

Resilience

Respect

Excellence

Pride

Thursday 8th October 2020

It's been simply FANTASTIC to see all of our children back this week.



We have all been very surprised at how smooth the transition has been. Our children have been so happy to be at school with their friends and staff.

Teachers are focussing on our children's wellbeing and happiness. They are also recreating a wonderful learning culture. This term is very important for our students and we have made detailed plans to ensure we provide an excellent education.

Unfortunately throughout the year, many of our regular school activities were cancelled. It is impossible for us to do all of these activities this term, and of course we are all aware that there are still many restrictions in place. But we are presently working hard to ensure our children learn lots this term and also have some rich experiences. Our Camps Program has been non-existent. This week we have been informed by the *Education Department* that children can go on camps in regional Victoria. This is challenging to now organise, as all camps were cancelled. However, we currently sorting some small, alternatives activities that we think our children would enjoy. We will include details in our next week's newsletter.

Temperature Checks – Not happening

Please note that daily temperature checks were not taken this week as we were instructed by the *Education Department* that it is not necessary.



STUDENT SAFETY – PICK UP & DROP OFF

Back of school.

Parking at Pick up time- 3:15pm – Back of the School.

As you are aware there are some major building works happening in the middle of the school, we can't wait to see our new landscaped area. Consequently traffic flow of pedestrian children out of school and cars is now more congested.

To help keep the back exit of the school safe, please:

- Obey traffic parking restrictions in Cypress Ave (There is a No Standing zone 3-4pm) Council have patrolled and fined people in the past.
- Park in the Car Park and wait along Cypress Ave for your child.
- Park in 10th Street and collect your child from Cypress Ave. (A patrolled children's crossing is available on 10th St)
- Park on Ontario Ave and organise for your child to exit from the Oval gate on Ontario Ave.

As a part of our *Healthy Schools* initiative, we are also planning to have a Drop and Stride zone at Mansell Reserve (This has been delayed due to COVID). We encourage families to think of this as a great alternative to get some exercise and transport safely to school.

Front of school

Please ensure you park in the designated parks. DO NOT park in the school driveway. Please respect other drivers and be very, very careful of our children.

HATS PLEASE – Let's be Sun smart!

All students must wear a hat in term 4.

The hat needs to be part of our school uniform, navy and preferably have a broad rim.

This is in line with our *School Sun Smart Policy*.

Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named.

If children do not wear a hat then they must go under the shade area.



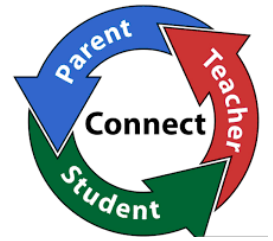
Water Bottles

Water Bottles are recommended, every child needs to bring a water bottle to school. Soft drinks and cordials are not permitted in these bottles. Please ensure the bottle is clearly labelled with your child's name.



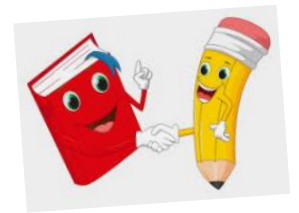
Parent/Carer & Teacher Communication

If your child is having any difficulty whatsoever please contact your child's teacher. And please stay in contact with your child's teacher via Seesaw, email or phone. This is particularly important during the pandemic, when parents are not permitted on the school grounds. An effective partnership between parents/carers and teachers will contribute to a great education for your child.



Homework

As part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools, homework is one way of supporting and fostering life-long learning and study habits. We believe it is beneficial for children to complete a small amount of Homework each week. The *MWPS Homework Policy* has been communicated to parents this year but I have included it once again for your reference. Homework expectations are in place starting next week.



Our Senses

This week the grade 1 and 2 students have been using their senses to make observations. Our senses help us to understand and perceive the world around us. We have also learnt that using sight, sound, smell, touch and taste brings our writing to life. The most popular lesson was tasting a variety of foods. The students were so excited to have their taste buds exploding with different flavours!

Maddison Walsh said "It was fun to try new things. I liked the vegemite best because it is my favourite thing to put on toast!"

Levi Davies exclaimed that "The whole class went crazy. Mint sauce is the grossest!"

Zara Frazzica concluded that "I feel happy trying new things".



Mildura West Podcast – ‘Way Out West’ - Episode 15

The latest episode has been produced by our Grade 5 students! This week it's all about being back at school with lots of student interviews. We hope you have a listen and subscribe to all our episodes. You can find us on iTunes, Spotify or Google podcasts – just search for “Mildura west”! Or you can find us here too:

Anchor.fm: <http://anchor.fm/mildurawest-podcast>



WEST STAR



Class	West Star	Reason
Prep L	Xavier Lock	For working hard and sharing his ideas with others. Well done!
Prep S	Alivia Wilson	For being a risk taker and trying her best in Writing. Well done!
Prep T	Israel Brown	For being a risk taker in Writing and working hard on his goals!
1A	Aaliyah Ellis-Evans	For taking lots of risks with her learning, especially Writing. Well done!
1K	Tallow Slingsby	For staying focused on her learning and quietly settling back into school.
1/2A	Zarius Cochrane	For being an excellent thinker in Reading! Well done!
1/2S	Adrianna Etherington	For being a creative Thinker for the Unit of Inquiry.
2N	Dane Cook	For confidently communicating his ideas with the class.
2R	Anna Darcy	For confidently communicating her ideas with the class.
3K	Finn Summerill	For using Student Agency to be successful in his writing.
3N	Kirittika Sayanthan	For being a Risk-Taker with her Maths and confidently sharing her ideas.
3/4L	Callum Allen	For being a Risk-taker in all areas of his learning!
4L	Sonu Arvapalli	For showing student agency and creativity.
4T	Ella Kaufusi	For responding well to feedback in all learning areas.
5E	Charlize Byrne	For having a great start to the term and staying focused on her learning. Well done!
5S	Theodora Niyogushima	For showing fantastic small group collaboration skills.
6M	Alana Sakkas	For an amazing start to the term in all aspects. You have been caring, hardworking and organised. Great work!
6T	Arwen Heinicke	For being very caring to all her fellow students
P.E	Maddi Micale Layla O'Callaghan	For being risk takers and showing outstanding leadership to organise lunchtime activities in the gym.
Art	Esther Wilson	For communication her emotions through her Art.
Digital Technologies	Ivy Underwood	For being a great 'thinker' and always working hard in Digital Technologies.
Music	Airlie Mann	Being a risk taker in Music both in class and remotely. Well done Airlie!
Environmental	Octavia Cooksley	For taking her role as <i>Environmental Leader</i> seriously. Fantastic job for running out in the rain and moving the scrunchable plastic bins!!

Music

Some of our students have enjoyed creating rhythms with their partners in music this week.
– Meagan Murray



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Important Dates

23rd October

- Public Holiday
- No school

2nd November

- Melbourne Cup Day

Notes Home

- Managing illness in schools
- Homework Policy

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Grade 6 Team work activities

Our grade 6 students had lots of fun working together completing team work challenges, they are all so happy to be back at west

- **Maddi Mayne**

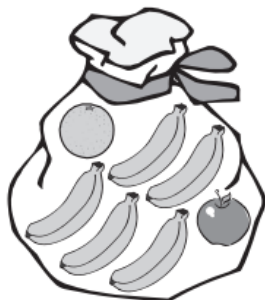


Maths Competition

Please write the correct answer, cut out and place the problem in the Maths Competition Box, located next to lost property in the office. You can complete the problem as a family or individual. The winner will be drawn at our school assembly and will win a prize from the principal's prize box!

Look at these shopping bags of fruit. Select the best chance word for each shopping bag:

a The fruit I pick will be a banana.



impossible / unlikely / likely

b The fruit I pick will be a strawberry.



impossible / unlikely / likely

NAME _____ CLASS _____