



We Show Respect

We are Fair

We are Learners

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 24th Apr	-Virtual Assembly 2pm
Mon 27th Apr	-Finance meeting 5.30pm -School Council meeting 6.30pm
Thu 7th May	-Book club orders close
Mon 8th Jun	-Queen's birthday public holiday
Fri 26th Jun	-Last day Term 2
Mon 13th Jul	-First day Term 3
Fri 17th Jul	-Winter Sports Carnival
Mon 3rd Aug-Wed 5th Aug	- Year 3/4 camp
Mon 17th Aug	-Arts Festival week
Wed 19th Aug	-School Athletic Sports
Wed 26th Aug	-School photos
Thu 10th Sep	-District Athletics
Fri 18th Sep	-Last day Term 3
Mon 5th Oct	-First day Term 4
Fri 9th Oct	-Division Athletic sports
Fri 16th Oct	-Regional Athletic sports
Wed 28th Oct-Fri 30th Oct	- Year 5/6 camp
Tue 3rd Nov	-Melbourne Cup Public holiday
Mon 23rd Nov-Thu 26th Nov	- School Swimming Program
Fri 27th Nov	-Kanga Cricket Carnival
Thu 3rd Dec	-Yr. 3/4 The 91-Storey Treehouse exc
Fri 18th Dec	-Last Day Term 4

Principal's News

It has been great to see everyone building something of a routine and adapting to home learning. We are hoping that parents and students are not feeling stressed about what they are doing. While we are all dealing with the same situation – everyone is dealing with it in their own context. So far, we have been very encouraged by students, supported by parents and teachers, going about their learning. We understand that different families have different demands on them and that sometimes, the regular routine cannot be maintained. We just ask that you try to make contact each day either via email, seesaw, webex or phone call.

Principal's News cont..

This includes your child posting a photo of some work done or being part of a webex catch up. This just helps us know that you still have access to the learning and haven't been left without any support.

We don't know how long this type of learning will be in place. That is a decision that is in the hands of the State Government education and health authorities. There is a letter from the Department of Education attached to this newsletter with some general information.

Access to library books

Access to library books is something we are able to assist with. Children (either directly if in the senior grades – or supported by parents for junior grades) can order school library books. This will be organised by Sarah McAlister. You can email Sarah with either specific book requests or with a general request for books of a particular type. For example, you may say 'I like picture story books with dogs in them,' or perhaps 'are there any books by Paul Jennings?' Sarah will organise your borrowings from the library and have them ready at the school foyer for safe pick up.

Sarah can be contacted via email:

mcalister.sarah.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

She will let you know when the books can be picked up.

Assembly

Thanks to those families who joined in the virtual assembly last Friday. It felt a bit strange from my end – but hopefully we still managed to recognise birthdays and awards. I will try to do a similar assembly catch up this week for those who would like to join– though will aim for a little earlier in the day on Friday. I'll send this invite out later in the week.

Michael Edwards
Principal

School News

Year 6 – 7 Transition Packs

An email has been sent to Year 6 families today with information on enrolling your child in a Secondary school for next year. The Application for Year 7 Placement 2021 form needs to be returned to the school office by Friday 29th May 2020.

Equipment Loan Agreement

Families of students in Years 3, 4 & 5 who have taken a school netbook home have today been emailed an Equipment Loan Agreement. The Agreement needs to be signed by the parent and returned to school this week.

Attendance

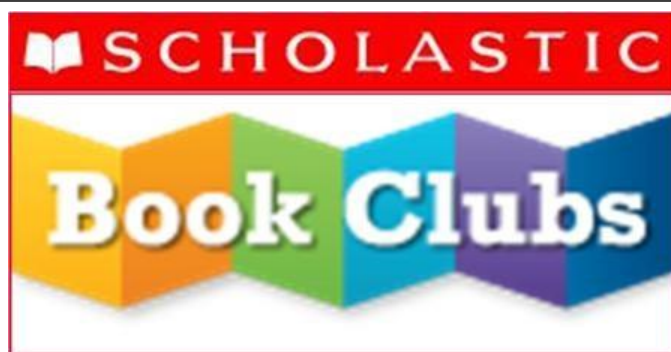
The school still has to mark attendance rolls this term and verify that the students have engaged with learning tasks through participation in the teaching schedules.

The easiest way for this to happen is if parents/students connect with the teacher during school hours every day.

This may be done through the student's engagement with the class's learning platform, through teachers' direct interactions with the student and through student's submission of work, or via email.

If your child is not participating for any reason including illness please email the school as normal so the absence can be recorded.

The On-Site Attendance form for next week is attached to the newsletter. If your child/ren cannot be at home due to no one being there to supervise please complete the form and return to the office by Thursday so we can organise supervision.



This term Scholastic is providing a virtual book club brochure. The link for the catalogue is:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Items can be ordered via the LOOP at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Orders need to be completed on the LOOP by Thursday 7th May.

Orders will need to be collected from the school office – an email will be sent out to families when we receive the books.



19th April – Finn Summons

19th April – Matilda Ridgeway

20th April – Oscar Dickeson

Achievement Awards

Charlotte Wilson for a great effort in writing an Easter recount.

Ivy Mahoney for an enthusiastic approach to all activities.

Jim Wilson for a creative use of similes when writing poetry.

Naisen James Hillier for being a keen and productive learner this week.

Lenni Ridgeway for showing amazing gratitude by learning to use the washing machine.

Chelsea Dawson-Leitch for interacting in her virtual classroom in such a positive and enthusiastic way.

Cooper Quick for his impressive dance skills and enthusiasm for Physical Education videos at home.

Lenny Jones for showing a positive attitude towards home learning. Fantastic work Lenny!

Finn Summons for learning to play the acoustic guitar and making the most out of his time at home.

Aliya McCormack for writing a wonderful "Simile Poem" about a blackbird.

Ella Owers for writing an entertaining anecdote about her holidays.

William Boddenberg for sharing lots of responses to his learning tasks confidently and eagerly.

Evie Burston for great work ordering numbers to 10 and recording her response verbally.

Kane Clausen for working diligently on his home learning.

Henry Cole for embracing home learning tasks and completing them to a high standard.

Spencer Dowsley for showing a high level of interest and engagement with home learning routines.

Freya Vorbach for confidently sharing your 'Five on Friday' via video.