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27 MAY 2021

**PUPIL-FREE DAY FRIDAY 28TH MAY 2021  
CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr APP**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### RETURN TO REMOTE LEARNING DUE TO LOCKDOWN: MONDAY 1 JUNE- THURSDAY 3 JUNE

As you would by now be aware, children, other than those from families whose parents are employed in defined essential services or who are deemed vulnerable, will not be attending school as from tomorrow, Friday 28 May to Thursday 3 June inclusive.

Given, at this stage, that children will not be attending school for only 5 days, we will not be issuing devices to families that require them for online remote learning activities. Our part time technical staff have told me that they would not be able to have devices for loan to students properly prepared until Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, this depending on the number of devices required.

Consequently, our staff have been preparing a wide range of off line (hard copy) learning activities for our students. These will be sent home with every child today, together with writing materials and exercise books.

In order to ensure that all parents receive this overview information (and specific arrangements including student attendance at school guidelines during the lockdown, we are forwarding a "School Update Bulletin" to all families via email.

### PUPIL-FREE DAY FRIDAY 28 MAY

The DET have designated tomorrow, Friday 28 May as a pupil-free day in order for schools to prepare remote learning activities for students while they undertake remote learning for 4 days next week. Our staff will use this time to develop any complementary learning materials that they may provide online for next week and also to be available to parents via the parent portal throughout the day.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## **CANCELLATION OF GRADE 5&6 CAMPS**

We have cancelled our 2 three day, Grade 5&6 camps to Ballarat (7-11 June in total) due to the uncertainty of the current situation. Given the heightened level of vigilance regarding COVID-19 symptoms, there is a substantial risk that students and/or staff in attendance at the camps may be required to be sent home during the camp. This would be a most difficult situation to manage. We are in discussion with the camp operators, with a view to booking an alternative date for the camps, later in the year.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION (FAQ'S)**

### **Q. What if the lockdown continues beyond next Thursday?**

**A.** We will revert to our online remote learning program that we had in place in 2020. Let's hope that the children will be back at school, however, on Friday of next week.

## **QUOTABLE QUOTE**

*'Living in the moment also means preparing for the future'*

*Henry Grossek*

## **DIARY DATES:**


Friday 28th May	Grade 1 Legoland Excursion - ILW & IR - POSTPONED
Monday 31st May	Grade 5/6 Health & Human Development - POSTPONED
Monday 7th - 9th June	Grade 6 Camp - Sovereign Hill - POSTPONED
Wednesday 9th - 11th June	Grade 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill - POSTPONED


## **PORTAL PERMISSION & PAYMENT TO BE GRANTED BY:**

## **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

# POSTPONED



 Meet our  
Principal Henry  
Grossek & our  
Prep Teachers!

**LEARN ABOUT:**

- Prep Transition
- School Readiness
- Curriculum
- School Programs
- 2022 Enrolments

**STEP INTO**


**PREP**

Prospective enrolments information sessions.

BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**MONDAY 31ST MAY**

**Session 1:** 4.30pm – 5.15pm  
**Session 2:** 5.30pm – 6.15pm

\*BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.  
PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE TO REGISTER.  
PLACES ARE LIMITED.



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# POSTPONED

# RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

## Respectful Relationships - Prep Area

This term the Prep have been looking at Stress Management. They have been learning to...

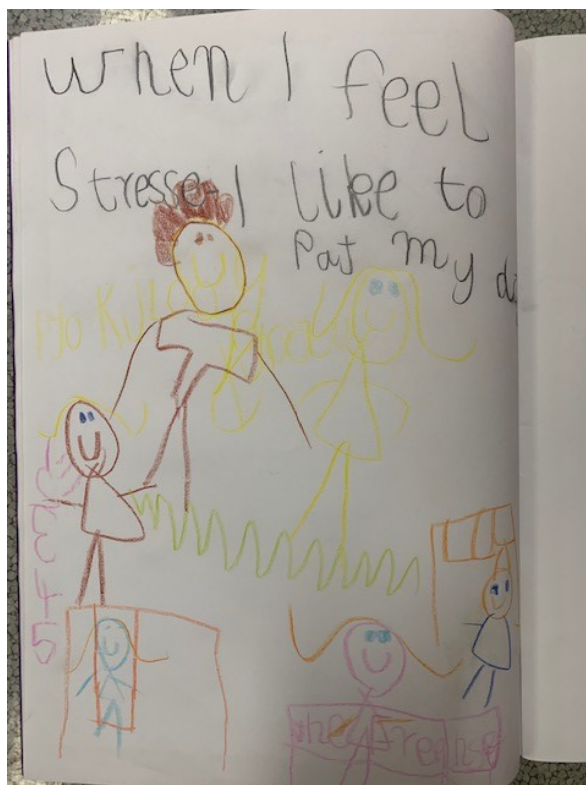
- Recognise and identify their own emotions
- Describe situations that may evoke these emotions
- Learn and identify what calming strategies they use when they are feeling stressed or overwhelmed.

Students firstly participated in a 'Melting Tiger' activity where they had to hold all of their muscles tight and stand still and strong. The tiger was angry and wanted to pounce and fight but he couldn't move from where he was standing. As the sun came out the tiger began to melt and his muscles relaxed and felt soft. He slowly melted like a pool of butter on the ground. We discussed as a class how this activity made them feel and when they have felt like an angry tiger.

Afterwards the students brainstormed how they cope when they are feeling angry, frustrated or stressed. They drew pictures in their book as to how they cope in these situations.

Tanya Craig

On behalf of the Prep team.



# PFA NEWS

Hi Lodger Parents

**The second hand uniform shop will now be open:**

- **Friday 28 May (morning session) 8:45-9:30am (cancelled)**
- **Tuesday 1 June (afternoon session) 3:00-3:45pm (cancelled)**
- **Friday 11 June (morning session) 8:45-9:30am**
- **Tuesday 15 June (afternoon session) 3:00-3:45pm**



We run the shop out of a small meeting room that is located in between the Prep classrooms and the Office alongside Collins Crescent - we'll have our flag out.

Remember, we have new rules at the shop:

- Only 2 families + 2 PFA volunteers will be allowed in the room at the one time
- Please sanitise your hands when you enter
- You will need to pay for any purchased items at the school office using EFTPOS, credit card or BPAY. Sorry, NO CASH.

PLEASE BE PATIENT. The restricted numbers allowed in the room may mean that there will be a queue or that you'll have to come back another time.

Stay warm,  
Christine  
PFA President

# BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 4 catalogue has now been distributed to all students.

All orders need to be placed online by 3pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.



# CSEF FUNDING

## CLOSING - FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2021



### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

#### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply in 2020.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Check with the school office if you are unsure whether you need to complete a new form.

# BUSINESS ADVERTISING



Guiding children's growth

## Newsletter



### EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Bookings now open for Mission II

[www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers](http://www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers)

Join Mission II and receive your free mission patch and booklet.



### A message from your Coordinator

Over the last week we have seen some amazing work being done by the children based around indigenous communities and reconciliation week.

Safety reminder: be sure to touch base with one of our educators so we know your child has arrived/is leaving with you.

### Activities coming

- Paper Planes
- Unicorn craft
- Cooking

### National Reconciliation Week

27 May - 3 June, 2021

Join in the activities during NRW and learn all about Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and achievements.



### What's on the

- Chocolate Cakes
- Mini Pizzas
- Salad wraps

### It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



### Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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