

NEWSROUND

Principals Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Hello to you all and welcome to this weeks edition on the weekly newsletter. This past week has been very busy with 1:1 Architects visiting and discussing our upcoming outdoor learning space with the builders. We look forward to seeing the commencement of the project in the coming months.

LEARNING TARGETS

Our focus this term is heavily on absenteeism and the impact it has on student learning. Our aim it to have students at school each and every day and absenteeism's need to be noted on our uEducateUs as our main communication platform. Student absenteeism's are coded on the departments system and it is essential that plans can be made so to support home learning during chronic illness. Keep us posted so that we can support you if this is the case!

PUPIL FREE DAY

A note that the 16th of March is a designated **Pupil Free Day** for students with staff having to undertake professional development learning at school. Whilst this is a day at home you are most welcome to make opportunity and continue learning via Mathletics, Writers notebook and or Reading eggs. Looking forward to hearing of your successes if this is the case. This one is an individual choice and is not at all expected from the school.

SMALL SCHOOL ATHLETICS CLUSTER DAY

Staff are planning and working around practice for school athletics sports day cluster that will take place on the 29th of March at McEwan Reserve is Shepparton. It is the responsibility of parents to transport their child to the location on this day with drop off being 8.45am and pick up at 2.15pm.

FLEXIBLE AND ACCESSABLE LEARNING

Classrooms are making use of a varied amount of technologies supporting literacy and numeracy growth. Many of these learning programs are accessible at home in supporting additional learning with students having access to take home their username and passwords for Reading Eggs, Mathletics, PMS, Epic and Literacy Planet. Why not contact your child's teacher via uEducateUs so that you can maintain the links with information that you may require in support of your child at home in conjunction with your child's use of these learning platforms and programs.

SCHOOL LAPTOP DEVICES FOR SALE

We have ten computer devices available for purchase for interested parties at a cost of \$100 each. If you are seeking a computer at all please contact the school on Tuesday afternoon via Janne our technician. Payment can be made at the office or online. Once paid we can then organise these for collection.

AFL GOULBURN MURRAY VISIT

An enormous thank you to Mr Turner for his organisation of AFL Goulburn Murray coming into school this past Monday to run a football clinic with our wonderful students. Mr Turner has done a great job providing additional sporting opportunities for our students. Mr Turner and myself are awaiting feedback from government grants in anticipation of a successful outcome in our application for a sports grant. Fingers crossed that we receive the grant.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our first School Council meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday the 2nd of March at the school commencing at 4pm sharp. Note that new elections will take place for new office bearers and forms are available at the office. Our AGM shall take place in March where vacancies will be filled by interested parties.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

A meet and greet along with information about the routines and structures provided across the school shall take place on Wednesday the 3rd of March at 4.00pm in the schools multi-purpose music and dining room. We will cover of the use of uEducateUs as well as parts of the school curriculum such as the sports planner. If you have any questions or any items to discuss please feel free to contact us.

PARENT REMINDER

A reminder that it is important to make an appointment in reference to meeting with staff when possible. This provided opportunity for teacher to stick to class routines without interruptions. Teachers are readily available at the end of each day preferably after 3.15pm. Many thanks.

2020 OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

A reminder that there are still outstanding books that have not been returned from 2020. So to avoid a fee can you check at home if any overdue library books. If your child has received a slip regarding overdue books but has returned it already then please ignore it.

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

The 2020 school year was an extraordinary and challenging one for every school community. Many Victorian students spent much of Terms 2 and 3 learning remotely and Victorian schools and their communities made an exceptional effort to provide continuity of teaching and learning to our students during this time. During Term 4 teachers focussed on assessing student learning, addressing individual learning gaps and identifying those students who need extra support for their learning, using classroom-based observation and assessments. Presently we are in the process of employing an additional experienced teacher for learning support and extension who shall work alongside of students in learning catch up and extensions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 March	2	3	4	5
8 Labour Day	9	10	11	12
15	16 Pupil Free Day	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29 Athletics Day	30	31	1 April	2 End of Term



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Awesome Ardmona Award



We welcome back the AAA award this term. The AAA award is based of student votes in which they vote for their peers who follow our school values which are

Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be A Learner.

This week we had one lucky person nominated multiple times which is fantastic to see. Week 5 AAA is Jedd Loffel.

Jedd was nominated for BEING SAFE in the school yard. Jedd has also been seen helping out other students in the classroom and school yard as well. Keep up the great work Jedd!

Well done Jedd!

ROAR Awards

ROAR stands for "Recognising Outstanding Attendance Rewards" and we will be congratulating students who achieve 100% attendance for the week prior:

For the week of **18th February to 24th February**, the following students obtained 100% attendance:

Indiana Blake (Gr.1)

Chayton Charquero (Prep)

Mansi Charquero (Gr.1)

Montannah Cowan (Prep)

Tayler Lummas (Gr.3)

Hayley Oliver (Prep)

Maddex Snelling (Gr. 3)

Macey Weidenbach (Gr.1)

Blake Young (Gr.1)

Jayden Young (Gr.3)

Lilli Blake (Gr.5)

Colt Cowan (Gr.5)

Jedd Loffel (Gr.6)

Beau Lummas (Gr.6)

Jamie-Lea Lummas (Gr.5)

Ruby Madill (Gr.6)

Sommer Owen-Scott (Gr.6)

Amanda Rollins (Gr.4)

Xander Snelling (Gr.4)



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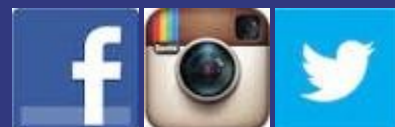
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Awards

Stars of the Week!

Mansi Charquero (P-3)

Amanda Rollins (4-6)



Well done to Mansi for showing dedication and persistence with learning. Mansi always displays a passion and excitement for learning across all subjects and is beginning to truly trust and believe in herself which is a delight for us all. Well done Mansi!

Well done to Amanda for excellent work in writing. Amanda always works hard with her writing and this week has been no exception! She has produced a detailed recount about her holidays and has worked hard on ensuring that her handwriting is neat and legible. Fantastic work Amanda!

Enrolments for 2021.

We are now accepting enrolments for the 2021 School Year. There are information packs at the front office. If you have a Prep or any year level student for 2021, or know someone who does please don't hesitate to contact the office to arrange to collect a pick up of the Enrolment Pack. Also please pass this information on to any interested families you might know.



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Grade P—3 Classroom News

This week in the Early Years we have continued to explore rhyming words, comparing characters, and making predictions about our texts in Literacy. We continue to practice our reading and have been familiarising ourselves with how to understand and say words we may not know yet, by identifying familiar letters and their sounds, and chunking sounds together. Make sure you continue to read at home every night and return the yellow Reading Log to school to ensure we can keep track of your home reading progress!

The students came up with the wonderful idea to practice the skill of writing letters by writing letters and drawing pictures to welcome Peter, Maddi, and Jed's new baby sister Emarly! A great way to send congratulations!

In Numeracy we are looking into number, counting, and 2D shapes. The students have created picture collages using 2D shapes.

Wednesday the 24th of February was the last midweek break for our wonderful Foundation students. We are looking forward to having you all at school for every day of the week!

As an Early Years class, we would love if families and friends could have a look around their home for any clean and suitable construction play items that they would be willing to donate to our new construction play learning. These can include paper towel rolls, cereal/food boxes, pompoms, cotton wool, pipe cleaners, plastic containers, buttons, scrap paper or magazines, or even arts and craft supplies. We kindly ask that these items exclude any toilet rolls or tissue boxes!

It has been inspiring and amazing to see everyone's learning achievements during this term, we are all so proud of your persistence, grit, determination, and dedication to learning!

Miss Walker



Grade 4—6 Classroom News

In literacy we have been continuing on with predicting when reading and have been creating our own blurbs for our favourite books to help the reader predict what the book might be about. In writing we are finishing off our recount posters about school camp.

In Maths we have been looking at place value and in particular the expanded notation form of numbers. Everyone has their fluency packets set up and we are right into the swing of it with students progressing quite well.

In Integrated studies we have been learning about sustainability and in particular sustainable farming and agriculture practices.

In Italian with Signora Peg, we have been learning how to say the things we like and don't like (mi piace and non mi piace). Just a friendly reminder for all students to make sure they read at home every night even if it is only for 10-15 minutes and to also practice your spelling words.

Mr Tunks.



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DR CRANKY'S BIKE PROJECT

During the week we had a guest visitor Bart Sbeghen from Dr Cranky's in Flemington to discuss the possible participation of the Dr Cranky's Bike Project within our school. Bart was kind enough to talk to Ariella, Ruby, Jedd and Xander from the senior class about how the program first started back at Flemington Primary School in 2014

Bart touched on the program from in its early days when he and the project started fixing bikes for students in preparation for the annual Ride2School Day and when they fixed 5 to 10 bikes in the first year and have now fixed and gifted over 1,900 bikes.

Below is more information passed on from Bart regarding future plans which also explains that we need at least one parent volunteer to get the program up and running.

Bike riding has become very important as a form of exercise and family activity during Covid. But there are many children and families that don't have access to a working bike. Dr Cranky's aims to change this by empowering the local community.

This year, post Covid, we plan to open 15 new Bicycle Hospitals at schools. These are run by parent volunteers with support of Dr Cranky's and the local council. Dr Cranky's provides the tools, spare parts and training for the parents who repair and recycle bikes at the school. The usual practice is to run the Bicycle Hospital one day a week before and after school with two or more parent volunteers. See the [guide](#) for more.

Parents can also work from home fixing bikes and distributing them from the school. The donated or repair bikes get locked up near school and volunteers pick them up, fix them and lock them back. This way we can help get people riding while complying with Covid restrictions. See attached flyer. We've done over 200 bikes at schools using this process and got whole families riding.

There is no cost to the school but we rely on parent volunteers to run the program with Dr Cranky's support including tools, parts, training and insurance. We have one local community volunteer in who is willing to help. We are partnering with the council and VicHealth on this project.

Please let Mr Turner know if you are interested in volunteering. If you are interested it would only take up about an hour of your time each week. We are keen to get as many children and families riding at Ardmona PS as possible.



Here is a bike that Xander, Jedd, Ruby and Ariella put together with the assistance of Bart. The bike was also donated on behalf of Bart and the Dr Cranky's Bike Hospital Project.



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RESOURCE INFORMATION SUPPORT

SENSORY PLAY DAY

Come along to the RISE Centre
38 Packham Street Shepparton
on Wednesday 3rd of March
10.30am - 12.30pm

for a morning filled with sensory fun activities!

A great opportunity to meet other families, make
friendships and find support.

Cost is a gold coin donation per child.

RSVP to Sarah by 24th of February, 2021
58221230 or gvsntl@iinet.net.au

Painting, water play, playdough, bubbles, shaving cream station,
goop, sand play and lots more!

Please bring your own morning tea, a drink bottle, sunscreen, a hat and make sure you
wear old clothes!

Please note that children are the responsibility of the parent/guardian at all times.



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supporting young people during COVID-19

headspace Shepparton in partnership with headspace National, are hosting a webinar for parents and carers of young people to support their mental health through COVID-19.

Information presented will:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health and mental health literacy.
- Build skills and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of your young person, including their transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- Showcase local headspace centre community resources.

The webinar will consist of a presentation on youth mental health, followed by a panel with guest speakers.

When

Thursday 25th March 2021
7pm – 8.15pm AEDT

How do I register?

[Click here](#) to register via Eventbrite, or type the URL below into your web browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/shepparton-covid-19-parent-and-carer-webinar-supporting-young-people-registration-133808265123>

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar.

Contact

For more information email:
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