

# Silvan Primary School

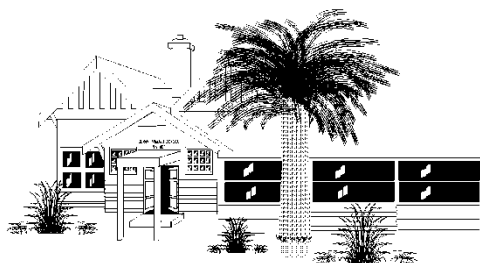
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

2020

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

**AFL Footy and  
Canteen Day**

**Dress up in your footy  
colours**

**(Canteen Open)**

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

**Cooking classes begin**

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct

**Grand Final Public  
Holiday**

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Healthy/Sports Day -  
run by school captains**

### SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is on hold at the moment. Parents are advised to drop off deposits themselves as the bank will not be sending anyone into schools at the moment.

### COOKING

The school cooking program will commence next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Once again cooking lessons will run with a slightly different approach given the concerns around COVID 19. All recipes selected for this term will only involve the chef and his/her own food. That is to say, students will not be working in groups and sharing ingredients. All cooking will require students to only prepare, cook, touch and organize their own food. There will be no sharing of food.

### ICY POLE SALES

Crack open the piggy bank and raid the glove box, icy pole season is upon us. The school canteen will be selling icy poles at lunchtime all term. Fifty cents an icy pole.

### DRINK BOTTLES

Don't forget to remind your children to bring a drink bottle to school as the drinking fountains are not being used due to COVID 19.

### SCHOOL HATS

Thank you to most students for locating your school hat and remembering to wear it at playtime. Term 4 is a term when hats must be worn outside. If your child has misplaced their hat you can purchase a new hat from the uniform shop - \$ 10.00 each.

### COVID 19 SCHOOL POLICY

I sent home last week via email the school's COVID 19 Policy. If any family would like a hardcopy see Cathy in the office.

### PARENT OPINION SURVEY

I emailed the link to this year's survey last Wednesday. The survey is open until Friday 13th November. Please set aside some time to complete the survey. The 2020 survey contains the same questions as the 2019 survey, with the addition of questions related to **experiences of remote and flexible learning**. The data collected from the survey will allow us to;

- monitor levels of student engagement and wellbeing;
- compare school level data on engagement with state-wide benchmarks;
- stimulate discussion within the school community about how to improve parent engagement; and

- assist in the identification of areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school.

### **ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY**

Each year students in grade 4-6 complete an 'Attitudes to School Survey'. The survey helps schools and the Department plan, monitor and evaluate school improvement initiatives. The surveys are aligned with the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes and reflect current research and evidence about what matters most to improve student outcomes.

This year, the survey also includes some questions about student health and wellbeing and student perceptions of COVID-19. Understanding student health and wellbeing needs has always been important, but especially so this year, and DET is providing this survey to allow schools to capture this information to support students.

The health and wellbeing questions are taken from another DET survey called the Victorian Student Health and Wellbeing Survey (VSHAWS) that has been conducted with a sample of schools in Victoria since 2014.

The questions about COVID-19 have been developed or recommended by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings regarding their school, family, friends, and health and wellbeing. As the survey questions are more personal in nature this year, schools must notify parents about the AtoSS prior to administering the survey.

Please look out for the permission slip and copy of student survey over the next few days and sign and return to school asap so that we can conduct the survey in a timely manner.

### **SECOND-HAND UNIFORM**

Mrs T has informed me that there is plenty of second-hand uniform available at school - \$ 2.00 a garment. We also have plenty of brand new school pants in sizes 12 & 6 that are walking out the door for \$ 5.00 a garment. See Cathy in the office.

### **AWARDS**

