



July 13th
Term 3, Week 1

A warm welcome back after the holidays, I hope that you found the time restorative and found some time to have some family fun! I had a quiet time at home on the farm with some members of my extended family coming to visit. My youngest daughter who turned 18 in May got her driver's license and this is one of those mixed emotions moments, I'm happy to not have to taxi her across the country side but also I'm filled with dread at the thought of her driving alone!

The recent spike in corona virus cases in Victoria has meant that Metro Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire have been put in lockdown for 6 weeks. The question being asked is, will this flow into regional Victoria? It would be hard to ignore the amount of visitors into our region since the long weekend and so the spread of the virus seems inevitable. I will keep my fingers crossed that we don't go into lockdown and back into remote and flexible learning.

We have some exciting projects planned for this term. Firstly, our new elective program starts this Friday and students will take part in 2 different electives on Friday. This will run all term. Another exciting event is our concert preparations, this term due to the pandemic we will make a movie which the students from years 5-6 will create and organise. If restrictions lift, we will have a couple of movie premiere nights! During Term 3 & 4 we are putting some extra resources into the Foundation and Year 1 area with some additional targeted intervention. We will be trialling a numeracy intervention for Year 1 students where they will do 4 lots of 20 min intervention sessions a week with Leah. She is being trained in this approach by our Numeracy Leader, Dean Dwyer. Also, Jill Gibson will be doing additional work in the Foundation classrooms assisting the students with their handwriting, reading and writing skills.

Over the holidays a number of parents worked on a landscaping project outside Mr Twycross and Mr Hoeys' classrooms. I would like to sincerely thank Warwick Taylor for donating his time and bobcat services to complete the preparations for this area. I would also like to thank Anthony Dixon and Adrian Hallam for their assistance in the preparation and installation of the AstroTurf area over the school holidays.

Secondly, a big thanks to Tom Newton and his group of parents helpers for organising a working bee to spread out the new soft fall in the spider and pirate ship playground areas over the holidays.

Staffing Changes

This term Emily Williams will be returning to the F-1 classroom. She will teach on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, and Cath van Engelen will continue to teach on Monday and Friday.

Louise DeSilva-Smith will finish in the role of Kitchen Specialist and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the amazing job she has done in our Kitchen Garden program. Her skill and expertise shone through.

Cath Van Engelen will return to her role as Kitchen Specialist on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Parent Reminders

- **Please ensure unwell children stay away from school.**
- Restricted entry to school for non-essential visitors will be enforced.
- Please respect the safe drop off zone where you can say goodbye.
- No Assemblies until further notice.
- Café and Choir resuming next week.
- **Students to return their medicine to school i.e. asthma pumps to the classroom ASAP**

Early Collection of Children

A reminder also that if you are collecting your child prior to 3.30pm it is a requirement to have this authorised, in writing. Currently due to COVID-19 we will accept this via email, or a note brought in to the office by your child.

Alternatively upon coming to school to collect your child you may come in to the office sign the collection authority and we can have your child brought to the office rather than you going in to the classroom.

Additionally, if your child arrives at school after 9am it is considered a late arrival. As such we need to have a late arrival slip signed by the parent with an explanation, so that we can adjust the roll accordingly.

Please come to the office with your child, complete and sign the late arrival slip and the child must then take it to their classroom teacher.

Our Café is back -Every Wednesday & Friday



Please place your orders for the term, for a day or two, or if you require a lunch on a specific day please be sure to place the money in an envelope marked "Café" with your child's name.

The café program is a part of our Kitchen Garden program and as part of our sustainability waste free lunch program. Our meals are freshly prepared in our café each day. We provide wholesome versions of the student's favourites. We love home cooked food that is created from fresh ingredients, is sourced locally, supports local business and celebrates seasonal foods.

Please look at our wonderful menu and let us know if you wish to place an order.

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Week	Wednesday	Friday
1 13/7	Spaghetti bolognese (GF, V)	Nachos with cheese (V, DF)
2 20/7	Toasted cheese sandwiches (V)	Baked potatoes (GF, V, DF)
3 27/7	Fried rice (GF, V)	Egg and bacon muffins
4 3/8	Pesto pasta (GV, V)	Cheeseburgers (V)
5 10/8	Mac and cheese (V)	Pizza (V)
6 17/8	Baked potatoes (GF, V, DF)	Soft Beef and Bean Tacos (V)
7 24/8	Pesto pasta (V, GF)	Toasted Cheese Sandwiches (G, GF)
8 31/8	Chicken and corn soup and a roll (V)	Pizza (V, DF)
9 7/9	Toasted sandwich (GF, V)	Egg and bacon muffins
10 14/9	Pizza (DF, V)	Pie Day (V)

V = Vegetarian GF = Gluten free DF = Dairy free

Diet preferences :

You will notice that the meals have been allocated according to diet preference. Please check the food offered especially if you are putting in a term order, as we cannot accommodate diet needs on all meals.

Café extra's :

If you would like to have an extra serve on any day just add \$2 to your order and tick the box to let us know (for example an extra serve).

HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Foundation - 2 :

Welcome back to term 3. We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for lots of learning this term. We are pleased to announce Mrs Williams and Miss V will be sharing the teaching of F/1V.

We are very lucky to be in this safe corner of our state but we need to remember our school covid safety practises:

1. Social distancing by using the drop off zones.
2. Hand sanitising when entering and leaving the classroom.
3. Please report to the office for early pick-ups and children will come there.
4. Any illness, stay at home. Please remember to bring a drink bottle and fruit snack each day.

We are beginning to use power point slides for our Maths and Literacy learning each day. During these times students use whiteboards to practise and revise skills they have learnt. We look forward to sharing this learning with everyone. Don't forget to use XUNO for communication between home and school.

Grade 3 - 6 :

We welcome all students and families to Term 3.

We feel very fortunate that we can return to school as normal. With this in mind, we remind all guardians and parents to be mindful of social distancing when entering the school grounds and to use 'drop off' zones effectively.

3/4 T and 3/4 M are beginning the term with Gardening.
4/5 H, 5/6 D & 5/6 S begin with Cooking.

Unfortunately due to current circumstances we cannot have any parent helpers attend these sessions.

This Friday, students begin their elective program, teachers are very excited for this, and we believe students will get a lot out of this program.

PORT FAIRY BASKETBALL



Junior Domestic Basketball Competition Registrations are now OPEN!



To register, go to <https://www.playhq.com/org/port-fairy-basketball-association/junior-domestic-winter-2020/30f63ba7>

Competition is run weekly on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in assisting in coaching/refereeing, please contact portfairybasketball@gmail.com

Look forward to seeing you on the court!
