

Snippets

BE SAFE BE A LEARNER BE RESPECTFUL

Diary Dates 2021



Nov 08 Foundation 2022 Transition program begins

Nov 12
Crazy Hair Day
Food Drive

Nov 19
Curriculum Day
(No School)
CANCELLED

Nov 26 Slime Fun Run

> Dec 02-03 Grade 3/4 Camp

Dec 10
Grade Six
Graduation



Moe South Street Primary School

Principal's News....

We have some great news for our 3/4 students!

With the roadmap opening up more we have had the go ahead for our students to attend camp.

This will be to Allambee for one night on the 2nd Dec. Notes have gone home this week to confirm camp attendance & payment.

Final payment is due on the 19th of November.

This is a strict deadline due to the need to arrange food, buses etc.

Once we have final numbers the dietary and medical notes will go home with packing lists and other important information.

We encourage families to use their CSEF (Camp, Sports and Excursion Funding) for this camp. Please enquire at the office to find out your balance.

Grade

3/4

Camp

Update

Breakfast Club... IS BACK!

Now that we are all back at school and restrictions continue to open up we as so happy to have breakfast club up and running again. There are a few changes to how things will run due to COVID safe practices:

- We can only have 10 children inside at a time
- Which means we will have seating outside in our PB4L zone for children as well
- We will keep a sign in sheet to support any tracking that is needed
- All children/staff will need to hand wash before accessing breakfast club
- We will be using disposable cups and plates
- Games will not be available for children to play at this point.

Otherwise we serve the same spread of breakfast items for students between 8am – 8.25am every morning.

CANTEEN - At this stage Canteen is still closed. We will send out an update as soon as we know.

Important Updates..



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!

Mrs Hemmings is co-ordinating a crazy hair day for all students to support our local Foodbank. We are asking that children who come to school with crazy hair also bring a donation (one non-perishable food item per student). Please see Facebook for other information.

Friday the 12th November!















Don't be Late!

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 they need help using the computer at the office to sign in, please call ahead so a staff member can come and help.



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 form the office for \$7.



Prep 2022

WELCOME

South St Primary School





We are very excited to have you join our South St School Community. This year we are going to be having an extended transition into school. During these sessions your child will be familiarised with South St Primary School, our PB4L expectations, meeting the other students coming to South St and meeting the staff. This will also prepare them for a positive start at the beginning of 2022.

The dates are:

Monday 8th November or Friday 12th November 9:15—10:30 Monday 15th November or Friday 19th November 9:15—10:30

There is also a transition for all children with their Foundation teachers for 2022 on:



Tuesday 23rd November - Transition 9:00 - 10:30

Tuesday 30th November- Transition 9:00 – 10:30

Tuesday 7th December – State-wide Transition Day 9:00 – 11:00

We are still accepting enrolments for 2022. Please return your forms ASAP so you don't miss out on important transition dates. If you need new forms please call the office on 03 5127 1512.

We are starting to contact families that have returned their forms about the above transition dates. We encourage families to attend as many dates as possible and have added in four extra optional transition opportunities from November 8th - November 15th.

The second lot of transition dates from November 23rd are a mandatory requirement as it will be when the prep groups meet their teachers and when we have more information about book packs etc.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about 2022. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new families next year!

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.

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.





Managing illness in schools and early childhood

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

 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.

- 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) <u>online self-assessment tool</u>.

Visit: Where to get tested.

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 <u>DHHS school</u> exclusion table.

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.

