

NEWSROUND

Principals Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

This week's news welcomes additional learning support staff with a focus on targeting teaching and learning support for our students and it with enormous thanks to the team who have maintained contact with families during the onset of yet another COVID-19 lockdown setback. The effectiveness of this additional support is based on your feedback so to ensure that the program and delivery of personalised learning goals and targets are met for students.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to you all! How fantastic it is and so appreciate that parents new and old are making use of uEducateUs as a link to the school for student attendance this week during remote learning and notifying absences. Absolutely brilliant!

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Updated information at present. Meetings have taken place with the successful tender with variations to the project with a variation in costing. At last we are at an exciting phase and the work which has been on hold due to COVID-19 shall commence! As a school we certainly will certainly be celebrating! Keep your eyes open for work outside the rear entrance of the main building!

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday the 16th of March is set to be a pupil free day for students with staff working on the delivery of Numeracy and teaching methods linked to a literacy approach in a hands on way. This session is to be accommodated by TOP Ten Maths researchers who will attend the school for the day.

DAILY READING

Students need to be consistently praised for their efforts at home daily with their reading and enjoyment of their take-home books. As the reader it is important for you to make the time to check in and model the reading for your child so to support positive outcomes.

"All of our students are bright and eager learners and in partnership we certainly are on a great page as we set up students in learning success."

COVID-19

Just a reminder that it is important that all visitors scan the QR code upon entry into any of the school buildings or alternatively sign in at the office.

Presently the Department of Education and Training has passed on advice that essential workers are the scope of visitors at the school with recommendations to keep parent and others at a minimum. Many thanks to you all for your support during these difficult times. For urgent issues please ring the school directly so that we can support you and your needs. Meeting with the team will be via video links or teleconference. Unfortunately, this is not always easy for us all however it seems the new way of our communications at present and it is in the utmost interest of us all. As mentioned previously via past newsletters email me on my direct email if at all you have any queries at all

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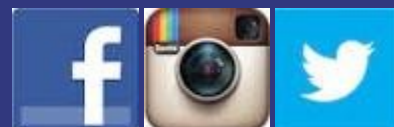
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FORMS TO BE RETURNED

A reminder that there are still a number of families that are still yet to return forms that were sent out during the first week of school. These forms were due in on the 12th of February. The forms that need to be returned are.

- Emergency Contact and Phone Number (even if there are no changes).
- Application form for Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (Copy of valid concession card required).
- Student Levy Contribution Option.
- Mobile Library Form (MARC).
- Internet Protocol—One per child depending on year level and class

If you require any more of these forms, please see Mr Turner ASAP.

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 5.30pm 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.

NEWSLETTER TO MOVE ONLINE ONLY

The distribution of the weekly newsletter has now moved to online only with it being accessible via uEducateUs, the school website or Facebook. The newsletter is posted online each week on a Friday.

On Friday afternoons from roughly 3.30pm you will be able to access the newsletter on the school website at <https://www.ardmonaps.vic.edu.au/newsround-archive>.

For parents and carers who have access to uEducateUs, you will also receive a notification once the newsletter has been published on uEducateUs.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our first School Council meeting of the year will take place on Monday the 23rd of February 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.

SHEPPARTON JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

As the start of the Shepparton Junior Soccer Association is fast approaching, if your child/children is interested in playing soccer on a Saturday morning, please get in contact with Kylie Adams via email or phone on gdm.sjsa@gmail.com or message me on 0435 853 429. Kylie can help assist with any students from Foundation to Grade 6 who would like to play soccer in the 2021 season can assist in helping them find a team within other local schools from the Greater Shepparton area.

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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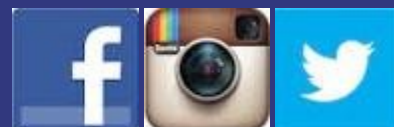
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IMPORTANT COVID 19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Visitors to our school grounds are required to register with our signed QR Code. If you are unable to sign in using the QR Code, please sign in using the school visitor book at the main office.
- **As stated visitors must comply with physical distancing and face mask recommendations set out by the Department of Education, and practise good hand hygiene.**
- There is no requirement to limit the number or type of visitors to school premises, however the density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres is applied to any spaces and activities being attended by parent/carers and other visitors. The density limit applies to all persons in the space, including students.
- Restrictions of parents entering classrooms need to be followed with parents attending to pick up of students of Foundation waiting externally to the classroom.
- Following the Government's announcements regarding new state-wide restrictions that came into effect at 11.59pm on Wednesday 3 February, visitors to school sites must also wear masks when indoors.
- To support contact tracing, all schools must keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who attend on-site for more than 15 minutes. Once again sign in is available at office or QR needs to be scanned.

FACE MASKS

Teachers and education support staff

- will not be required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.
- must wear face masks in other indoors areas of the school when not teaching if physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Students

- School students aged 12 or older must wear a face mask indoors, unless an exception applies. There are a number of lawful excuses for not wearing a face mask.
- Students under the age of 12, or those 12 and over who are attending primary school do not have to wear a face mask.

Parents and carers

- Parents and carers must wear a face mask when in indoor settings including schools, early childhood education centres and places of study, unless an exception applies. It is recommended parents and carers wear face masks outdoors where physical distancing cannot be maintained, for example at a congested school drop off or pick up.



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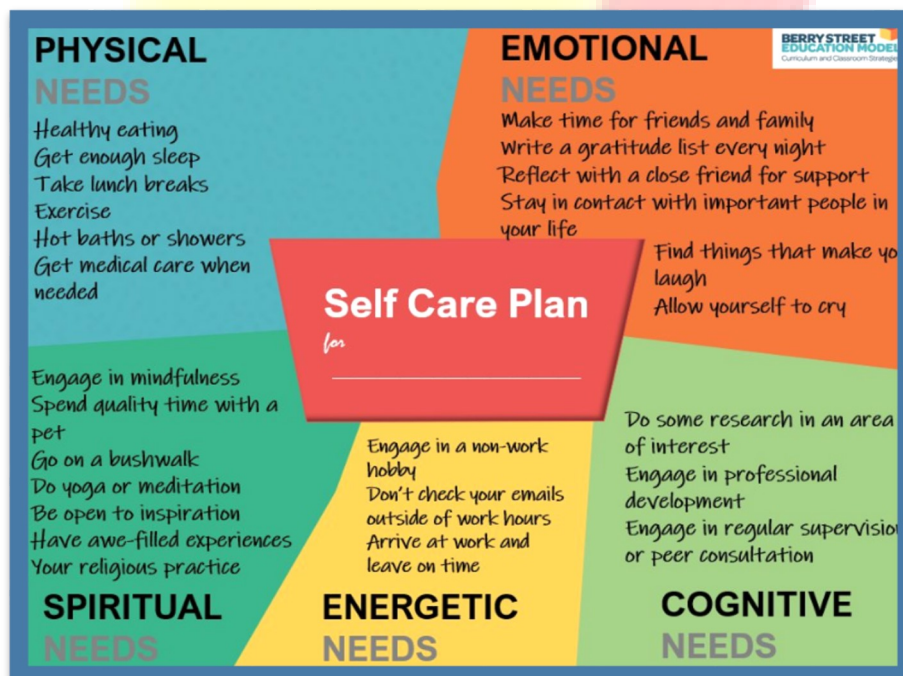
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22	23 School Council Meeting	24	25	26
1 March	2	3	4	5
8	9 Labour Day	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

BERRY STREET SELF CARE PLAN



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Grade P—3 Classroom News

It has been wonderful to hear about all the amazing work and experiences our Early Years friends have been getting up to during our snap remote learning time! Whilst it has been challenging to adjust again to staying home for our learning time, many of you made a wonderful effort to keep up with your schoolwork and even go above and beyond with different learning! Well done!

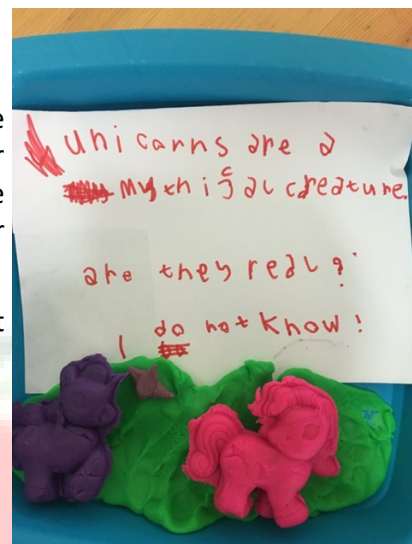
I am sure we are all looking forward to settling back into our routines at school, celebrating our learning successes, and sharing our stories from the three remote learning days.

Practicing mindfulness is a strategy we will continue to explore over the coming weeks. After a challenging and maybe stressful period of time for both families and children during remote learning, it is important to enable children to express and recognise their emotions and how they are feeling or have been feeling.

Here is a wonderful, guided video that we will be exploring this week that you may like to utilise at home to practice noticing emotions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NB3ihqPQGw&ab_channel=SmilingMind

Miss Walker



Mansi's wonderful profile about Unicorns!

Mansi asks a wonderful question..
Are they real?

Grade 4—6 Classroom News

First off, a big thank you to our students and their families for their hard work and support during our brief 3 day period of remote learning! Thanks for working so hard in difficult circumstances the last few days. It truly is wonderful to be back at school.

In literacy we have been continuing on with predicting when reading and also creating recount posters about our camp at 15 Mile Creek. In Maths we are continuing on with our work on place value and whole number by playing games such as place value bingo and highest/lowest number.

All students have spelling sheets to take home as well as their take home reader bags and reading diaries to fill out, so please ensure reading and spelling is completed at home. I appreciate the support!

Due to the nature of the week with remote learning, there will be no star of the week. Please stay tuned for next week's star of the week!

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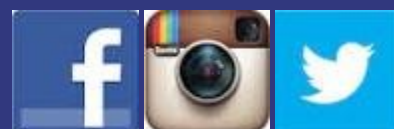
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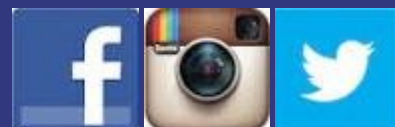
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RACISM:

Understanding Your Rights and Taking Action

The Greater Shepparton City Council in collaboration with the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission have come together to run an online information session to educate and empower multicultural and multifaith communities about racism, understanding your rights and taking action.

This session will provide information to better understand and exercise rights if you or someone you know experiences racism, religious discrimination, or racial or religious vilification. Attendees will also learn how to recognise racism, how to report it and where to seek advice and support.

We will cover

- What does discrimination, vilification and victimisation mean?
- Where to get help and advice
- How to report racism
- Why reporting racism is important
- How to take action against racism

Monday
22 March
2021

6.00pm
– 7.00pm

Online Zoom session: <https://bit.ly/3jWQY5j>

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