

Silvan Primary School

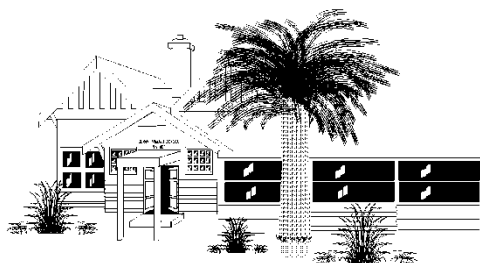
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DATES TO REMEMBER

2019

Wed 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th February, 6 th & 13 th March	Grade P-3 English & Maths Online Assessment – Ms Girschik assessing students on these Wednesdays – Mrs Clempton taking the Grade 1-3s on these days
Thurs 14 th February	Cooking begins
Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd February	Grade 5/6 Kayaking program at Lilydale Lake
Wed 20 th February	School Council 6.00 pm
Fri 1 st March	Canteen Day
Mon 11 th March	Labour Day Holiday
Wed 13 th March	Parent/Teacher Discussions 4.00 pm onwards
Mon 18 th March	Grade 4-6 Halogen Leadership Conference Excursion in the City
Wed 20 th March	Whole School – House Sports
Fri 22 nd March	Canteen Day
Fri 29 th March	3-6 District Athletics at Wesburn Park
Fri 5 th April	Last day of Term 1 – 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.

Once again we have Ms. Girschik in the Grade P-3 classroom and teaching P-6 Art from Monday through to Thursday.

Myself teaching the grade 4-6 classroom Monday to Friday and P-6 P.E and P-6 Science.

Mrs. Hughes taking German, Literacy (Reading) 4-6, Music 4-6, Health 4-6 Numeracy Level 4 & Digital Technologies.

Ms. Jones is assisting in the 4-6 classroom as well as Literacy & Numeracy support for all students.

Mrs. Tirchett is assisting in the P-3 classroom, running the Cooking program and cataloguing our library.

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-3 12 students
Grade 4-6 11 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.

Our cooking day will be on a Thursdays this year starting week 3 – Thursday 14th February 2019.

Cathy Gerace our Business Manager will continue to work on Wednesdays & Fridays.

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

We have some brand new;

- gold polo shirts in sizes 6, 8 and 10 on sale for \$ 5 a shirt
- blue track pants \$ 5 a pair
- second hand uniform (gold coin donation).

See Anita any Thursday afternoon.



SCHOOL CANTEEN

School canteen will run twice this term. The scheduled days for canteen this term are Friday 1st March and Friday 22nd March. 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.

PREPS AND FEBRUARY

During the month of February our grade prep students will not attend school on Wednesdays. This allows our new prep students to build up their stamina needed to

navigate the demands of a full week at school and allows Ms. Girschik the chance to conduct online assessments and provide feedback to parents about their child's achievements.

During the online assessment time Mrs. Clempson will be in the P-3 classroom.

AFTERNOON ASSEMBLIES

This year 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 so you can keep up to date with events and celebrate students' achievements.

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 - \$10 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 also it helps minimize lost property issues.

Finally, school uniform is expected to be worn at all times at school and please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their names.

Grade P-3 Literacy & Numeracy Online Assessments

Ms. Girschik will be conducting important Online Assessments for Grade P-3 on Wednesdays for the month of February and the first two weeks of March.

The assessments will include an interview with parents to discuss and inform you on your child's performance.

If you have not received a relevant notice or made an interview time, please see Ms. Girschik as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CHARGES 2019

Parent contributions for 2019 are due by Friday 22nd March. Fees are \$ 330 per student, which includes \$ 80 Home Ec Levy, booklist items (workbooks, stationery, pencils etc.), 24/7 online access to Mathletics, Essential Assessment, iMaths, Reading Eggs, Pearson Places & Sound Waves online classroom resources, as well as photocopying and other consumables provided to students during the year. Please pay your contributions by the due date. To make alternative payment arrangements, see Cathy in the office on Wednesday or Friday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Calling all school councillors. There will be an extraordinary school council meeting on Wednesday 20th February at 6.00 pm.

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

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM – 2019

Our Sporting Schools program will commence this term focusing on athletics and orienteering.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is on Thursdays again this year.

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.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Over the school holidays we have cleared out and removed excessive branches and weeded our front garden beds, including the area around the school flagpole. We have removed trees around the Home Ec room and Art Studio shed that were

potential fire risks. We've installed another air conditioner in the BER and resurfaced the oval ready for sporting activities.

Any parents who have some time on their hands over the next month, you are most welcome to arrive early before pick up and weed any overgrown garden beds. Please see Mr. T and he'll point you in the right direction.

PARENT/TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

Parent/Teacher Discussions are scheduled for Wednesday 13th March commencing at 4.00 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 in order to ensure students have the necessary opportunities to succeed. Ms. Girschik will provide feedback with the parents of students in grade prep through to grade 2 via the online testing assessment throughout February and March. Parent/Teacher Discussions will take place for parents of grade 3 -6 students on Wednesday 13th March. A note will come home with your child over the next fortnight outlining available times for Discussions.

GRADE INFORMATION SHEETS

As a lead in to the Parent/Teacher Discussions Ms. Girschik and I will forward a 'Grade Information Sheet' 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.

Look out for this document next week.

SANDPIT PLASTIC UTENSILS

Any parents who have unwanted plastic kitchen utensils lying around at home please consider donating them to the school. Chefs Kai & Harriet are in need of the correct tools to produce and refine their sand pies, dirt cakes etc. in the sandpit kitchen.

Hughes News

Digital Technologies

Students in the junior class are learning about the components of a computer and how they work. The senior class were taught how to create a hyperlink to a web page and to another place in a document.

Literacy-Reading 4/5/6

Students in Level 4/5/6 have been given a blue manila folder. This folder contains reading log sheets. The reading log must be completed both at home and school. Folders must be brought to school every day. Students are expected to read daily, including 10 min out loud to a parent.

School Council Elections

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

_____ school council.

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on _____.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.