



Silvan Primary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

2024

Mon 12 th Feb	Grade 5/6 GRIP Leadership Excursion
Wed 7 th & 14 th Feb	Grade P-1 English & Maths Online Assessment – Ms Girschik assessing students on these Wednesdays – Mr Tirchett and Mrs Hughes taking the Grade 1/3s on these days
Friday 15 th Feb	Class Cooking begins P-6
Wed 21 st Feb	Parent/Teacher Discussions 2.30 pm onwards
Tues 27 th Feb	Grade 4-6 Kayaking on the Lake: 9.00 am – 11.30 am
Wed 28 th Feb	Canteen Day School Council – 6.30 pm via Webex
Fri 1 st March	Small School's Swimming Carnival at Healesville Swimming Pool
Wed 6 th March	Leadership Speeches 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Mon 11 th March	Labour Day Holiday
Tues 12 th March	Curriculum Day – BSEM Day 3 (Pupil Free)
Fri 15 th March	Grade 4-6 Kayaking on the River: 9.00 am – 2.30 pm
Wed 20 th March	Whole School – House Sports 11.30 am 1.30 pm
Thurs 21 st March	Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion
Wed 27 th March	Grade 4-6 District Athletics at Upper Yarra Secondary College
Thurs 28 th March	Museum/Titanic Excursion
Fri 29 th March	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.

Like last year, we have Ms. Girschik in the Grade P – 3 classroom from Monday to Friday.

I will be teaching grade P-6 Digital Technology, P-6 P.E/Sport, Tutoring Program and 4-6 Science.

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

Mrs. Tirchett is assisting in the P-3 classroom whilst Mrs. Wallace and Ms. Jones will be assisting in the 4-6 classroom and tutoring students in the senior class.

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

Our class numbers for this year are.

Grade P-3 8 students

Grade 4-6 9 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 15th February.

Cathy Gerace our Business Manager will work on Thursdays & Fridays 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 28th February. Keep an eye out for the first canteen menu in the coming weeks.

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 28th February 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.

School Uniform & Hats

A reminder to parents that during terms one and four children are required to wear school hats when outside. Please make sure that your child has a school hat for these terms. Hats are required to be left in students' desks or tubs and not taken home each night. See Cathy in the office if your child requires a new hat - \$15 each.

Students have been advised that if they take their jumpers off at play, they will need to tie them around their waist and not place them on the ground or seat. This way the children can take responsibility for their belongings, and it helps minimize lost property issues.

Finally, school uniform is expected to be always worn at school.

Grade P-1 Literacy/Numeracy Online Assessments

Ms. Girschik will be conducting important Online Assessments for Grade P-1 on Wednesdays 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 Wednesday 21st February.

SCHOOL CHARGES 2023

Parent contributions for 2024 are due by Friday 22nd 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 SHEETS

As a lead into the Parent/Teacher Discussions Ms. Girschik and Mrs. Hughes will forward a 'Grade Information Sheet' on Friday 5th 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 Wednesday 21st 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. The fee for Before School Care will be charged at \$ 5 per session per child and After School Care will be charged at \$7 per session per child. This fee is payable to the school office.

Once Childcare Subsidy approval is granted, the fees for each session will be increased to \$15 for Before School Care per session per child and After School Care will be charged at \$ 20 per session per child. We will provide families with ample notice of this approval and the increase to fees.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions about this. The service is available to all families from as of now and operates from the classroom opposite the school office.

We want to thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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.

2024 Operations

Monday & Tuesday

Ilesha Conroy-Welby

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Cathy Gerace



The poster features a photograph of soccer players in action on a green field. To the right of the photo is the Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club logo, which is circular with a shield in the center containing a soccer ball, a star, and a flower. The text on the poster includes: 'Ready to play in Season 2024?', 'REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS', a QR code, 'Make new friends, learn a new sport and join a community!', 'Scan the QR Code to join us for Season 2024.', and social media icons for Facebook and Instagram. At the bottom, it says 'Search Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club'.