



Goodbye, Good luck and Thank You

Sarah Edlington – Office Manager

We recently said farewell to our wonderful Office Manager, Sarah Edlington.

Sarah has been a very important part of our school community for 9 years.

She has taken such good care of our children, our staff and our families. Her role has been diverse and I know we will miss her a great deal.

Sarah has taken a promotion at Mildura Primary School. We wish her luck for the future and hope she pops back for a visit sometime.



Loretta Ghidinelli - Speech Therapist

I am also sorry to say, we have said goodbye to our Speech Therapist, Loretta Ghidinelli, who has also taken a promotion with the Education Department. Loretta has supported many of our children for several years and we thank her so very much for all she has done. We will miss Loretta too, but wish her well in her new position.



Working Bee in our Environmental Area - Thank you

Early this year, our Environmental Team (led by G5 teacher, Sarah Crisp) were successful in obtaining a Woolworths Junior Land Care Grant. They plan to create:

- A native Bee Hotel
- A rotating Compost System
- Adding greenery to our Enviro area
- A Frog Bog

To get started, a team worked hard last Saturday.

A Big Thank you to Sarah Crisp & her hard working team, Bridget Donnelly, Judith Donnelly, Rohan Crisp, Oscar Crisp & Shelby Crisp. This group worked very hard Saturday morning completing many tasks including:

- Planting trees & shrubs
- Preparing the frog bog in readiness for our frogs
- Putting in a dripper line
- Preparing the Veggie plots for any future veggies to be planted

The future for our Environmental area is very exciting.



COVID Restrictions

Today I received some new COVID guidelines. I was very excited to notice many restrictions have been lifted. These changes start on November 1st. Here is a summary of the most important requirements, some are new and some are existing:



- Face Masks must be worn for students in G3-6, and it is also recommended for Grade Prep – 2 children.
- 2022 Prep Transition can now go ahead.
- Excursions & incursions can go ahead
- Year 7 Transition can go ahead.
- G6 Camp will go ahead (Further detail regarding other camps & special days will be communicated ASAP).
- Grade 6 Graduation will be able to happen
- Outdoor events & Assemblies can go ahead but have density quotients
- All visitors/parents who enter school buildings, still need to QR code, but are welcome onsite.
- Parents can pick up their children from which ever gate they choose.
- All COVID safe cleaning routines continue at school.

Masks

As you are aware, children in Grades 3-6 are required to wear a mask, unless they have a medical condition. We have purchased many masks for our children but we would appreciate it if families could supply them.



BUSY BEES

During remote learning Lynelle had some busy bees visit her back yard, they loved it so much they decided to make it home. This sparked some interesting conversation through Webex and we did a little research on Bees and how they produce honey.

This sparked the kids to think about foods they can make that include honey and we came up with.... HONEY JOYS!

The 'JOY' in the room was sooooo sweet!

Here are some snippets from their fantastic writing!

'I heard tap tap tap when I heard Lynelle turn the oven on.'

'My job was putting the cornflakes in the bowl.'

'I felt sticky honey in my hands.'

'Honey joys are the best ever.'

'It looks like the yellow sun in the sky.'



PYP - Grade 6 Exhibition

Exhibition is really starting to heat up for the Grade 6's. Over the last week we have been able to interview different experts from different fields to help with our research. This was an exciting opportunity, and we can't wait to share the knowledge we gained with everyone at the final Exhibition! We want to say a huge thank you to all our teacher mentors who helped organise these interviews for us.

Student comments:

"The interview was amazing. We asked many questions and had a wonderful conversation. Did you know that there is a bird that sucks other birds' blood?" – **Oliva, Ella & Brissa**

"The interview was scary at first, but it turned out to be great. We learnt all sorts of things that you can't just google and will be essential in our Exhibition. Something we learnt is that a lot of veterans go through poverty and homelessness after war. There were also a lot of issues for veterans of Vietnam because they didn't want to talk about it to anyone and they tried to do something themselves (alcoholism and other destructive behaviours). Overall, it was a very useful experience". – **Mansur and Will**

"Our interview with the RSPCA was very interesting it was fun to learn about animals' rights and animal testing. It was fun to see others point of view and I liked how they had lots of fun facts". – **Alaura, Tyrone & Makayla**

"We were lucky enough to interview an Australian soldier who has been to Afghanistan many times in the past 10 years. It was very interesting to hear a soldier's perspective about the war in Afghanistan, he explained things really well and the information will be important for our Exhibition. The most interesting thing was that he doesn't regret his time over there, we thought this was really special". – **Xander, Aqil & Kevin**



School Arrival Time

A gentle reminder that children cannot come to school before 8.30. Any students who earlier than this, need to attend OSCH. There is not supervision at this time so we are concerned about the safety of the children.



PLEASE TAKE CARE DURING THE 3.15pm pick up



I am very concerned with the safety of our children during the 3.15 pickup time. On ninth street, some parents are doing U turns before the railway line & before the actual crossing. The parks on ninth street, along the school side are **5 MINUTE parking** but people are staying longer & preventing the "flow" of traffic. This is then causing a backlog of traffic.

In Cyprus Avenue there is a great deal of congestion. Please respect each other and take a great deal of care when collecting your child.

28th October 2021

Important Dates

2nd November

- Melbourne Cup Public holiday
- No school

15th November – 18th November

- Grade 6 Camp – Halls Gap

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WEST STAR

Class	West star	Reason
Prep L	Corine Rose	For trying hard in Reading. Well done Corine!
Prep P	Ashton Dixon-Short	For trying hard in all learning areas. Super effort Ashton
Prep S	Brent Watts	For trying his best in Reading. Well done Brent!
Prep T	Ellamarie Ellis-Evans	For trying hard in Maths. Great work!
1A	Avyana Anemaet	For being a risk taker and having a go during Chinese
1N	Esther Perry	For being a risk-taker in all her learning. Well done, Esther!
1/2R	Rosalie Noll	For being a caring and respectful member of our classroom.
2A	Sienna Blake-Blundell	For using her student agency when writing a wonderful creative story. Super effort Sienna!
2K	Skyla Flynn	For being a helpful classmate
3A	Ritheareach Oung	For being a creative thinker in Writing!
3K	Lara Martin	For striving for excellence in Writing. Well done, Lara!
3L	Alex Sakkas	For displaying amazing thinking skills and student agency in Maths. Fantastic Effort Alex!
4M	Emme Poulton	For using her agency and being resilient during remote learning. Top job Emme!
	Okzana Fono	For using her agency and being resilient during remote learning. Awesome work Okzana!
4T	Teariki Tomoare	For working hard to improve his jottings in Reading.
5N	Van Bridgett	show showing great student agency and sharing his knowledge with others
5S	Adam Monger	For making a great return to normal school and showing student agency
6M	Aqil Poya	For settling in well and working hard in exhibition
6N	Yunda Mitchell	For working hard and using his thinking skills in maths
Physical Education	Maddeline Blair-Marshall	For being principled and showing determination in Volleyball
Visual Arts	Meeka Robinson	For amazing self-management and student agency in Art
	Isla Surgey	For being a creative thinker making sun prints in Art
Science	Evelyn Fletcher	For being a risk-taker and having a go to create a sailboat during Science. Excellent effort Evelyn!



It's so great to have all students back onsite, unfortunately the Lost Property box has quickly filled up again. PLEASE clearly label items (especially jumpers) with your child's name so things can easily be returned.

Thank you. If your child had lost an item, please feel free to have a look in the lost property box in the office foyer.

Glasses for Kids Program 2021

Thank you to the families in Grades Prep – 3 who returned their Consent Form and Questionnaires in preparation for the 'Glasses for Kids' program. This will be going ahead next Wednesday, Thursday & Friday here at school (Nov 3/4/5). Parents will be informed about their child's needs (if any) shortly after these dates.

If you have any questions, please see Amber Lucey

