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2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Friday October 16th
Grade 2 sleepover
- ⇒ Thursday 22nd October
Footy colours day
- ⇒ Friday 23rd October
Public holiday no school
- ⇒ Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th
Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 camp to
Beechworth
- ⇒ Monday 16th November
School photos
- ⇒ Monday 23rd November
Prep, 1 & 2 excursion

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FOOTY DRESS-UP DAY.

Next Thursday we will be having a footy colours dress-up day. Come to school in the colours of your favourite team or any team you like. Maybe come as an umpire!!!

There will be sausages, icy-poles and drinks for sale at lunchtime.

A note has been sent home for you to fill in and return.



**GUESS
THE
LOLLIES
IN THE
JAR**

The SRC are running a "Guess the lollies in Jar" competition.

Every Tuesday and Thursday for two weeks at Recess.

Only one guess per number so first in best dressed!

E.g Only one person can guess number 72

Mr Gillie is the only one that knows the amount (No bribery allowed).

3 guesses for \$1

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

The students have all settled really well into their classrooms this week. Last week they were all a little 'scatty' with their return from such a long absence without seeing their friends, but now they've had enough time to re-establish their social connections and get used to the classroom routine.

LEARNING FOCUS

All teachers are firmly focused on literacy and numeracy as a priority this term, to try and make up for time lost due to the remote learning period. We believe most of our students will make increased progress this term to catch up, and we have additional supports in place to help those students who might struggle.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our school is conducting the Parent Opinion Survey over the coming weeks to find out what you think of our school. This is an annual survey conducted across all schools in Victoria and is organised by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of *school climate*, *student behaviour*, *student engagement* and *experience of remote and flexible learning*. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday, 12th October** to **Friday, 13th November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes**, and can be accessed at any convenient time, between the dates above, on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. You will receive the link to the survey and your password via your email address.

The results from this survey are particularly valuable this year, because we are undertaking a Review of our performance, and we will be able to take your opinions into account. ***Please take the time to complete this survey, as we really do value your opinion.***

SUN SMART

Just a reminder that every student must be wearing a hat during Term 1 and Term 4 each year. It must be a school-approved hat - either the wide-brimmed hat or the bucket hat. From next Monday, any student without a hat, during recess/lunch and PE, will be required to sit under shelter.

ENROLMENTS

All our future 2021 Preps were invited to visit the school today, between 11:30-12:00, as part of our transition program, and it was exciting to see them all. We are currently taking enrolments for Preps in 2021. If you have a 'preppie' commencing next year, we would encourage you to complete the enrolment as soon as possible, to enable us to plan grade structures for next year. If you know of any other parents in the area, with future Preps, please pass on this information.

SKATEBOARDING/SCOOTER DAYS

We are going to introduce a new initiative starting next week, for students who like to skateboard or ride their scooters. We are setting aside a lunchtime for the juniors (P-3) on a Monday and the seniors (4-6) on a Wednesday, when they can bring their skateboard/scooter, to roll around on our back basketball court for a fun 30 minutes. Each session will be supervised by a teacher, but every student participating must be wearing a helmet.

Regards,

Geoff Weppner.