Available from Friday 18th December- Sunday 20th December 2020

Audiences will be amazed by cutting edge, large scale illusions and intimate close-up magic by world renowned magician, Michael Boyd. Suitable for all ages and fun for the whole family.

We hope these events provide children of all abilities and backgrounds with an opportunity to experience world-class entertainment in an inclusive, accessible & safe environment where they feel free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

This year audience members can watch both 'Circus Quirkus' and 'World Festival of Magic' shows from their own COVID-safe bubble at home, or if they prefer (and if it's safe) gather with friends to watch them as a group. The shows can be watched at any time during the three-day period available, and unlimited access means they can also watch it as many times as they like during that time. Or just play their favourite bits over and over again.

All that is needed to enjoy our shows this year is an internet connection and a device with a screen such as a PC, laptop, tablet or even a smartphone. We will provide you with a web address and a password for each of the shows.

HOW TO BOOK...

(Please respect that the show has been funded through local business sponsorship for special needs and disadvantaged groups ONLY; it is not to be made available for general viewing)

Please contact the families at your school to ask who would like access to our online shows, and then email meredithnewman@showintents.com.au or call 0476-589-799 with the following information:-

- The total number of families, booked and how many devices they require access for
- If possible, how many people will be watching from each location/device (approximately)
- If you would also like access to streaming for in-school viewings please let me know approximately how many students will be viewing the shows and how many devices you require access for.

Once we have received your response, we will provide you with the web address and password to access the 'Circus Quirkus' show online, **available to stream on-demand on 20/21/22 November 2020**

If preferred, you are welcome to request the web address and password now and confirm how many families you shared access with and the approximate number of devices closer to each show's streaming date.

Individual ticket orders from parents, guardians, carers, etc. are welcome if bulk orders cannot be accommodated. Please ask them to email me directly at the above address.

*Web address and password for the 'World Festival of Magic' will be emailed to you a week before streaming is available on the 18/19/20 December 2020.



JUNIOR ALL ABILITIES PROGRAM

FREE CRICKET PROGRAM.

**Male & Female players with
Intellectual or Physical Disabilities
Aged between 5 & 13 years of age**

**Program starts
Sunday 7th - January 2021**

Contact:

Melton Cricket Club

Kevin Vernon 0408 356 850



**JUNIOR
CRICKET**



MELTON CRICKET CLUB

If you're in need of food relief, we can help.

CCCM provide free food and budgeting help to anyone in need within the City of Melton area.

If you're in need of some support, please contact us. We're here to help.

For more information, please visit:
foodbankmelton.org.au

* T&C's and eligibility criteria apply. Services available to City of Melton residents only.



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