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NEWSLETTER NO 2

10TH FEBRUARY 2022

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

We are all very much looking forward to making contact with you all, if at all possible. Unfortunately, in these Covid times, there have been so many restrictions on how we can communicate with our parent community these past 2 years. These will be held in the week commencing **Monday 21st February 2022**. Whilst we cannot meet in person on site, as we did last year, these meetings will be held by telephone and are an opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher and to share information about your child with your child's teacher. Each telephone meeting is expected to run for 10 minutes. Should this prove not to be long enough, your child's class teacher will be only too pleased to schedule a further phone call meeting with you for a later date.

All teachers will have rostered times each afternoon (**Monday 21st February to Thursday 24th February**) **between 4.00pm and 7.00pm**. If you cannot find a suitable time, please contact your child's teacher via the parent portal to arrange another time.

Please note that specialist teachers will have a total of 30 bookings available across the four days. This total is for the whole school, being consistent with the number of students in the larger grades. Similarly, if you find that you cannot find a time to speak with any one of your child's specialist teachers, you can do so via the parent portal on Sentral.

Bookings will open this afternoon (Thursday 10th February) at 4.00pm.

PARENTS AND VISITORS IN OUR SCHOOL OFFICE RECEPTION AREA

Another sad reality of current times - we cannot have parents or visitors (other than designated essential service workers) the office reception at this time. If you need to speak to our office staff, please call the school and they will come out to see you.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



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CAR PARKING

This is a perennial one and it has been reported to me that we are having issues in the drop off/pick up zone in Collins

Crescent with several parents parking illegally in this zone – please don't park in this zone. I'm happy for you to contact me should you have car parking concerns, and in doing so, may I advise you to also contact the City of Casey as they are responsible for the management of local public car parking requirements. Of course, I will contact them too and also do, as I am doing now – bringing the importance of correct and respectful car parking requirements to our school community attention.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

The DET has provided schools with answers to some commonly asked questions systemically in relation to the

Question/topic	Response
General concerns about safety of RA tests	<p>All rapid antigen tests, including those with Graphene Oxide, ordered by the Victorian Government for schools are effective in detecting coronavirus variants, including Omicron.</p> <p>This has been validated in laboratory studies by the Doherty Institute, which has published research</p> <p>They can call DoH Coronavirus Hotline (1800 675 398) if they wish</p>
I (or my child) tested positive with an RA test, but does not have any symptoms, and has not been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19.	<p>If you don't have symptoms AND don't believe you have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19, a PCR test is recommended. You must isolate until you receive a negative PCR test.</p>
I (or my child) tested positive with an RA test, and then did another RA test and it came back negative. What do I do?	<p>7-day isolation is required from the date of a positive RA test. If you are asymptomatic (do not have symptoms), AND don't believe you've been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19, it is recommended that you go for a PCR test. If the PCR test comes back negative, you are not a case and can leave isolation. Refer to Confirming your positive RA test with a PCR test on the DH site</p>
If someone test positive on an RA test and then test negative on a PCR test, will it 'cancel' the positive result?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Remember: if you are getting a PCR test to confirm your positive rapid antigen test result, you are still required to isolate before you get the PCR test and while you wait for the result of your PCR test. Expect delays of up to 5 days while waiting for the result of your PCR test.</p> <p>Refer to Frequently Asked Questions on DH site</p>
If I have tested positive, have completed my isolation but now a household contact has tested positive. Do I have to start my 7 day isolation again?	<p>If you have had COVID-19 already in the last 30 days:</p> <p>Anyone who has recovered from COVID-19 is exempt from testing and quarantine requirements if they are re-exposed to a case within 30 days of ending isolation. After 30 days, you must follow the relevant advice depending on the type of contact you are.</p> <p>Refer to the Checklist for COVID contacts on the DH site</p>

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I also received an email query from a member of our school community in relation to the current information on Covid in schools. I've printed it below and included my reply, in the event that the views expressed in the email are shared by others as well.

Q. Is all this unsolicited emails covid propaganda really required? School should focus on education, full stop!

Firstly, the Covid information we are providing parents is required of us by the Department of Education & Training (DET). Secondly, in doing so, we are discharging our *Duty of Care* obligations on behalf of our students and staff. Education is our prime focus, but that includes safety and wellbeing considerations, to which the DET requires schools to adhere. It has nothing to do with 'propaganda'.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'There's a world of difference between an opinion aimed at facts and those aimed at people - facts can always shrug them off'

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

SICKBAY NEWS

Thank you to all the families who have returned their medical forms back for this year.

We are still missing a substantial amount of forms so if your child has Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergies or requires medication at school, please complete these forms and return them back immediately. If you require these forms again, you can find them on the Parent Portal under "School Resources"

LIBRARY NEWS

There are still quite a few overdue library books outstanding from last year.

If you have an overdue library book at home, please return it as soon as possible.



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 1 catalogue has now been distributed to all students.

All orders need to be placed online by 3pm,
Tuesday the 22nd February 2022.



LOST AND FOUND

One of our Grade 1 students has lost her glasses.

If you happen to find these, can you please hand them into the office.





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Home

Welcome

Welcome to the Eastern College Australia's applications website. We have made our application as simple as possible, but as it has to be quite thorough due to government reporting requirements, there are many steps to this online application form. To help you, we have included a 'save' functionality so you can commence your application, save and return to it at a later date. If you need to log in again please come back here to <https://apply.eastern.edu.au>

User login

Username *

Password *

- [Create new account](#)
- [Request new password](#)

Log in

The following steps are required before you start your application to study at Eastern College:

1. Firstly, [create a new account](#) on this application site. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address you provided.
2. Please click on the link in the email and set create your password.
3. Then you can start filling in the application form
4. You can save and return to your application at any stage by returning here to <https://apply.eastern.edu.au> (remember to login)

When can I submit my application?

You are welcome to apply to study at any time as we have both start of year and mid-year intakes, however please be aware that we do have application deadlines. Please refer to our [admissions dates](#) for more information.

FAQ and other links

[Click here for frequently asked questions](#) about Eastern's application process. If you have forgotten your password, you can [reset your password here](#). Please visit the [Admissions Information page](#) for information about Eastern College Australia's Higher Education admissions process.

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place



HOMEWORK GROUP



20 Agonis Street, Doveton

Snacks & Dinner Provided

EVERY WEDNESDAY 4PM - 7PM
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

Register Here

Please click [here](#) to register or scan the QR code to register via our online form for 2022



**ABORIGINAL
GATHERING
PLACE**

Contact the Gathering Place Team:

Web: facebook.com/CaseyAboriginalGatheringPlace
Phone: 03 9792 7378
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)
TIS: 131 450 (Translating and Interpreter Services)

Contact Program Organiser:

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



Got a bit of time next month?
Time to give blood and change lives?
1 in 3 people in Narre Warren North will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're popping up in town from 28 February to 11 March. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95

Give life. Give blood in Narre Warren Nrt

Narre Warren North Hall, Old a'Beckett Rd
28 February, 1-4 March



Monday 28 February
Tuesday 1 March
Wednesday 2 March
Thursday 3 March
Friday 4 March

12.30pm – 7.30pm
12.00pm – 7.30pm
8.00am – 7.30pm
8.00am – 7.30pm
8.00am – 3.00pm