



Snippets

BE SAFE

BE A LEARNER

BE RESPECTFUL

**Diary Dates
2021**



**Nov 01
School Closure**

**Nov 02
Melbourne Cup
day - Public
Holiday**

**Nov 12
Crazy Hair Day
Food Drive**

**Nov 26
Slime Fun Run**

**Dec 10
Grade Six
Graduation**



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Principal's News....

We would like to thank every one of our families that are taking the time and care to BE COVID safe out in the community and here at our school.

It is important that you understand we are keeping a close eye on local cases and are regularly making contact with the Department of Education to follow correct processes. We are aware that many local schools are needing closure days to support contacting their school communities.

Please rest assured that if this is needed for South Street you will receive contact through Sentral and information will be posted on Facebook. Keep an eye on these platforms to stay well informed with what is going on at South Street.

Sick Students

To support our school being COVID safe it is important that you keep child/ren home when they have any cold and flu like symptoms. We also encourage where appropriate that children presenting with COVID like symptoms get tested and stay home until a negative test is received and or all symptoms clear up.

Keeping your child home will save you coming to collect them during the day, which we know can be tricky for many of our parents.

BREAKFAST CLUB...

Due to COVID restrictions and density limits breakfast club will not be running until further notice.

We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please keep your eye out for further updates.

This also applies to Canteen

Melbourne Cup Day

Melbourne Cup public holiday is on Tuesday 2nd November.

There will be no school on Monday 1st November and Tuesday 2nd November.

At South Street Primary School we grow people who:

Are creative, curious and independent learners. Are resilient and problem solve when faced with challenges. Respect and care about themselves, each other and the world in which we live.



We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to elders both past and present.

Important Updates..



Friday the 12th November!

You can spike it. Curl it. Spray colour it. Braid it. Decorate it. Wear a wig.
The more way out the better!! Just have fun!

The local Foodbank donate a lot of food to our school during the year. This time we would like to donate food back to them, to give out to locals in need.

**If you are able, please feel free to donate:*

One item per student of non perishable food within it's use by date.

Some suggestions:

E.G: vegemite jar, jam, peanut butter, tin fruit, beans, spaghetti, sugar, rice, teabags, coffee.

We will deliver the collected food to the Food Bank in time for the Christmas demand. This way we can say thankyou to Food Bank and support those in our community who need a helping hand.

In appreciation,

Val Hemmings, School Chaplain.



SLIME RUN

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Students can pick up sponsorship booklets for the Slime Run Fundraiser on 26th November.

The sponsorship section is on the back page of the booklet and the more funds they raise the bigger the prize they will get!

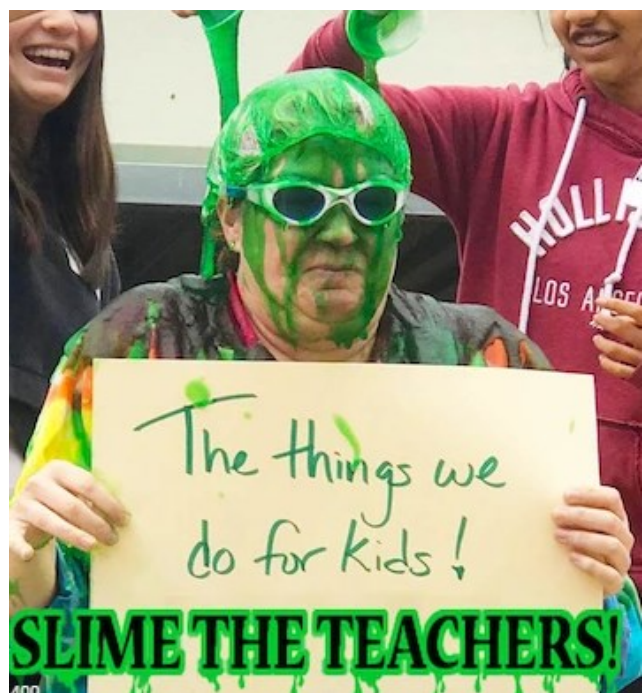
Then they can return the booklet and money on the day of the run.

Foundation to grade 2 will be running for an hour before lunch.

Grade 3 to 6 will be running for the last hour of the day.

Please pack a spare change of clothes for your child.

There will also be a sausage sizzle for students on this day.



ROLLS MARKED 8.45AM SHARP!

The rolls are marked as the bell rings.

If your child cannot make it to class by 8.45am sharp, they will need to sign in as a latecomer at the office, otherwise they will be marked as absent.

If your child needs help using the computer to sign in, please call the office



Update...

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for Australians and New Zealanders to bless children in need around the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other fun gifts. We collect the gift-filled shoeboxes and distribute them to children in over 100 countries



VAL'S UPDATE:

“As soon as lockdown restrictions were eased the Grade 6 Project team for operation Christmas Child were able to walk to Kmart Moe to choose items for the Shoe boxes. It was an exciting excursion filling the trolleys with special things that other children in trauma situations overseas will have so much pleasure receiving for Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who supported this project. Our next task is to have fun packing the boxes for shipment and celebrating with lunch together.

Well done project team!!!!!!”

Val Hemmings, School Chaplain.





School policies are reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

These policies have been through the review process and updated:

Homework

Visitors to the School

Working with Children Check

Health Care Needs

CCTV

Photography, Filming and Recording

Statement of Values and School Philosophy

These policies can be found in the **Parent Portal** and on our **School Website**.

[\(http://www.moe-southst-ps.vic.edu.au/\)](http://www.moe-southst-ps.vic.edu.au/)

Please familiarise yourself with our policies.

Thanks

Kathryn Murphy

Hats for Term 4

A reminder that all students will need to wear their school hats when they are outside at recess and lunch during term 4.

If your child does not have a hat, they are available from the office for \$7.



The students in 3/4A were very excited to come back to school and show the work that they had completed during remote learning.

Important Updates..

Do students at schools need to wear a face mask?

We would like to thank all students and families who have jumped on board with students in grade 3 – 6 wearing masks indoors.

We have also noticed a number of students from Foundation to grade 2 joining in by wearing masks.

We greatly appreciate the efforts you are going to in order to make our school as Covid safe as possible.

This week an Education Department approved email came through Sentral to share information about mask wearing.



If you do need to provide an exception please have your child/ren hand this in to their classroom teacher.

Students in Grade 3 and above

- Face masks will be required for secondary students at all times both indoors and outdoors at school, unless a lawful exception applies.
- Face masks will also be required for all school students in Grade 3 and above indoors including at Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs, unless a lawful exception applies. Face masks can be removed while outdoors at school for primary students.
- Students in Grades 3 to 6 are required to wear face masks from 18 October 2021. All other students who are required to wear a face mask must continue to do so from the first day they return to onsite learning.
- Face masks will be strongly recommended for Prep to Year 2 students.
- For composite classes of Grade 2 and 3 students, Grade 2 students will be strongly encouraged to wear masks like their Grade 3 peers.
- For students with a disability, parents and carers should speak to the child's doctor or regular health professional about the best methods to encourage mask wearing. Students and parents can also contact the [Disability Liaison Officer program](#) for more information.
- Students with a medical condition or disability that make wearing a face covering unsuitable are not required to wear a mask.
- Face masks are required for students in Year 3 to Year 6 unless an exception applies. Exceptions include students with a physical or mental disability where their disability means it would not be suitable. Parent/carers of a student/s who meet the criteria for an exception must provide their approval in writing for their child/ren to not wear a mask to the school.
- Please make sure your child's mask is washed regularly and kept clean.

**Concerned about COVID-19?
Call the hotline 1800 675 398.**

**Please keep triple zero (000)
for emergencies only.**



COVID RESTRICTIONS

We are working with the Department of Education and current advice from the Chief Health Officer to keep up to date with current COVID safe standards.

Parents On-Site

Adults on-site need to be kept to essential workers only. For now this means that parents are asked to not be onsite unless previously organised with a staff member. If you feel you need to enter school grounds, please call the office to discuss your issue first.

Please remember that when picking up children early we ask you to call the office to arrange a handover.

Quarantine

If quarantine is necessary for your family we ask that you inform the school of the beginning and end dates of this and provide any appropriate documentation.

This will make it easier for children to be on-site as soon as possible after.

Unfortunately, during a quarantine period staff are unable to provide you with learning outside of the classroom.

Any current remote learning will be available to you as well as your log in for Wushka and Study Ladder.



Tier 1 & 2 Sites

As many of you are aware the community COVID cases are staying steady.

Please stay up to date with newly updated tier 1 & 2 sites and follow all directs given.

We are trusting that all families are testing and quarantine when required to in order support our school running all day every day.

If you suspect you have COVID, have been to an exposure site, have come in contact with a potential case or unsure if you should isolate or not - please call the COVID Hotline or Public Health Unit to get up to date information about what to do next.

Victorian Coronavirus Hotline: 1800 675 398

Gippsland Region Public Health Unit: (LRH):
03 5173 5451

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Fresh Air

With current advice to support students managing COVID safe practices we are likely to be having classrooms with more air flow than normal.

Please be aware that this is making classrooms colder than normal in the mornings. It is worth considering an extra layer of clothing, this way they can stay warm.

Please make sure you label all uniform clearly.



One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.

