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**ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr APP
CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

UPDATE ON COVID 19 SCHOOL RESTRICTIONS

Thank you for your support in these very challenging times – as I've mentioned before, the impact that repeat lockdowns has on momentum (that comes with being back at school continuously) certainly isn't helpful.

Further to yesterday's advice we are making a small change to the timetable for the morning Webex meetings between class teachers and their students. As of Monday, the morning Webex meetings schedule will be:

9.00am – 9.15am: – Preps

9.30am – 9.45am: – Grade 1/2s

10.00am – 10.15am: – Grade 5/6s

10.30am – 10.45am: - Grade 3/4s

We have made this change in response to feedback from a number of parents who have told us that, either they do not have multiple devices and as they have more than one child at home undertaking remote learning, logging on their second or third child onto the computer almost immediately is rather difficult. Also, in cases where one Webex meeting runs a little over time, has an impact on the next child's Webex meeting. Hence the short break between meetings.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ONSITE REMOTE LEARNING PROGRAM

Today we have 45 children on site and they are split into 2 classes – P-2 and Grades 3-6. We have staff rostered to supervise these classes as follows: 2 teachers for the P-2 class and 1 teacher for the Grade 3-6 class plus 1 teacher aide shared across both classes as the needs arise. The reason for having 2 teachers assigned to the P-2 class and 1 to the Grade 3-6 class is that 60% of the children who attend onsite remote learning belong to the P-2 class with 40% belonging to the Grade 3-6 class. Also, younger children, as a rule, are less independent in doing their work as are the older children. We operate rotating split shifts for staff for onsite learning – that is a team of 4 staff (3 teachers plus 1 teacher aide per half day).

Feedback I have received today from the P-2 class teachers regarding the change we have made to the children's onsite learning program, which I outlined in yesterday's school update has been very positive. Most importantly, whilst the onsite program for the P-2 children is presented differently to that of their classmates at home working remotely, the content is very closely aligned.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION (FAQ'S)

Q. When will we know if the grade 3 and 4 camps will go ahead?

A. We are proceeding, at the moment, on the basis that it will go ahead. Unless there is a lockdown both camps will proceed. Therefore, until and unless a lockdown is called, the camps are on.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

The word 'but' is a conjunction – that is, it connects words and phrases. Sadly, too often that is all it does.

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 8th - 10th September Grade 3 Phillip Island Camp

PORTAL PERMISSION & PAYMENT TO BE GRANTED BY:

Monday 30th August

Grade 3 camp balance due - \$230.00

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

CSEF FUNDING

EXTENDED TO 13TH AUGUST 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

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

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.

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A message from your Coordinator

The educators at OSHC would like to welcome everyone back after lockdown, we have missed seeing everyone and look forward to sharing some new fun and exciting experiences with you over the coming weeks.

While you were away we began constructing our recycling zone, here you will be able to drop off items such as bread tags, bottle lids, batteries and pens & textas to be sent off for recycling at various places. Our bread tags are used to fund wheelchairs for disabled children living in poverty around the world. Even if you don't attend OSHC feel free to drop off your items to be sorted and recycled by our recycle warriors.

Next week we will be extending on our investigations on the Olympics and looking at Japan, it's games, it's culture, it's traditions.

SCIENCE WEEK is coming up fast, don't forget to book your place with different science themes each day, we will be exploring mixing, edible kitchen science and chemical reactions along with some fun science themed crafts.

Activities coming up

- Hanetsuki
- Paper Arts
- Kokeshi Dolls
- Ninja craft

What's on the menu

- Fruit Ninja... salad
- Sakatas
- Corn fritters

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.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.



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