



Silvan Primary School

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Like last year, we have Ms. Girschik back in the Grade P – 4 classroom from Monday to Thursday.

I will be teaching grade P-6 P.E/Sport, Tutoring Program and P-6 Science.

Mrs. Hughes taking the 5-6 classroom Monday through to Thursday, 4-6 Integrated Studies and 4-6 Health/Respectful Relationships.

Mrs. Tirchett is assisting in the P-4 classroom whilst Mrs. Wallace and Ms. Jones will be assisting in the 5/6 classroom and tutoring students in the senior class.

Gerry Katz our resident Art Therapist is back again. Gerry will work with selected students every Tuesdays this year.

Our class numbers for this year are.

Grade P-4 8 students.

Grade 5-6 5 students

These numbers will enable maximum opportunities to make substantial gains with our students with low student/teacher ratios in all areas of the curriculum.

This year our cooking day will be on Fridays for the P-6. Our cooking program starts on Friday 14th February.

Cathy Gerace our Business Manager will work on Tuesdays & Thursdays this year.

If you need help, with uniforms or hats, this year contact our uniform coordinator Mrs. Tirchett on 0425847071 and she will be happy to assist you.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

School canteen will run once this term. The scheduled day for this term is Wednesday 5th March. Keep an eye out for the first canteen menu in the coming weeks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2025

Tues 11 th Feb	Grade P-2 English Online Assessment – Ms Girschik assessing students
Wed 12 th Feb	Grade Information Booklets will be sent home
Friday 14 th Feb	Class Cooking begins P-6
Tues 18 th Feb	Grade P-2 Maths Online Assessment – Ms Girschik assessing students
Mon 24 th Feb	Parent/Teacher Discussions 2.30 pm onwards
Thurs 27 th Feb	Small School's Swimming Carnival at Healesville Swimming Pool
Fri 28 th Feb	Grade 4-6 Kayaking on the Lake
Tues 4 th March	GRIP leadership Excursion to the City: 4-6
Wed 5 th March	Canteen Day School Council – 6.30 pm via Webex
Mon 10 th March	Labour Day Holiday
Wed 19 th March	Whole School – House Sports 11.30 am 1.30 pm
Fri 21 st March	Grade 4-6 Kayaking on the River: 9.00 am – 2.30 pm (Invitation Only)
Fri 28 th March	Grade 4-6 District Athletics at Upper Yarra Secondary College
Fri 4 th April	Last day of term 2.30 pm dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all students, staff, and parents. I hope everyone has had a restful break and are refreshed and eager to be back at school ready to learn.

Student Medical Alerts - ASTHMA PLANS

We are in the process of updating every child's details on our system. Part of this involves updating medical information for children that have an asthma diagnosis. If your child does have asthma, we need their current treatment plan, signed by their doctor. All children who are asthmatic will be sent home an Asthma Care Plan. Please return these as soon as possible so we can update your child's details.

AFTERNOON ASSEMBLIES

Once again, assemblies will occur on Wednesday afternoons at 3.15 pm, in the multi-purpose room. As it is close to pick up time, we encourage all available, to attend to keep up to date with events and celebrate students' achievements.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our first school council meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 5th March at 6.30 pm via Webex.

Any new parents who would like to join school council there are positions available this year. Interested parents should fill in the attached nomination form and return it to school ASAP.

Grade P-1 Literacy/Numeracy Online Assessments

Ms. Girschik will be conducting important Online Assessments for Grade P-2 during weeks 3 & 4 for the month of February. The assessments will include an update with parents to discuss and inform you on your child's performance. This will be part of our parent/teacher discussions meetings on Monday 24th February.

SCHOOL CHARGES 2025

Parent contributions for 2025 are due by Friday 28th March. Fees are \$ 485 per student, with discounts available for families with more than one child.

Please pay your contributions by the due date. To make alternative payment arrangements, see Cathy in the office on Thursday or Friday.

SCHOOL DROP OFF TIME

The school yard is supervised from 8.45 am until 9.00 am every weekday. If dropping your child off prior to 8.45am, please ensure you supervise them yourselves. At 8.45 am our yard duty teacher will take over.

GRADE INFORMATION BOOKLETS

As a lead into the Parent/Teacher Discussions Ms. Girschik and Mrs. Hughes will forward a 'Grade Information Sheet' on Wednesday 12th February, which will outline classroom expectations for students, list important dates throughout the year (events calendar), outline curriculum foci and provide general information for your convenience regarding school operations for the year.

PARENT/TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

Parent/Teacher Discussions are scheduled for Monday 24th February commencing at 2.30 pm.

Their purpose is to provide an early opportunity for teachers and parents to exchange any details, concerns, changes in circumstances and/or any other information to ensure all students are settled at school- learning and focused for the year.

They are not an interview but rather an opportunity to ensure everything is lined up and to ensure students have the necessary opportunities to succeed.

A note will come home with your child over the next week outlining available times for Discussions.

OSH CARE- Before & After School

A reminder that the school operates a Before & After School Care program.

Fees for each session are \$20 for Before School Care per session per child and After School Care will be charged at \$ 25 per session per child.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions about this. Child Care subsidy is available to apply for depending on your financial situation. The service is available to all families from as of now and operates from the classroom opposite the school office.

Kind regards,
Silvan Primary School Council
Please remember that if you are going to use the service you will need to return the OSH Care Enrolment Form before your first session, organise payments with Cathy in the office and drop off or pick up your child in person, where you will need to physically sign them in or out depending on whether it is before or after school care. You are not allowed to drop them off without signing them in.

Also, if you are intending to allow another person to pick up your child from OSH Care, please ensure their details are included in the enrolment form you submit to the school.

Don't forget to fill out the medical details as well.