

Thursday 8th October, 2020

Respect Resilience

Diary Dates 2020

October

Sat. 10 th	Mental Health Week
Mon. 19 th	BOOK CLUB DUE BACK BOOK WEEK BEGINS
Fri. 23 rd	Public Holiday – Football
Tues. 27 th	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri. 30 th	World Teacher's Day

November

Mon. 2 nd	Pupil-free day – Report Writing
Tues. 3 rd	Public Holiday – Melb. Cup
Fri. 20 th	Day for Daniel – Walk-a-thon

Welcome Back

It is great to see the enthusiasm on the faces of the children as they return to on-site learning this Term.

I think, as adults, we can underestimate the value of children being with their friends. It can have a huge impact on the self-confidence and mental well-being of a child and we can see how happy they are to physically see and interact with each other again. Fingers crossed that we do not have to return to Remote Learning.

We will continue to observe the same hygiene protocols as have been in place since Remote#1.

Unfortunately, we have to ask families to continue saying their goodbyes at the gate. If children arrive at school after 9.00 and leave before 3.00, parents are asked to ring so staff can unlock the gate.

Children and staff will continue to use hand sanitizer regularly throughout the day and practise good hygiene before eating and after using the toilet.

The high-touch areas are cleaned mid-morning and at the end of each day. Thank you all for your support.

Co-operation Honesty

Public Holiday – October 23rd

The Public holiday allocated to the Football Grand-final, has been moved to Friday October 23rd in response to the extended and interrupted season.

No students will be required at school on this day.

Book Club Orders

Our apologies to those people who ordered Book Club items, but they didn't arrive until half way through the holidays.

Day for Daniel

This year, once again, Heather is organising a Lap-a-thon, where students can walk or run laps of the oval in order to raise funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. This Foundation is very active in promoting safety for children, and is a great cause to support. This year will be slightly different as we are not able to invite parental participation, unless the rules change.

Children are encouraged to start thinking about who they can ask to sponsor them in this Lap-a-thon. This can be an amount per lap or a lump donation.

More information and sponsorship forms will be sent out next week.

The day set aside for this event is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th.



School Photos

Scheduled for **Tuesday 27th October** in the morning. Children are asked to be in full school uniform with hair tied back please.



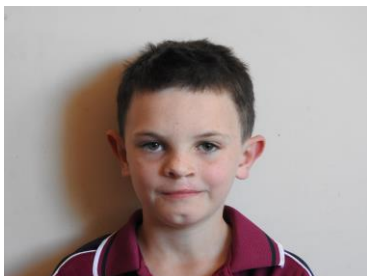
Archy – 11th Turns 8 yrs



Brandon – 15th Turns 12 yrs



Kye – 22nd Turns 10 yrs



Viv – 23rd Turns (Not telling!!)

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will resume as of next week. Once again breakfast will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Strict hygiene protocols will be observed.

Morning Arrivals

Children arriving at School before 8.45 a.m. are required to put their bags away and go straight into the Rec Room, which will be supervised by a Teacher. If it is a Breakfast Club day, they are welcome to have something to eat or drink. Otherwise, they will be asked to read or draw quietly until the yard is supervised at 8.45 a.m.

Spelling

For the first half hour of each day, all students are engaged in spelling activities. The children from grades 2 – 6 are placed into groups according to their needs, which have been determined by a whole school spelling assessment. All students from grade 2 upwards will have spelling words to practice over the week. **Your support in encouraging them to do this, would be greatly appreciated and will benefit the child.** We will do pre-tests on a Monday and post-test on a Friday. We are aiming for all children to show growth in their knowledge of sounds and letters, and be able to apply their knowledge of spelling rules when reading and writing. We know this will then help with their overall literacy skills.



- *Keep Reading aloud to someone daily*
- *Keep reading to yourself at home building on your stamina.*
- *Keep sharing what you read with others.*
- *Keep listening to stories from others.*

Recycling Competition to win \$100 for our School

The Rural Cluster schools are taking part in a competition to see who can collect the most bottle tops and bread tags. These items will be collected by each school and weighed in order to see who has collected the most. The winning school will get a Bunnings Voucher to the value of \$100.

- Bread tags are used to make parts for wheelchairs
 - Bottle tops are used to make prosthetic limbs
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- The bottle tops must be washed
 - Only lids that have been approved for recycling (see posters below)



Please support this easy and fun form of recycling and get family and friends to help out. We already have some families who are great at this! (Thank you Pam)!

Entries close November 20th so start collecting. Boxes will be set up outside the Office for children to put their collections.

Book Club

A Book-club magazine will be distributed today. If you wish to order anything from the magazine, please have your order and money into the Office by Monday 19th October. You may choose to do your own order from home if you wish.

Mental Health Week

Next week is dedicated to promoting Mental Health awareness, and what we can do as individuals, to build our own strategies for building a good mental health.

Our Junior School Council members have put their heads together and come up with the following ideas to help us focus on our Mental Health.

Each day, next week, we will all try an activity to see whether it helps us feel calm and happy.

Monday – Smiling Minds/Listening to music

Tuesday – Drawing/Colouring

Wednesday – Walk and Talk

Thursday – Buddy Reading

Friday – Whole School Game with oranges.

We will also call Tuesday 'HAPPY DAY' and each Junior School Council member will work with a Staff member to come up with some fun activities for this day.

We will be doing a healthy lunch so kids will not need to bring their lunch on this day unless they have special dietary requirements. Thank you JSC and Mr Begbie.

