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DATES TO REMEMBER

AFL GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY	FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER
STUDENT FREE DAY	MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
STUDENT FREE DAY	FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER



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A Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school families! It was exciting to see the students onsite after so long hearing about them or seeing them on virtual platforms. As a school we have been amazed to see such growth in the students, be that in height or learning. Families have done such a great job through such a challenging time and we feel fortunate to be working in such a fantastic community. We know it hasn't been easy – but you all made it! DET has released new school operation guidance which ensures MSS is the safest it can be.

Parent drop off and pick up

This will continue for the remainder of the term. Families have been allocated a gate to enter and a time for the morning and the afternoon. Gate 1 is near the Rec centre and Gate 4 is the last gate at the other end of the school. If this time is not suitable please talk to your teacher and they will pass on the message.

The buses will not be leaving before 8:55am or 2:55pm so please do not arrive before this time as it can mean a backlog of traffic in the slip lane.

Also please be aware of other families. If the gate is closed, please do a loop, do not line up on the drive. There may be other families who are parked and waiting patiently. I appreciate this is a busy time and you have places to be but please remember our staff are doing their best to get your child to and from class as safely as possible. If you have a place booked on the bus- please send your child on the bus.

Programs on site

Staff on site are working very hard to implement Teaching Programs around the changes to time-tables and teaching. We are trying very hard to ensure our students are as aware of hygiene practices and participate in them as independently as possible.

Community Access/Camps

Unfortunately, these are still not able to go ahead. Staff are working on virtual experiences for their classes and fun ways to exercise and practice life skills without leaving the school.

Mobile phones

We know students have been using phones during the day at home during remote learning but just a polite reminder that phones are not to be in use at school.

Dates for the diary

We have a Curriculum Day booked for the following dates:

- Monday 2nd November (Pupil free)
- Friday 18th December (Pupil free)

Footy day is this Thursday 22nd October and Book week dress up is next Friday 30th October

Best wishes everyone – thank you again for all your feedback and flexibility.

Brooke



SCHOOL CROSSING CHANGES

With the latest restrictions outlining that face coverings must be worn, we have made some changes to the operation of our school crossings.

As the supervisors are unable to use a whistle while wearing a face mask, they will be instructing the children to cross using the command 'WALK'. We have asked our staff to explain the process to anyone using the crossing, to ensure that they understand.

It will only be a temporary change – we expect that when face masks are no longer recommended, we will return to using the whistle to indicate when to cross.



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN P15?

Throughout this term Primary 15 have started a Bike Education Program in conjunction with the PE teacher Doug. With a focus on road sense and transportation, exercise and bike safety. Students have enjoyed utilising the schools variety of bikes and have been introduced to some road safety concepts such as traffic lights, pedestrian crossings and protective equipment. We are looking forward to furthering our road safety skills and improving our ability to ride bikes safely.





Jamie Lee from REP has been adding to her garden this week in Horticulture planting tomatoes, spinach, lettuce and petunias.

Footy Colours Day is this **Thursday 22nd October**. Students are invited to wear their favourite footy or sporting colours for the day.
- netball, AFL, NRL, soccer, cricket etc.

Wear your jerseys, scarves and beanies!!! Students who do not wish to dress up are expected to wear school uniform.

**SHOW
YOUR TRUE
COLOURS!**

Certificate of Leadership

Stephanie Vellasamy

For completing the YDAS Emerging Young Leaders Program
Your dedication, participation and growth were evident and incredible.

Simon, Kelsey & Haley – Program Facilitators
2020



A very big congratulations to Stephanie on her Leadership Certificate! MSS are super proud of this achievement.
Her advocacy skills have vastly improved and she has shown true leadership qualities.

As part of our Book Week celebrations, students are encouraged to dress up as a character from a children's book on **Friday 30th October**.

Please be mindful of choosing appropriate characters/costumes for primary school-aged children, as some of our younger participants may find some story characters particularly scary.
Students who do not wish to dress up are expected to wear school uniform.



Horticulture



S4 have continued to work on their Therapeutic Horticulture projects. We planted pansies into the pots that we had decorated and made sure that we did not squash the plants. Every morning we take them outside for some fresh air and sun and water them. In the afternoons we bring them back inside. The students love looking after their flowers.



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN P5?

Hello everybody, P5 have been participating in lots of different and fun learning experiences during Term 2 and 3. We have been learning about different ways we can play and communicate with each other when playing with our friends. Every day we listen to lots of different stories and songs, which is always lots of fun!

This term we are learning about Amazing Animals, the last few weeks we have been looking at Australian Animals. P5 are learning about different needs different types of animals might need to live. So far our favourite Australian animal is a koala. We have been learning that a koala needs food, water and shelter.

Our favourite activity is going outside and explore the world around us!

Here are a few of our favourite things to do at school:

Noah - play in the playground.

Dariusz - play with cars and animals.

Coby - play with blocks.

Cody - listen to Muffin Man.

DONATIONS NEEDED - NAVY TRACK PANTS ALL SIZES

If your child has been given track pants to wear when they have had an accident, please wash these and return them to the school. We are very low on spare track pants. If you have navy blue track pants (ideally small sizes) at home and no longer need them, please call reception to organise a time to drop off. The items will be thoroughly washed before using. We would love to top up our emergency clothing stock.

WHAT HAVE S2 BEEN UP TO THIS TERM?

Hello everyone, S2 has jumped back into term 4 with some great writing and activities. We have been learning about Dreamtime stories, we are starting to get rid of some serrated tussock out the back of the school by hand weeding it, Jamie brings in live crickets and we are trying to make friends with some magpies so they won't swoop us ! We have been doing some persuasive texts about "masks should be worn" - students could choose to be for or against. Brooke helped us buy some new flags and we have made a roster for putting them up and taking them down every day when we use the roster properly. Jamie has also been trying to teach us how to juggle so we can get some brain exercise and practice flexible thinking.

We have a new teacher for two days in our room Jackie from Nelson Bay in Geelong. She is doing some fantastic art work with the class. Thank you to Geoff who is taking us for PE in Term 3."



S2 STUDENTS HELP ANSWER WHY THEY CHOOSE TO WEAR A MASK

"I think you should wear a mask at school because its important for every-one to feel safe. If your temperature is above 37.5 degrees the school Nurse will isolate you from the class and call your parents for collection. If you test positive you will need to isolate for 14 days at home and the school will close for cleaning. If we have no school we will not be able to get a job in the fu-ture. Please wear a mask where ever you go so we can all feel safe and return to a normal routine. Please keep your family safe"

By Julia Azzopardi



"If you have a mask you should wear it at school for your safety so you don't get COVID 19. Protect your family so they don't get COVID 19. wear a mask and get tested for COVID 19." By Jordan North

"I think you should wear your face mask when you are out of your house so you and your family are protect-ed. If someone coughs the other person might not get sick if you have your face mask on. When we are out in the community we wear a face mask so we all are safe. Wear a face mask to protect your family and yourself because you don't want to get Covid-19."

By Kyle Clinkaberry



"I think that you should wear face masks at school because it will protect people. Stop spreading the virus, keep your family safe, keep your friends safe. Wear a mask, use hand sanitiser, keep 1.5m distance and get tested. Don't get sick cough into your elbow." by an S2 student

MSS ALLIED HEALTH HERE'S THE SCOOP!



FOR AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (AAC) USERS, ACCESS TO THEIR AAC SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL. IF THEY WISH TO COMMUNICATE WHAT THEY WANT, WHEN THEY WANT, THEY MUST BE ABLE TO REACH THAT AAC SYSTEM. HAVING ACCESS TO THEIR AAC SYSTEM IS CRUCIAL. EVERYONE SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING AAC AVAILABLE.

ASSISTIVWARE



★ AAC BOOT CAMP ★ IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO GET AAC USERS COMMUNICATING

- 1 ALWAYS assume the user has the ability to use AAC.
- 2 Allow the user the time to EXPLORE and learn their system.
- 3 MODEL MODEL MODEL! Model expected communication behaviours BEFORE expecting to see those behaviours from the user.
- 4 Focus on KEY WORDS when modelling.
- 5 Wait 10-20 seconds BEFORE re-prompting. Count in your head!
- 6 Make AAC available at ALL times.