

School Newsletter

'Making opportunities & extending potential'

Student Awards



Canteen & Special Event Day

Our JSC has organised our next special events day for the last day of term – Friday 28th June. The theme is dress as a worker and the day will consist of entirely hands on work with no pen and paper tasks at all. They've organised to have a canteen day as well followed by our inaugural end of term disco with songs work related songs. 'Working 9 to 5', 'Working Class Man' etc.

Earn & Learn

It's Woolworth's Earn and Learn time again. Let's get saving all those stickers for our school. We have store boxes at Lilydale, Monbulk, Belgrave, Chirnside Park and Kilsyth Canterbury Rd.

Alternatively, just send them in directly to school. Go team Silvan!



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Friday 10th May:

*Mothers Day Stall at the school

Saturday 11th May:

*Working Bee
8.30-11.30am

Monday 13th May:

* AKWAK Incursion
Grade 3-6 Photo Session
1pm - 3pm

Saturday 18th May:

* Federal Election
Sausage Sizzle
8.30am - 1.30pm

Wednesday 22nd May:

* Curriculum Day - Pupil
Free Day Formative
Assessment Glen
Pearsall

Monday 27th - 31st May:

* School Swimming
Program at Monbulk
Aquatic Centre

Year 6/7 Transition

All grade 6 students received their enrolment forms for 2020 last week. They have until Friday 17th May to return their forms so that the school can forward them on to respective Secondary Colleges for consideration. Don't forget to return your form before Friday 17th May.

Working Bee

Second time lucky. Our long awaited working bee is scheduled for this Saturday 11th May commencing at 8.30 am – 11.30 am. Our main objectives will focus on painting (weather permitting) pruning, weeding and a general tidy up. Remember we will fire up the BBQ at the end. Hope to see as many available people as possible.



7 Steps to Writing Curriculum Day

On Friday 26th April our school completed a full day workshop at Olinda Primary focused on the 7 Steps to Writing that authors use to hook their readers. Look out for student writing samples over the next few weeks to see the new writing techniques.

Mothers Day Stall

This Friday the 10th May, Mrs Turchett and Tina McAllister will run a Mother's Day stall at school. Items will range in price from \$ 2.00 - \$10.00. Please ensure your child has money to purchase gifts this Friday.

Swimming Program

Our swimming program commences later this month. Notices with all the details will be sent home this week in preparation for the program. Similar to last year, our program will run as a whole school event, with both classes attending the pool at the same time. We've organised low student to instructor ratios so that our students get quality instruction time. Look out for the notices this week.

Naplan

NAPLAN testing starts on Wednesday 15th May. Our five grade 3 students and three grade 5 students have been preparing for the testing period. This year we are trialling the tests online rather than pen and paper.

School Fees

Thank you to all families who have managed to pay their school fees this year. For any families who are having difficulty with payments don't forget to pop in a see me and we can arrange a payment plan to assist your circumstances

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th June:

* Grade 5/6 Archery program at Yarra Valley Archery

Monday 24th June:

* Reports & Portfolios sent home

Wednesday 26th June:

* 3 way Conferences, 4pm onwards

Friday 28th June:

* Chicken Parmigiana, Dress as a worker, Canteen & Disco Day

Electives

Term 2 commenced with students in elective subjects. This term our multi-talented staff have signed up for Cooking classes (Mrs T), Cheerleading (Ms Jones), Digital Media (Ms Girschik), STEAM (Mrs Hughes) and JSC (MrT).



Mrs T's group tackling rice paper rolls. I'm not sure if any shared their rolls with their siblings on the way home. I surveyed a number of students about their elective groups and there are a number of them keen to get into Mrs T's cooking group next term.

Mrs Swankie Retires

Mrs Swankie hung up the glasses, tidied her work area, took down her posters and took a final look around the school. It was time to move on and even though it was not the way she intended to finish up there was no doubt she would be missed by all who had worked with her over the last 10 years. Marg was known to speak in a forceful and direct way. I have always respected her approach, her honesty, her loyalty and very protectiveness of the students in her care. She did not tolerate nonsense from anyone and at her centre; she was a very caring and loving individual.

We will miss you Mrs Swankie and hope your retirement is filled with fantastic moments with Sandy and your family.



New Kiosk System for late arrival & early leavers

Do not forget to pop in and see Mrs Gerace for a quick demonstration on how to use our new log in to register late arrivals and /or early departures through our new kiosk system located at the front office.

Cooking

Our cooking program starts this Thursday 9th May. The students will be preparing different varieties of soups so they will not need lunch on this day.

AKWAK

Last Monday Jenny from AKWAK commenced the first of two teddy bear making sessions with the school. All students helped stuff the knitted teddy bears for war-affected children in Syria. The exchange proved to be quite a revelation to some of our students who were shown the different living conditions, lack of resources (such as shoes and warm clothing) that these children encounter in their everyday lives. Our JSC were quick on the uptake, already organising to donate our next event day free dress money to AKWAK to help the underprivileged children.



Hughes News

Digital Technology

This term both classes are completing units in Cybersafety. The program being used is written by Common Sense Education. Some activities will be completed online. Both classes have signed a contract outlining the rules and responsibilities expected from them when using technology and communicating online. Students in both classes will also complete units in computer programming via code.org.

German

Both classes are learning the names for common food items and cooking utensils. The junior class is using a program called Felix und Franzi and the senior class are using Languages Online (a DET program).

Health

Students in 4/5/6 are completing a Problem Solving unit of work from the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program. They are given a variety of scenarios/problems where they collaborate with each other to come up with solutions to solve them. For example, Tom forgets his lunch. What can he do? 1. Ask the teacher if he can ring his parents. 2. If it's canteen day see if there is any money in his schoolbag. 3. Ask a friend to share their lunch with him.

Steam

On a Wednesday afternoon students participate in electives. My group consists of Kai, Harriet, Riley G and Wyatt. Their task is to design and construct a chariot using a variety of materials which can be pulled or pushed using sphero (a robot).

Wyatts Chariot

