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Bacchus Marsh

Coaches



DATES TO REMEMBER

THURSDAY SEP 15th	FOOTY DAY
THURSDAY SEP 15th	LAST DAY OF TERM
FRIDAY SEP 16th	SSG DAY NO CLASSES
MONDAY OCT 3rd	FIRST DAY TERM 4

Newsletter Edition 13 2022 - Monday 12th September

The final week of Term 3, we made it!

I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing term break and enjoy some quality time with your families.

I will look forward to catching up with our students when we return on 03 October to hear all about the exciting things they get up to.

Take care of each other.

SSG

SSG day will run on Friday 16 September 2022.

We will also run sessions from Monday to Friday in the last week of term after school. While we encourage you to meet with your child's teacher face to face, we will still provide the option to set up a WebEx or telephone meeting for those of you that cannot attend in person. Please let your teacher know.

Celebration of Work

On 16 September 2022, we will be showcasing the students' work in the gym, we invite all families/carers to come along at the allocated time. However, you are welcome to come along anytime between 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. for a walk through.

Free coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided in the staffroom throughout the morning for our families/carers.

Sub-School 1	- 9.30 - 10.00 a.m.
Sub-School 2	- 10:00 - 10.30 a.m.
Sub-School 3	- 10.30 - 11.00 a.m.
Sub-School 4	- 11:00 - 11.30 a.m.
Sub-School 5	- 11.30 - 12.00 p.m.

Newsletter - New Platform

Beginning Term 4 we will be changing the way we share our school news with you.

Currently we outsource our articles for publication, which often results in late news being excluded. We hope to utilise the new platform Naavi which will allow us to make as many edits as we need to, as exciting things happen here at Melton SS.

You will shortly receive a survey requesting your feedback regarding what you would like to see in the 'new look' newsletter. There are no right or wrong suggestions, we just want to provide you all with the opportunity to view the information you will find most useful.



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Parking

I do appreciate that I repeat this message quite often, however, I would urge you all to be mindful that there continues to be an increased police and council presence during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

I understand that this is a very busy time but please do not double park in the slip lane. If the gates are closed, please do a loop and come back through.

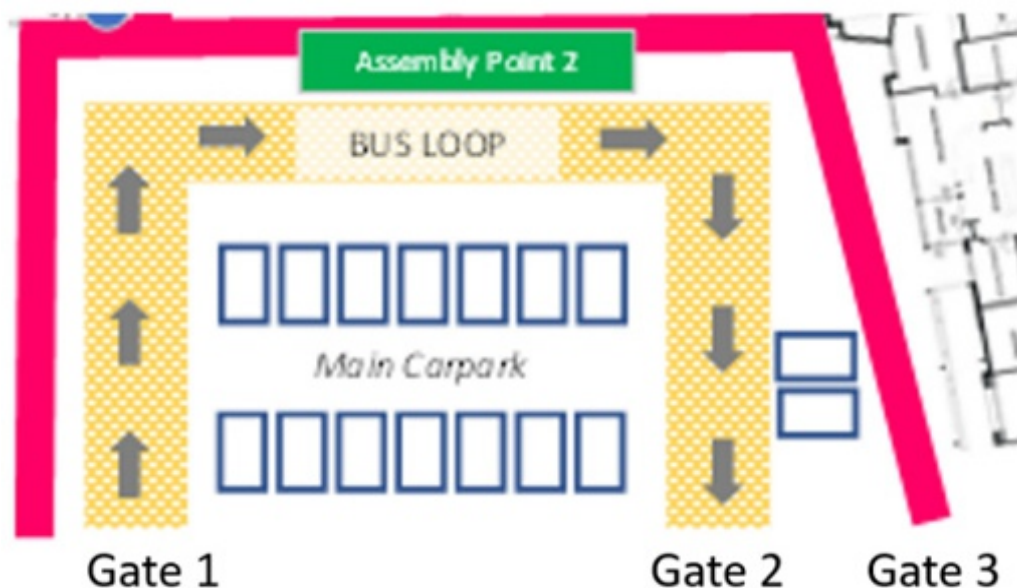
DROP-OFF TIMES ARE FROM 8.55 A.M. AND PICK-UP IS FROM 2.55 P.M.

CORRECT PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Please remember to follow the correct procedures when picking up and dropping off your child:

- ALL VEHICLES MUST ENTER THROUGH GATE 1 AND EXIT VIA GATE 2
- PARENTS DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP STUDENTS ON FOOT MUST ONLY USE GATE 3.

You will notice staff dressed in Hi-Viz jackets holding lollipop sticks, please pay attention to these traffic coordinators and respond accordingly.



Red means STOP

Green means MOVE SLOWLY

Staff Absences

I realise that you are all aware that we continue to face an unprecedented number of staff absences due to the Covid-19 isolation requirements and general illness. But I would like to take another opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding.

Our MSS team are exceptional, there are no other words! Most staff members are wearing many different hats to ensure that your children remain, where possible, unaware of the trying times we are currently experiencing due to the staff shortages.

I am in total admiration of the team that I am privileged to lead, they consistently show up, work incredibly hard, and somehow, do it all with a smile. I hope you will join me in thanking them and wishing them all a very restful holiday next week.

We continue to advertise for additional staff and I am confident that we will start to turn a corner in 2023.

Bunji

Bunji continues to enjoy his 'roll' at MSS and the students continue to enjoy his presence.

This weekend we were lucky enough to meet with Grant from Dogs Connect, who has been instrumental in helping MSS to secure a Wellbeing Dog and has been providing the correct training and support we have needed to ensure Bunji's introduction was successful.



Best wishes,

Brooke

Keeping up with S9

S9 has been enjoying lots of learning activities and community outings this term. Students have extended their independent living skills by travel training to places such as the ACMI Museum in Federation Square, Watergardens Shopping Centre and Bacchus Marsh.



S9 have also worked with our MSS wellbeing dog Bunji and explored our musical talents using various instruments.



A much loved program was the Circus Nexus Program in which we shared in novel and creative ways to express ourselves with sound, body movement and acrobatics. The visit to Circus Nexus home base was enjoyed by all!



We had the opportunity to create and record our own song for RUOK day with the cooperation from local musician A.D.

News from P17

We have been very busy learning about Living Things as well as working hard to achieve our communication, social and personal goals through various experiences inside and outside of our classroom. We have been learning to conduct ourselves safely, respectfully and responsibly on our excursions to the movies, Animal Land and Ballarat Wildlife Park. On Book Week, we won the Best Rocket and Astronaut Helmet Design Award! We are very proud of our achievements!



Prep Visit to Rockbank Primary School

On Friday 2nd September a group of our awesome Preps visited Rockbank Primary School.

The visit included playtime on the playground, craft activities in the art room and music making with instruments.

Most importantly they got to meet and make friends with Preps from Rockbank Primary.

They are looking forward to visiting again in Term 4!



MELTON SPECIALIST SCHOOL ALLIED HEALTH HERE'S THE SCOOP!

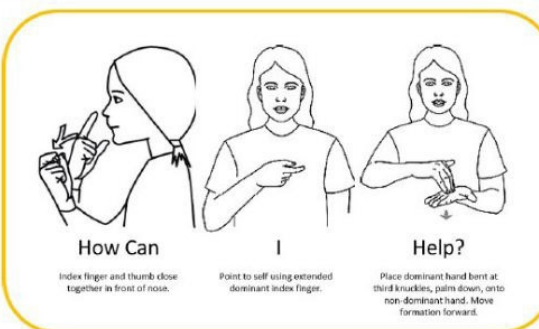
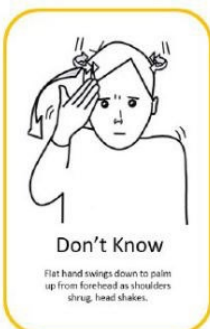
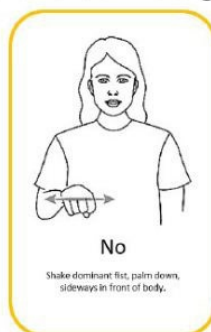


Key Word Signs of the Fortnight

Key
Word
Sign
Australia 

Key Word Sign uses hand signs and gestures to represent the main words spoken in a sentence. It encourages and supports language development and communication.

September 8th 2022 is RUOK? Day and it is the national day of action to remind Australians that every day is the day to ask 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation. **Here are some signs to use when asking RUOK?**



Do you need more support or information?

Lifeline call 13 11 14 at any time or text 0477 131 114 after 6pm **Kids Helpline** call 1800 551 800 or visit www.kidshelpline.com.au **Beyond Blue** call 1300 224 636 or visit www.beyondblue.org.au **Carer Support** call 1800 242 636 or 1300 554 660

Head to Health visit

<https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>

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

THE FOZZ



1. ASK

- Pick the right moment
- Ask RU OK? in a way that feels right for you
- Point out things you've noticed, but don't criticise



2. LISTEN

- Have an open mind and listen without judgement
- Don't rush or interrupt
- Encourage them to explain

RUOK DAY
8TH OF
SEPTEMBER



3. ENCOURAGE ACTION

- Ask what they've done in the past that has helped
- Encourage them to access support or do something that might lighten the load



4. CHECK IN

- Stay in touch after the initial conversation
- Ask how they're feeling and keep encouraging them to take action



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SAFE MASCOT WINNERS!

WE HELD A COLOURING COMPETITION AND TWO ENTRIES WERE CHOSEN TO BE THE MASCOT FOR OUR SAFE SQUAD. THERE WERE SO MANY AMAZING ENTRIES, WELL DONE EVERYONE!



SAFE SPACES
AROUND THE SCHOOL WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED SAFE SPACES FOR STUDENTS THAT NEED A BREAK OR MAY NEED A CHAT. THE SEATS WILL BE PAINTED AND FEATURE OUR SAFE SQUAD MASCOT.





**FOOTY
COLOURS
DAY!**

**In true September fashion
MSS invites all staff and
students to come dressed in
their favourite footy colours!**

**WE ARE WEARING OUR
FOOTY COLOURS**

Thursday the 15th of September

**As a special treat, AFL Victoria will be coming out to
run some fun activities for the students on this day!**



What Ability



**JOIN US AT OUR
MELBOURNE OPEN DAY
THIS OCTOBER!**

What Ability is officially launching in Melbourne at URBNSURF on the 1st of October 2022! If you're looking for disability support or want to be a support worker, come down and meet the team!

*** RSVP essential ***



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