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DATES TO REMEMBER

2023

Wed 8th & 15th February	Grade P-3 English & Maths Online Assessment – Ms Girschik assessing students on these Wednesdays – Mr Tirchett taking the Grade 2/3s on these days
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Thurs 9th February	Class Cooking begins P-3
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Fri 10th February	Class Cooking begins 4-6
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Wed 15th February	Parent/Teacher Discussions 2.45 pm onwards
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Thurs 23rd February	School Council – 6.30 pm via Webex
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Fri 24th February	Grade 4-6 Kayaking on the Lake: 9.00 am – 11.30 am
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Wed 8th March	Canteen Day
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Thurs 9th March	Leadership Speeches 9.00 am
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Fri 10th March	Grade 4-6 Kayaking on the River: 9.00 am – 2.30 pm
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Mon 13th March	Labour Day Holiday
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Thurs 23rd March	Whole School – House Sports 9.00 am 12.30 pm Leadership Badges Assembly 3.00 pm
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Mon 27th March	Grade 4-6 Halogen Leadership Excursion to the City – All day
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Mon 31st March	Network Curriculum Day (Pupil Free)
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Wed 5th April	Grade 3-6 District Athletics at Upper Yarra Secondary college – All day
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Fri 7th April	Last day of Term 1 – 2.30 pm dismissal
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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.

This year we have Ms. Girschik in the Grade P – 3 classroom, P-3 Art, P-3 Science and tutoring for selected students Monday to Friday.

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

Mrs. Hughes taking the 4-6 classroom, P-6 German and 4-6 Health/Respectful Relationships.

Mrs. Tirchett is assisting in the P-3 classroom and Mrs. Wallace 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 10 students
Grade 4-6 13 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.

Anita Tirchett is back with our Kitchen Garden Cooking program each week. Our cooking day will continue to be on Thursdays for the P-3 class and Fridays for the 4-6 class. Our cooking program starts next week Thursday 9th February for P-3s and Friday 10th February 4-6s.

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 Anita Tirschett on 0425847071 and she'll be happy to assist you.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

School canteen will run once this term. The scheduled day for this term is Wednesday 8th 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.

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

Calling all school councillors. Our first school council meeting for the year will be on Thursday 23rd February at 6.30 pm. 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 also it helps minimize lost property issues.

Finally, school uniform is expected to be worn at all times at school.

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. 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 15th February.

SCHOOL CHARGES 2023

Parent contributions for 2023 are due by Friday 24th March. Fees are \$ 450 per student.

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 in to the Parent/Teacher Discussions Ms. Girschik and Mrs. Hughes will forward a 'Grade Information Sheet' on Friday 3rd 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 15th February commencing at 2.45 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.

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

OSH CARE- Before & After School

Silvan Primary School has recently received a grant from the Department of Education to establish an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Program for our community. There are number of approvals that are required from both State and Commonwealth Departments to operate an OSHC program at our school. We have been working through these over the last couple of months and have secured both a Provider and Service Approvals from the State Regulatory Authority which provides us function to operate the service. However, we are currently still progressing through the application for Child Care Subsidy.

The School must be approved to administer the Child Care Subsidy from the Commonwealth Department of Education before we can provide Child Care Subsidy to families or apply

Additional Child Care Subsidy to family's accounts. The Commonwealth Department of Education does not provide timeframes on assessment process requirements. The assessment process is not automatic. It involves a robust and sometimes lengthy consideration of the evidence provided, however we can reassure you that we are actively working through this process.

While we are progressing this application, we don't want to withhold this service from families, therefore we have decided to operate the OSHC service at a minimum fee to families. This fee will not be able to be claimed through any Commonwealth Department, for example at the end of the tax year, or through MyGov. The fee is a contribution towards the operation of the service including breakfast, afternoon tea and staffing costs to operate the service while we are processing the application for Child Care Subsidy. 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 will payable to the school office.

Once Child Care 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 don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions about this. The service will be available to all families from Monday 6th February and will operate from the Home Economics room.

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

Kind regards,

Silvan Primary School Council

Family income

The Child Care Subsidy percentage you're entitled to depends on your family's income.

To work out your Child Care Subsidy (CCS) percentage refer to the table below

Your CCS percentage is the amount we'll subsidise. It will apply to either your [hourly fee](#) or the relevant [hourly rate cap](#), whichever is lower.

Your family income	Child Care Subsidy percentage
\$0 to \$72,466	85%
More than \$72,466 to below \$177,466	Between 85% and 50% The percentage goes down by 1% for every \$3,000 of income your family earns
\$177,466 to below \$256,756	50%
\$256,756 to below \$346,756	Between 50% and 20% The percentage goes down by 1% for every \$3,000 of income your family earns

Your family income	Child Care Subsidy percentage
\$346,756 to below \$356,756	20%
\$356,756 or more	0%

You can still claim this subsidy even if your family income estimate is \$356,756 or more. If you actually earn less than this, we'll pay you the subsidy you're entitled to. We'll do this when we [balance your payments](#) at the end of the financial year.

Please remember that if you are going to use the service, starting next week, 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.