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## From The Principal



### THANK YOU

While the children were on holidays staff and volunteers were creating beautiful learning spaces. **STAFF MEMBERS:** Leanne Clark, Camille Loveridge, Sharon Mount, Miechel Lusty, Brenton Budarick, and Brad Tye painted and decorated classrooms, while **VOLUNTEERS:** Marg Bilney pressure cleaned walls and Lawrie Franklin tiled our new shower block; and Lauren and Brad Tye worked day and night to paint the new special class, build a storage space in the play shed and a sound proof doorway in the music area.

You may like to check out some of the spaces! A special thank you to Timberlink Australia with the support of Tracy Opie for a very generous donation of timber which made this project possible.



Can you find these spaces in the school?



## Ready for School

It was great to see so many children back at school today ready to learn. We know that families set their children up for learning every day by making sure they:

- Attend school every day
- Have a good sleep
- Eat healthy food and avoid sugar
- Drink fresh water

Thank you for doing your part in getting your children on the right path each day.

## Welcome Our New Teachers



Heath Masters  
Year 6/7 - Room 21



Janine Hughes  
Room 3- Special Class



Lisa Stapleton  
Year 4/5 - Room 16

## Lunch Box

A healthy lunch is very important to a child's physical and mental well being.

**What to always include in lunch boxes.**

- ✓ At least two to four serves of carbohydrate-rich/starchy foods.
- ✓ Some serves of vegetables.
- ✓ At least two pieces of fruit (fresh or tinned).
- ✓ At least one serve of dairy food.



**What to leave out of lunch boxes.**

- X **High energy drinks and lolly treats.**  
They **STOP** children from learning.

## Our School Day

- 8.40 School Opens
- 8.50 Children go to class
- 9.00 Children not in class are marked as late. Lessons begin (Teachers are not able to talk to parents)
- 10.00 **Crunch and Sip** (water, fruit, vegies)
- 11.15 Recess
- 11.35 Lessons
- 1.05 Lunch with class teachers
- 1.15 Play time
- 1.45 Lessons      3.15 Home time

## Holiday Reading Packs

Please return all Holiday Reading Packs that were borrowed over the Christmas break to the Resource Centre.

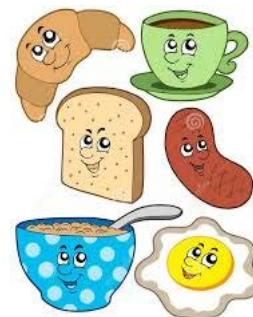
## No Smoking

Please remember that all school grounds, including car parks, are non-smoking areas. The car park on **Wimmera Street** is school property - if you wish to smoke please park elsewhere.

2016 School Card Applications are available from the Front Office Now. If you think you are eligible for this, please complete a form as soon as possible.

## City School Bus Service

Fare prices are \$1.10 per trip or student multi trip ticket 10 x trips for \$8.60. A student concession pass of 4 weeks at \$24.80 is available also. If you have any questions please phone 87249978 and ask to speak with Michael or Jo.



## Brekky Club

Breakfast Club will be starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The club will run on Monday and Wednesday mornings, 8:15am - 8:40am.

We would greatly appreciate any family members who would like to volunteer their time to our Breakfast Club. Please see the Front Office staff if you are able to assist.

## Orange Notice



**An orange information form has been included in this week's North Notes. Please complete and return to school as a priority. - Thank you.**

## Year 7 Jackets

Notices have been sent home with all Year 7 students regarding their 2016 jackets. Please return these to the Front Office as quickly as possible (whether one is required with a \$10 deposit or not) so they can be ordered. Invoices will be sent home shortly.

## Updating Medical Records

We are always updating our medical records. If your child has been diagnosed with any medical condition which might require first aid at school, please call into the Front Office and complete the relevant forms.

Please let us know if your child has had a condition which no longer applies, such as asthma or allergies.

## Term 1 Hats

Please remember that it is school policy to wear a hat outside at all times this term. It is really important that you label the hat clearly as they tend to disappear and there is no way of telling them apart.



Hats are available to purchase from our Front Office for \$8.00.

## School Uniform

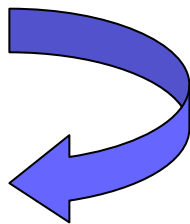
The Front Office has limited supplies of sizes at the moment. More stock should be arriving shortly. Please check with Sue or Sonia if they can assist you in any way.

## T-Ball - After School Sport



A T-ball competition for boys and girls in Years 3 to 5 will be run in Term 1. Games will be played on Friday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00pm. The first game is on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the baseball grounds at Blue Lake Sports Park. All equipment and uniforms are provided. Please complete the form below and return to the Front Office **TOMORROW**.

**Don't Miss Out!**



## Police Checks

DECD has updated its screening policy to make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time to our site. Volunteers are very important members of our school community and children benefit from having caregivers a part of their daily learning.

Parents and caregivers are very welcome to volunteer to support with their child's learning and no longer need to undertake history screening. Screening checks however still apply to volunteers working assisting with overnight camps and sleepovers.

## We are a 'Nut Aware' School

We have children at our school who have a life threatening reaction to nuts.

- Parents and caregivers are requested **NOT** to send food to school that contain nuts. **This includes peanut butter, Nutella and most nuts.** Please read carefully the ingredients in things like Muesli bars.
- Teachers will supervise eating at lunch time and check any food taken into the playground for nuts.
- Students are asked NOT to share food.
- Food spills will be promptly cleaned up by the first available adult.

We appreciate your support in creating a safe learning environment for all children. Please contact the school if this policy causes serious dietary concerns for your child and we will organise alternatives.

### TERM 1 SCHOOL SPORT

### Yrs 3/4/5 Boys and Girls

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register my child for  **T-Ball**

(played on Friday nights) Commencing Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

\$5.00 first child       \$2.50 subsequent children/school card

Please return to the Front Office with the fees please.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Book Club - Issue 1

Orders close Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please send orders and money to Sonia in the Finance Office.



Our 'Earn and Learn' rewards arrived this morning. We again thank parents and friends for supporting our school with this initiative. The children will love playing with these new resources in our play space.



Congratulations to Angela Warburton and her husband Justin on the safe arrival of Charlotte's little sister 'Freya Adele'. We look forward to a visit at school soon.

## Staff Car Park

At the moment our boom gate is under repair. Parents and Caregivers are reminded not to use our Bailey Street Staff Carpark for either a drop off or collection point of children.

## Thank you

Thank you to the Junior Primary parents who are waiting outside until the bell goes. This means the children can keep working with their support workers without interruptions, and classes are not distracted by personal conversations. Best of all, your children are learning to be independent - a skill they will need for the rest of their lives.

## Dress Code

**Long Pants:** Navy, grey, black or blue jeans.

**Shorts:** Navy or black denim.

**Dress or Skirts:** Tartan navy, black or denim skirt or blue/white check dress.

**Navy Polo Tops and Windcheaters**

**Hats:** Broad brimmed or bucket hat for terms 1 and 4.

We believe that wearing the correct school dress code allows each student to identify with the school, builds group spirit and helps prevent any discrimination, unhealthy competition and arguments at home.

## Attendance

Please, please, please let us know when your children are away. It is a legal requirement and it really assists teachers. You can *write a note, text 0400327509, inbox our face book page or ring the school*, preferably on the day. To all those families who do this, thank you we really do appreciate it.

If your child is late for school, they must be signed in at the Front Office by a parent.

## Diary Dates

**Children arrive from 8.40am**

Brekky Club	Mon/Wed 8.15-8.45
Assemblies	Fridays - even weeks 2.30
Wed 17/2	7pm Governing Council
Friday 19/2	T Ball commences
<b>Mon 22/2</b>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
Mon 14/3	Adelaide Cup
<b>Fri 25/3</b>	<b>Easter</b>
Weeks 8/9	Swimming
Wed 23/3	AGM
Wed 5/4	School Photos
Friday 15/4	Term 1 ends at 2.15pm
Term 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May