PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

MOBILE PHONE BAN FOR STUDENTS IN ALL GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS COMMENCING IN 2020

Yesterday all government schools received the following policy instruction from the Minister for Education, James Merlino via Stephen Gniel, Acting Deputy Secretary, Regional services, DET. It is a particularly interesting announcement, one which certainly focuses attention on the challenges that schools face in dealing with the ‘disruption’ that mobile phones being brought to school by students can cause. On face value it does not appear to be a ban so much as a restriction, one which appears to merely echo existing practice in many schools. Given that fact, it will be most interesting to see the advice and strategies with which the DET provides schools, so as to achieve the initiative’s policy aims better than existing practice in many schools.

“This morning, the Minister for Education James Merlino announced mobile phones will be banned for all students at Victorian state primary and secondary schools from Term 1 2020. The aim of this policy is to reduce distraction, tackle cyber bullying and improve learning outcomes for students.

The policy is being introduced because teachers and parents regularly raise concerns about the use of mobile phones during school hours as a cause of constant distraction in classrooms. Rolling out this state-wide policy will provide consistency for principals, teachers, students, parents and school communities.

As part of this new policy, students must switch off their phones and store them securely from the start of the school day until the final bell. When emergencies occur, parents and guardians can reach their child by calling the school.

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The only exceptions to the policy will be for students with medical conditions or disabilities which require the use of a mobile phone, or where teachers instruct students to bring their phone for a particular classroom activity. At all other times phones must be stored securely.
Throughout Term 3 we will work with you to develop detailed advice and resources ahead of the policy being introduced next year. These materials will include advice and support in communicating with your communities, case studies of schools that have successfully implemented a ban, school policy templates and practical advice on implementation.
We will also conduct a review at the end of 2020.”
Kind regards
Stephen Gniel
A/Deputy Secretary
Regional Services, DET

PARENTS PARKING IN THE STAFF CAR PARK
I seem to be plugging holes in a leaky tank insofar as car parking issues go! Last week it was all about using the Mansfield Street Milkbar car park to pick up their children after school, this week it’s about parents using the staff car park similarly but not having permission via an approved disability situation. We simply don’t have the staff to be regularly patrolling our staff car park towards the end of the school day and consequently rely on your good will to do the right thing. That’s not working well enough at the moment, so we will have to find a way to patrol the car park at the moment. Please do not be offended if you are using our staff car park without approval and are approached by a staff member (probably me) and asked to leave.

HAVE A REFRESHING BREAK
We have had a great term, I’m sure most staff and students would say. You will be able to access your child’s report online from Friday and I’m confident that in the vast number of cases you will be very proud. In cases where concerns exist, we will be working closely with your family to address those concerns productively, starting with the parent/teacher/student discussion meetings which will be held early in term 3, and for which you can book online via our parent portal on Sentral as from Friday afternoon.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. What is our school’s current mobile phone use by students policy?
A. It is the same as that which the Minister for Education, James Merlino announced yesterday; to be rolled out for all Victorian government schools in 2020.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Too much, too little, too late – that’s the sad story of ‘prohibition’ too often’

Henry Grossek
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### HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please ensure you let the school office know if you have changed address or updated mobile phones with new numbers. This information alleviates stressful situations for students when they are ill and we cannot contact parents.
STUDENT REPORTS
All families will be able to access their child’s midyear report on the parent portal from 4pm on Friday 28th June. We hope you enjoy reading these reports with your child and celebrating the progress they have made.

STUDENT PROGRESS DISCUSSION EVENINGS
Parents are reminded that student progress discussion meetings are scheduled for the first week of Term 3, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July. These meetings provide families with a valuable opportunity to discuss their child’s Learning Map, midyear report and future learning needs. In addition to class teachers, specialist staff are also available for appointments with parents. All families should be aware of the online booking process for making appointments to meet with their child’s teacher. Parent Teacher interview times can be booked through the parent portal from this Friday afternoon. Families without internet access can contact our school office to arrange their appointments with teachers.

CHESS PROGRAM
Term 3 enrolments for our Chess program are now open. If you would like your child to participate in the Chess club next term, please sign them up via the link: https://ku.zone
Students will participate over 8 weeks during lunchtime on Mondays. Prep to grade 6 students are welcome to enrol. The term fees are $120.

HEAD LICE CHECKS
During the two week holiday break, we would appreciate the support of every family in the school in the detection and total eradication of any live lice and/or eggs that are found in children’s hair. While we realize that families are busy, we feel that it would be a most worthwhile exercise in eradicating lice from the school. To be successful, every family should commit some time to:
- Checking their children’s hair at least twice over the holidays. (Eg: Week 1 and Week 2)
- Treating immediately any live lice found. (Complete follow-up checks and treatment.)
- Applying lots of conditioner, and patiently removing all eggs found. If every family is diligent in this exercise, we will be able to break the head lice cycle in the school.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and look forward to a ‘Lice-free Term 3 at B.L.P.S.’!

LOST PROPERTY
We have a large amount of lost property, which has been laid out, in our main school corridor. Please come, have a look, and collect items that belong to your child. At the end of term, any items remaining will be sent to the local Opportunity Shop. Uniform items will be washed and placed into the PFA second hand uniform shop. Please name all items that come to school because we can then return them to their owners.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY
We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many wonderful parents and grandparents who assist with and support our school programs. There are many ways our parent community help including on excursions and camps, reading program, PMP, garden working bees, assisting within classrooms and around our school. We really appreciate all assistance we receive and encourage parents to become involved with their child’s learning in any way they can. We look forward to an exciting term 3 ahead with many opportunities for our students including swimming for our Prep to 2, Grade 5 camp, film festival, Planet Ark day, Wakakirri and the State School Spectacular performance. It certainly is going to be another busy and productive term at Berwick Lodge!

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END OF TERM 2
Parents are reminded that Term 2 ends tomorrow (Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} June). In line with our usual practice for the end of term, the students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:30pm. Term 3 will commence for students and teachers on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} July.

We wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADORS

We received a fantastic number of applications from our grade 4 and 5 students who applied to be a Helmeted Honeyeater ambassador this year. They are all to be congratulated on the outstanding quality submitted which included 3D models, paintings, construction, collage, videos, power points, posters, letters, post cards, books and stories. These are all on display in the front foyer at school and everyone is welcome to come and have a look. It was a very difficult decision for the class teachers and myself in choosing the ambassadors and all students who applied are to be congratulated for their outstanding work! Students who were not chosen as the ambassadors this year will still have the opportunity to work with Mrs. McCrum at school on some special Helmeted Honeyeater activities.

It is my pleasure to announce the following students as our 2019 Helmeted Honeyeater Ambassadors:

Faith J – 4FS, Felix S – 4CW, Cooper T – 5K and Tess H – 5C

The ambassadors have their first excursion, today and will be going to Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve to learn about the critically endangered bird. They will include a report in our newsletter early next term.

CONGRATULATIONS BERWICK LODGE

We received wonderful news last week that we are the recipients of a grant from the City of Casey. The grant money will be used to assist with completion of our Outdoor Common Room Garden near the grade 5/6 building.

WANTED/DONATIONS:

- Do you have any unwanted toy dinosaurs? We would like to put a tub of dinosaur toys into the Sensory Garden dinosaur discovery area. Please leave donations at the office.
- Do you have a coloured Yoga mat in good condition that is no longer required? We would like a few for our grade 5/6 outdoor common room garden. Please leave donations at the office.
- Ice cream containers – 4 litre size. We require some ice cream containers, preferably 4 litres in size as we use these under the drink taps to collect spilt water for our gardens. Please leave donations at the office.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:

The school holidays are a great time to enjoy the outdoors. Some ideas to occupy your children may include:

- On a frosty morning, go outside and create pictures in the frost. Watch the frost melt.
- Collect sticks, twigs and leaves and make ‘nature art’.
- Find some larger sticks and make a tepee. Cover with a sheet to make a cubby.
- Go on a treasure hunt and find 10 natural items such as: a feather, white stone, red leaf, yellow leaf, stick, different shaped leaves, a flower, a mini beast, snail, cob web. Have your child create a list for you to find together.
- Take an iPad or phone outside and take ‘nature pictures’. Print a few favourites and make a story book or collage.

Happy Gardening,

Mrs. McCrum.
How to book Parent/Teacher interviews

Parent/Student/Teacher 3 way interviews are coming up in the first week of term 3 on Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th July 2019. Bookings can be made via the Parent Portal from Friday 28th June. Below is a step by step guide how to make your bookings;

Your Login name is your email address.

Under the menu tab, select Parent/Teacher interviews & then select your child's teacher/s
School Holiday Art News!

School holidays are fast approaching and the City of Casey have some fantastic art opportunities with their annual Winter Arts Festival 2019.

There are a variety of different workshops and performances for children, as well as adults. To find out more visit www.casey.vic.gov.au/winterarts or go keep up to date with everything by following the “Arts in Casey” Facebook page www.facebook.com/artsincasey

Enjoy creating!
Jo Zammit
Visual Arts Teacher
Earn & Learn has now ended. All stickers must be handed into the office no later than this Friday 28th June 2019.
This year we are participating in the Wakakirri Story Dance Competition and we would love your help. As the aim is to re-use and recycle we are after some costumes that you may have at home and could kindly donate or lend to us for our performance.

Our Story this year is centred around ANZAC day and the football game that is played between Essendon and Collingwood.

Some of the items you could help and donate to the Performing Arts room are:

- School Dresses (Larger sizes) – These will be dyed so cannot be returned
- Essendon and Collingwood jerseys/scarves (we can return these after the performance)
- Military wear – Hats, Jackets, Pants
- Spare material – White, Black, Green, Brown

If you have any of these items we would appreciate your help. If you would like your items returned, please name them clearly and we will return them after the performance.

Thank you for your support.

Christine Thomas
Performing Arts Teacher
CARING & FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kool Kidz Narre Warren is a purpose-built Early Learning, Childcare and Kindergarten facility that provides a safe, fun and exciting environment to explore, learn and grow in for children aged 6 weeks to 6 years.

Phone 9705 1532 to speak with Janette or Maria to ENROL NOW
17 Cranbourne Road, Narre Warren
www.koolkidznarrewarren.com.au
BUSINESS ADVERTISING

Moonlit Sanctuary
Keeper Club

Go wild these school holidays!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keepers Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingos and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper’s day!
For ages 7-14, Cost: $90

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Moonlit Sanctuary
the best way to see Aussie animals

Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.
Day includes: Interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Winter 2019 school holiday dates:
- Week 1: 1 July, 2 July, 3 July, 4 July, 5 July
- Week 2: 8 July, 9 July, 10 July, 11 July, 12 July

Cost: $90.00 per day, or $250 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

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Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
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Shoes with a Purpose.

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Our quality leather shoes can now be purchased online at www.ssrelief.net.au/shop and directly from 17 retail stores and outlets across Victoria.

All profits from the sales of these shoes are returned to the organisation to further benefit underprivileged students.

Quality Leather School Shoes At Affordable Prices
“Looking for something to do with the kids these school holidays? Bunjil Place in Narre Warren have a fantastic show coming up in the July School Holidays – Robot Song – and would like to extend a special ticket offer to our school community! For more information and to access the offer, visit the Robot Song webpage on the Bunjil Place website, https://www.bunjilplace.com.au/robot-song click on ‘Book Now’ and enter the promo code ROBOT10 when purchasing tickets. The special price is $10 (normally $16)”
PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS
For parents, step-parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 3 - 13 years

Join us in an interactive program to share experiences and ideas, and learn strategies to support your child

ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?
How to get kids to listen, without having to yell

DEALING WITH ANGER
Helping parents, and kids, deal with anger and frustration

RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOUR
Better understand why children behave the way they do

STRATEGIES THAT WORK
How can parenting be easier and more fun!

DATES: Tuesday evenings
30th July to 27th August 2019
(5 weeks)

TIME: 6.30pm – 9.00pm

WHERE: Autumn Place Community Hub
29 Autumn Place
Doveton

COST: FREE – Bookings Essential
Refreshments provided

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES:
Sandra Phillips at ParentZone
03 9781 6744 or call/text 0447 500 355
sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au

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to book go to
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emotionally empowering kids everyday
ACE Foundation runs **FREE** homework study classes for all Year 6 – Year 12 Monday – Thursday 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm at Thompson Road Clinic.

From Term 3 a new supervised homework study centre under the ACE Foundation banner, will be opening at  Aspire 4/37B Fordholm Road Hampton Park

It’s a wonderful opportunity for students who are finding it hard to get to us in Cranbourne to attend Hampton Park

At this stage they will be providing **supervised** homework classes with basic assistance

These classes provide a safe and comfortable environment for students to study with basic tuition need. Both (Cranbourne & Hampton Park) facilities include heating / cooling / free internet / printing & afternoon snack and will be a great asset for parents and students that cannot always work on homework together

Classes will be held on Tuesday 1.30 pm – 6.00 pm