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DATES TO REMEMBER

NATIONAL SORRY DAY	WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY
PHOTO DAY (MAKE UP DAY)	THURSDAY 27TH MAY
QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	MONDAY 14TH JUNE
LAST DAY OF TERM 2 FOR STUDENTS	THURSDAY 24TH JUNE
SSG MEETINGS	FRIDAY 25TH JUNE

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Edition 5 — Friday 21st May 2021

A Message from the Principal

We are halfway through the term now and we have certainly hit the busy part of the year! Classroom teams are busily working on ILP goals and units of work from our Whole School Curriculum Map. Between Careers Week, Education Week and Reconciliation Week, our students are engaged in some amazing work to develop their understanding of their community and global citizenship. We look forward to sharing photos and work samples of the experience's students have had in the newsletter and SEESAW.

Parent Focus Groups for our School Review

Just a reminder that our focus groups for parent feedback will be held on Friday this week 21st May at 9:30am and Monday May 24th March at 9:30am. You are welcome to join us onsite or via online. Please make contact with Craig via email or on the phone 03 9743 4966 craig.thompson@education.vic.gov.au Please RSVP by Friday 21st May in the afternoon by 4:30pm to let us know you can come and whether you would like to be on site or online.

Rebuild Update

We have been meeting with our Design Team weekly and on Tuesday 18th May the architects met with students, staff and our school council. It was so great to see our school community get excited about the next stage of our buildings works and the ideas presented. Representatives from our school community were shown the DRAFT Masterplan documents and were able to ask questions and provide feedback to the Design Team. We look forward to taking all the feedback back to the design team and seeing if it can be included in the new designs.

Staffing Update

This term we have continued to grow in student numbers with enrolments increasing – this has also meant we have had to recruit new staff and make changes to our classroom staffing. It has also been incredibly challenging for us to recruit and employ Casual Relief Staff. We are now seeing the long-term impacts of COVID in our school. Students, staff and their families seem to be catching multiple sicknesses and needing to be away from school. Given the circumstances, sometimes we are unable to fill casual vacancies and have had to split classes. We apologise for the impact to our students and want to reassure you that we are working behind the scenes to try and avoid multiple changes to classes.

Polite Reminders

- Parent drop off/pick up in the bus loop does not occur until 8:55am or 2:55pm please do not arrive and line up outside in the slip lane before this time.
- Bluetooth Speakers are not permitted at school. If they do come to school, they will be locked up for the day and a phone call will be made home.
- If your young person refuses to hand in their phone/device or speaker a phone call home will be made for families/carers to come and collect the personal device.
- If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are well and able to be part of the school program.

Best wishes everyone,
Brooke

MSS SCHOOL PHOTO MAKE UP DAY!

For those students who were absent on photo day last week the photographer will be returning to MSS on Thursday 27th May to make up for those who missed out.

Payments can be made either online or via correct cash in the provided envelope on the day.



Please make every effort to send your child to school in school uniform. Any further questions please contact the school office.

CATCHING UP WITH S3 and S6

Bowling

This month S3 and S6 enjoyed three visits to the bowling alley. They have been practising their bowling skills at Explosions in Melton. They have learnt many skills during their time on the three week excursion. They have learnt to play in a team and to co-operate with their friends. Here are some photographs of us in action at the bowling alley.

ICT

During ICT our class have been learning how to play Minecraft Education. They have been learning the different skills needed to create a game.

Gotcha shop

The children really enjoyed our first visit to the Gotcha shop. There were plenty of amazing items that we were able to choose for following the PBS in school.

Library

Every week we visit our school library. We all choose a book to take back to class for the week. There are a huge variety of books that we can choose from based upon our interests.



OUR FIRST Year OF

HELLO FROM



P3

HELLO FROM PREP 3

This term we have been busy learning our new school environment whilst also having fun during activities. We have been learning that our school has so many different and fun shared spaces such as the PMP room, the playground, the library and the Orchard just to name a few! We have also enjoyed having Brede join us for Music therapy, participated in Structured Play and have had the Victorian Police visit us for Inquiry where we learnt about 'People in Our Community'. Last week we enjoyed getting dressed up in our most comfortable pyjamas for 'Wacky Wednesday'.

Marina and Prep 3



NEWS FROM P6

Students in P6 have had a fantastic start to term 2. We have been staying focused during a range of activities. We had a fun filled Pyjama Day themed Wacky Wednesday where we made popcorn for our friends in Prep. We have been working on transitioning through the school and have enjoyed spending time in the PMP room, library and food tech room. We have also welcomed a new student, Elyas to P6. We all hope Elyas is enjoying our company as much as we are! Welcome Elyas!



WHATS BEEN HAPPNING IN S8

This term we have started well. Students have participated in a number of excursions for Travel Training. We have been to the Shrine of Remembrance, Williamstown and Woodgrove Shopping Centre. Soon we will be going to the Radio Station for work experience. Students are learning to travel safely and to read the train and bus time table.

For Horticulture we have planted our winter plants and we are happy with the progress so far. Students take turns to water the garden. In class we have been focussing on independence, and following the schedule. This is going well as students are getting used to the systems. One of our highlights is STEM Robotics. Students have been able to build robots and program them. On a nice day we go outside and have class competitions. Well done S8.





A DAY IN THE LIFE...



ROLE: **HR / ADMINISTRATION**

8.00AM	Start work
8.00AM — 9:00AM	Check emails, hand out myki cards to staff going on excursions, assist staff with various enquiries, answer phones and direct parent enquiries. Announce bus Arrivals.
9:00AM — 12:00PM	Read & print emails requiring action, answer phones and staff enquiries. Follow up with staff who require assistance with entering personal leave.
12.00PM — 12:30PM	Lunchbreak.
12:30PM — 2.30PM	Liaise with external providers, salary data entry & documentation. Document filing, attend meetings with co workers. Submit personal details for new staff.
2.30PM — 4:00PM	Greet parents / carers who are collecting students early or boarding the school bus. Make afternoon bus announcements. Answer phone calls.
4.00PM	Finish work.



Kathy

Great news! Teeth On Wheels are coming to your school



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Teeth On Wheels are a highly qualified dental team who will be coming out to our facility. They press their focus on diminishing dental anxiety by practicing pain free dental treatment. Their mobile clinics are designed to be child friendly, making a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

The onsite dental clinic is able to provide all treatments listed below:

- ✓ Examination
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Preventative Fissure Sealants
- ✓ Scale and Clean
- ✓ Fluoride treatment
- ✓ Minor Fillings

We highly recommend signing up with this special program to ensure your child's Oral Health needs are met.

teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform

Please use the link above to complete our Consent eForm.



TeethOnWheels™
a positive dental experience



TEETH ON WHEELS ARE EXCITED ABOUT COMING BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL IN TERM 3 - Week 6 onwards (23rd August)

If you completed a form this year, we will see your child. If you are unsure if you have handed a form in, please call the school office on 03 9743 4966. If you are wanting your child to be seen please head to the link in the banner above and complete the virtual form.

For any questions or queries, please feel free to contact Teeth On Wheels directly on 03 9338 1191

Teeth On Wheels are coming to us!



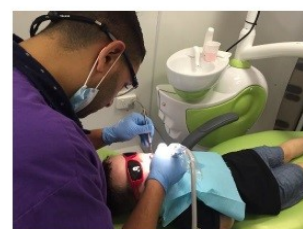
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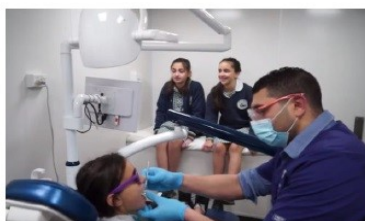
The Dentist will be coming to our School



We are lucky that the dentist comes to us in a big truck.



The Dentist is here to check and clean everyone's teeth



They play lots of movies for us to watch



And help us keep our teeth very strong and clean.



Smiley is excited to see you all at the Dentist

A WORD FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE - Council Immunisation Day

Year 7 (12-13 year olds)
Year 10 (15-16 year olds)

The council led immunisation program that targets year 7 (12-13 year olds) and year 10 (15-16 year olds) will be visiting on the 26th of May. The consent cards have been sent home today, Friday 21st May. If you have any questions please contact the office.



UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES

Just a friendly reminder the uniform shop is open on the days and times below:

- TUESDAY MORNINGS 10.30AM—12.00PM
- THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 12.30PM—2.00PM

If you require a uniform order form please visit the school office.
Accepted payment is CORRECT CASH or BANK TRANSFER.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE ALERTS

Infectious disease outbreaks such as gastroenteritis and influenza can severely impact student attendance, learning and the welfare of the school community. Establishing good hand hygiene practices at a young age is key to preventing the spread of infectious disease.

With cold and flu season here and the recent gastro outbreak, hand hygiene is extremely important. We will support healthy hygiene practices within the school through hand washing lessons and reminders.

Be a Soapy Hero

How to...
wash your hands



- Wash your hands:
- whenever your hands look dirty
 - after going to the toilet
 - after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
 - before and after eating
 - after touching pets or other animals
 - after you play

Find out more about hand hygiene at: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/soapy-hero

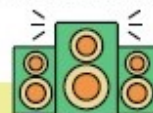
MSS ALLIED HEALTH HERE'S THE SCOOP!

SHOUT OUT!

*See what's been happening in
Music Therapy...*



Rhys has been working with our music therapist Brede on a range of creative projects this year. Like many students, Rhys uses music as a creative outlet to support his overall wellbeing. As well as playing music, Rhys has also been using his positive attitude and problem-solving skills to maintain and repair school instruments. Last term, our biggest challenge was a broken electric guitar that was just too cool to give up on. Rhys took the lead in identifying problems, brainstorming solutions, and getting the right people involved when we needed it. Thanks to Rhys, the guitar is working again and MSS is a more awesome place for our musicians and future rock stars!



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Key Word Signs of the Fortnight

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Key Word Sign is a great way of communicating that uses hand signs to represent the main or key words in a sentence at the same time as the words are spoken. It encourages and supports language development.

Here are some hand signs you can try at home. Have fun!

 <p>Good</p> <p>Extend dominant thumb, close rest of fingers into fist, thumb pointing up, move forward with stress. (Natural gesture).</p>	 <p>Morning</p> <p>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)</p>	 <p>Afternoon</p> <p>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.</p>
 <p>How are you</p> <p>Place palm of open dominant hand on chest. Brush fingertips off chest and close hand with thumb extended. *May use two hands.</p>	 <p>Please</p> <p>Move open dominant hand straight forward from chin, while closing into a fist. May use "thanks"</p>	 <p>Thanks</p> <p>Move fingertips of open dominant hand, palm towards body, forward from chin, once. * May use two hands.</p>

If you have any questions for any member of the Allied Health Team, contact MSS on 9743 4966.