



**SUPPORT EACH OTHER**



**TRY YOUR BEST**



**ACT SAFELY**



**RESPECT**

**Newsletter No.25**  
**August 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**2021 Dates to Remember**

- ⇒ **Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
School Council meeting via Zoom@7:00 pm
- ⇒ **Friday September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Grade 2 sleep over
- ⇒ **Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Footy color day last day off term.  
Finish at 2.30pm

**3/4 CAMP**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE GRADE 3/4 CAMP.**

**NEW DATES ARE 22<sup>ND</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER.**

**Breakfast Club every Friday Morning at 8.30am.**  
**Great Job ladies and helpers DONATIONS: Hot chocolate, Juice, Margarine & Strawberry Jam**  
**BREAKFAST CLUB on again this Friday.**

**Don't forget hot dog orders are due by Monday**



**WELFARE**

With all the uncertainty around the current lockdown and whether it will be extended or not, it's really difficult to stay positive. However, for the sake of the children, we need to put on a 'brave face'. We all know (and believe) that we will get through this eventually and life will return to something like 'normal'.

As far as the remote/flexible learning at home goes, my advice is not to stress too much. There will be days when the kids just don't want to work, or the technology isn't working, or they can't connect to the Zoom meeting, and so it just seems all too much. On those days, take a deep breath and let the kids do something else – play some games, listen to some music, bake a cake, colour a picture.

The staff and I recognise what difficulties you face managing your kids' learning, as well as balancing that with all of the other things you need to do every day. We congratulate you on your resilience and persistence, but please don't let the home learning get to you, just do what you can do.

If you have any concerns, or just want to discuss how things are going for you, please don't hesitate to call me at school (58745295)

Geoff Weppner.

## From the Principal's Desk

Hi Everyone,

The current COVID situation in Shepparton, has certainly brought into focus the need for us to follow the State's COVID protocols closely, as the whole situation is now 'very real' for all of us, being almost on our doorstep.

**All parents/carers - remember to wear a mask and to check-in using the QR codes at the entrance, We would also ask that all parents/carers check in at the office.**

### REMOTE AND FLEXIBLE LEARNING.

Just a reminder that the completed work from this week's workpack should be dropped off at school this Thursday afternoon, for teachers to correct. On Friday, Tam Perry, our School Chaplain, has organised some well-being activities that the family can participate in, and Adam Gatum (Skillzone) has some PE activities the children can access, to get a bit of exercise (just look for their faces on our remote learning site).

For next week, commencing Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, student workpacks can again be picked up from the front office, from the very helpful and efficient Leanne. For those students who are bus travellers, we will drop off your workpacks at your front gate, between 8:30-9:00, utilising the school bus.

If everything goes to plan, the current lockdown will end at 11:59pm next Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, and all students will be able to **return to school on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September**, with the school buses back in operation. However, should the lockdown in regional Victoria be extended, we again will expect that week's workpacks to be returned for correction on Thursday afternoon, with the new workpacks available for pickup on the following Monday morning. (For our bus travellers, I will collect next Thursday's workpacks from 2:00pm onwards and again deliver the new pack the following Monday). Let's all hope we're back at school next Thursday, but as you can see, we're well-prepared to continue with the remote/flexible learning for as long as required.

### LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

With all the uncertainty regarding schools' return to onsite learning, regrettably the Lightning Premiership, which was to have been held at Katunga next Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, has had to be cancelled.

Geoff Weppner

Principal.