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2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Thursday 10th December
Grade 5/6 Windsurfing
- ⇒ Monday 14th December
Grade 6 Graduation
- ⇒ Tuesday 15th December
After school Skillzone grade 2/3
- ⇒ Thursday 17th December
Xmas awards 6.30pm
- ⇒ Friday 18th December
Last day school finishes at 1pm

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Just a reminder!!!!

Dear families,
We are starting the shutdown phase of our schools Library which means we are in hot pursuit for all of our missing books!

I would be ever so grateful if you could take the time to help your child look for books borrowed out in their name. If you can't find them, fingers crossed they are on the shelves when we do stocktake. If not we will issue invoice notices to replace them.

Kind regards
Mrs Cleary



Meet our 2021 Preps



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun night it was on Friday to see the movie of 'Grannies On The Loose', on the big screen down at the Strathy footy oval. It was well-supported by our families and it was a very clever and innovative way to showcase our production, when restrictions wouldn't have allowed us to hold a 'live' performance down at the Town Hall. Once again, congratulations to Rachel and her team for pulling it off.

GRADUATION AND PRESENTATION EVENINGS

Don't forget our **Graduation Evening** on **Monday, 14th December**, for the parents of our Year 6 students in our school hall, commencing at 7:00pm. (the students will have a meal with staff beforehand at 5:45pm).

Then on **Thursday, 17th December**, families are invited to come along to our **Presentation Evening**. Families will be encouraged to have a picnic tea in socially distanced groups from around 6:00pm. The actual presentations will be held outdoors and will commence at around 6:30pm. Here's a final opportunity to come together, at the school, as a community, after so many months of exclusion, to celebrate the students' achievements. We hope to see you all there.

ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday we had 16 excited pre-schoolers come to school to experience life as a Prep student for a few hours. At the same time, everyone else 'stepped-up' to their new class for an hour, and of course, most of our Year 6 students spent the day at their future secondary school.

EXCURSIONS

On Monday our Year 6 students had a fun day down at Funfields Theme Park in Whittlesea, as a graduation reward. It was a pretty chilly day, but they all had a great time. Today, the Year 5 and Year 6 students went to Yarrowonga, for Windsurfing classes.

STAFFING FOR 2021

I can now announce the teachers and classes for 2021. Mrs Sefton - Preps, Mrs Doyle - 1/2, Mrs Alam - 2/3, Mrs Paton - 5/6. We have advertised for a classroom teacher for the 4/5 class, but haven't made an appointment at this stage. Mr Mills took the 4/5's yesterday.

Mrs Joanne Paton will take on the role of Learning Specialist as well as Year 5/6 teacher. She comes to us from St Georges Road in Shepparton. As previously announced, Mrs Estelle Anderson will be our Art teacher for next year.

PARENT SURVEY

Last week I sent home a survey, asking parents to provide their vision of the school for the future; what you would like to see and what opportunities we could provide for the students. This information then enables me to submit a plan to the Victorian Schools Building Authority, that includes your ideas, so the designing of the modernising and updating of our school can start next year. If you haven't filled in and returned that survey as yet, I would really appreciate you doing so as soon as possible.

DENTAL VAN

We had the dental van on site on both Monday and Tuesday and the dentists did a check-up of all those students for whom they had a consent form. You should have received a dental report for your child if they were checked. Unfortunately, many of our Year 6's missed out, as they were away on both Monday and Tuesday.

Regards,

Geoff Weppner.

TOURISM IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

NCN Health is excited to welcome back visitors from around Victoria and interstate this summer with a strong focus on keeping the community safe.

Part of our COVID Safe plan for tourism includes health promotion and education for visitors to our region and providing free COVID-19 swab testing to anyone with symptoms.

What can the community do?

We all have a role to play in protecting our communities from COVID-19, while still enjoying a festive Christmas season.

Lead by example - always follow the public health advice staying 1.5m away from others, regularly washing and sanitizing your hands and if you feel unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 isolate in your home or accommodation and arrange to get tested.

Encourage your visitors to be proactive - If you notice a family or friend has any of the following symptoms; fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of the sense of taste, loss of the sense of smell, or fatigue or tiredness for no identified reason, suggest they take it seriously and arrange to get a COVID-19 swab test at NCN Health or contact their GP.

To organise a COVID-19 test contact us:

- NCN Health Nathalia 5866 9444
- NCN Health Cobram 5871 0777
- NCN Health Numurkah 5862 0555

Ensure family and friends isolate until the results are returned. The time it takes to get your COVID-19 results back can vary depending on the demand for testing, however they usually take between 1-3 days.

For more information please call the Coronavirus Hotline 1800 675 398 or go to Department of Human Services website: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>



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