



Issue No. 14 – 14 July 2020

Upcoming Events

Monday 13 - Friday 17 July

Extension of school holidays for students

Office Hours

8:30am-4:00pm

2020 Term Dates

Term 3

20 July-18 September

Term 4

5 October-18 December



From the Principal

Coronavirus (COVID19) update



A HUGE thank you to everyone

I would like to thank all our wonderful families for your efforts to create some very unique 'tradie' outfits for our whole school dress up on Thursday 25 June. The attention to detail was phenomenal! The school was awash with high vis clothing in oranges, yellows and my personal favourite, **pink**!

It is hard to name everyone, but some students really caught my eye including Aleesha and Blake who had specially prepared pants with wrenches sewn on them, Tushaar and Pearl looked incredible as new employees from Sensum (their young cousin Aayan also joined in during pick up time), Billy and Kosta looked amazing in their overalls complete with red pens sticking out of their front pockets.

I would also like to sincerely thank the Georgakopolous Family, Ruby, Zoey, Ivy, Carly and John, for their unique gifts to Scott and I to commemorate the arrival of our new building with our own specially branded hard hats. Mine had **pink** on it (of course) and Scott's had **blue**.

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We both felt very special and are very grateful for all the work that went into creating such unique gifts for us both.

Our special visitors, including local Member from Thomastown, Bronwyn Halfpenny, the team from Sensum, Lauren, David, Hettie, Matt, Siobhan, Craig and Mitch from Rendine, Raage from the VSBA and Brent and Matt from BHA were very impressed by how sensational our students looked. Even more impressive, they were blown away by how polite and friendly our students were.

Well done everyone on your incredible efforts. It was a magical way to end what has been a very challenging term for us all.

A photographer was on hand to record images of our special day and we hope to share those images and video with you soon.



Building A is in place!

Of course the main focus of the week was the arrival of our new Administration Building onsite. There were lots of cheers from everyone when the first of the modules arrived on Wednesday 24 June on the back of the trucks all the way from Geelong.

We all spent time outside watching the crane do its amazing work lifting the modules off the trucks and into place. Work has continued to prepare the building for us while we have been on holidays.

During the break Scott, Shona, Steph and I travelled to Geelong to view the works on Building B which will be the new home for our Grade 3-6s. Construction is progressing well and this building is due to arrive onsite during the second week of term. This building is much bigger than the Administration building with 39 pieces to be lifted into place compared to 19 for Building A. We can't wait to move in!



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Return of Stage 3 Restrictions

The significant increase in Covid 19 cases in Victoria over the last two weeks has forced the government to reinstate Stage 3 restrictions for all Victorians living in Metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire.

This means there are only four reasons we are permitted to leave our homes:

- 1) shopping for food or other essential items
- 2) work or study
- 3) to provide caregiving or to seek medical treatment
- 4) for exercise.

It is vital we **ALL** follow these guidelines so we can reduce the spread of the virus within our community.

Please remember to stay at home if you are feeling unwell and get tested.

Maintain social distancing 1.5 metres or use a mask when you cannot e.g when shopping

No hand shakes or hugs.

Keep washing hands regularly throughout the day.

If we all work together we can keep everyone safe.

Return to remote learning - 20 July

At this stage, Prep - 10 students will be returning to remote learning from 20 July for six weeks. Reducing movement of people within the community is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Staff will be working onsite this week to prepare for remote and flexible learning. We will share further details with families once we have finalised arrangements.

The remote learning format will be similar to last term, with students assigned a number of tasks each day.

We appreciate that remote learning places additional pressure on families. But we do know that if we all

work together we will get through this challenging time.

Some positives from participating in remote learning for the second time around include:

- students already knowing how to log on to Google Classroom, Essential Assessments etc.
- having greater confidence using devices
- knowing what works and what doesn't and what is and isn't realistic
- having a bank of resources ready to use
- students being assigned the same device as the first time.

The school will be open for students of essential workers following similar procedures to Term 2.

If you are working, your child can attend school if alternate arrangements cannot be made.

If you have a rostered day off your child stays at home.

We will be in touch later in the week to arrange collection of devices for students to use at home during this time.

Temperature checks

The Victorian Government will be providing all schools with digital thermometers which can be used to scan the temperature of all those entering the school grounds. Many of you will be familiar with this process if you have visited shopping centres recently. Those with temperatures higher than 37.5 will not be permitted onsite.

Any children who become ill during the day will be scanned again and if they record a temperature higher than 37.5 degrees parents will need to collect them even if you are working.

Lalor East rebooted

Staff and students worked with Zoe and Kelly from Nutshell late last year and in term 1 this year to design our new logo and our new look which includes a refreshed Jumbunna and stationery. We will also be rebranding our website to reflect our new logo and colours. We are very excited to share it with you as we think it represents a fresh new look to compliment our new buildings.

We hope you will come to love it as much as we do!



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Crazy Dress Ups - thank you

Special thanks to all the staff who were involved with the crazy dress ups over the five weeks we were back at school. During that time you would have seen us dressed in a variety of different outfits based on a wide range of themes including Super heroes, NBA jumpers, Hawaiian and Western outfits, wings, crazy wigs, the Wizard of Oz, pjs, tutus, footy colours, Harry Potter and Back to School to name but a few of the 20+ themes.

Special mention to Jack Mc for his participation in making everyone smile and laugh each morning and afternoon during drop off and collection. We loved having you as part of the team Jack!

Thanks also to our super crossing supervisor, Tony, for assisting us with our crazy photos each day.



Linda Richards
Principal

Office News

Office hours 8:30am - 4:00pm

Change of Details

Please let the office know promptly if you have changed your address, phone numbers, work details or emergency contact numbers.

Spare Uniform

Please consider putting extra clothes in your child's bag in case of any accidents that might occur during the day as we do not supply change of clothes.

Hats & Bags

As a 'SUNSMART SCHOOL' we need to ensure we wear hats from the 1 September to 30 April 2020. Hats are available for purchase at the office for \$16.00. LEPS school bags can also be purchased from the office for only \$20.00.

Student Asthma Medication

Students who require Asthma Medication during school hours need to supply their own individual Ventolin or Becotide puffers.

Individual Spacers must also be provided for administering the medication. The items ALL need to be named and will be stored in the sick bay.

It is a directive from the Department of School Education that students must supply their own medication and equipment.

If you require an asthma action plan please see the office staff.

Student of the Week

19 June 2020

Congratulations to the following students and class on receiving a Student of the Week certificate at the end of term 2.

1/2 Steph and Hari - Noah

1/2 Hewison/Sharples - Ray

3/4 Shona/Pobjoy - Luise and Ivy

3/4 Hannah - Bella and Louis

5/6 Kristian - Eva

5/6 Jones - Safa and Kyeesha

5/6 Vassiliou - Whole Class

OSHC - Amelie

Principal - Laith, Levy and Payton



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Tradie Day



Some of the fun from our 'tradie' dress up day.
High vis has never looked so good!

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