

NEWSROUND

Principals Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We would like to welcome back our wonder Foundation to Grade 3 students who have recommenced learning at school. What an exciting time to witness the return of our awesome students! We have branched into learning still in remote mode and presently investigating the SMART spelling program ideas alongside of our Writers model of practice. This incorporates a great deal of fun and word studies that graft an understanding of word knowledge sounds and syllables. We have the most enthusiastic students and they are realising their potential for success which is superb!

School Council Meeting

The next school council meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday the 2nd of June at 4pm. This will once again be held on Webex. Mr Turner or Mr Tunks will send through the link to all school council member via uEducateUs on Tuesday.

Senior Classroom

Reminder that Mr Tunks is teaching from school remotely, however students are expected to attend as of the 9th of June. Please refer to our Q and A for parents which has been attached once again. This provides a brief overview as to expectations for return to school.

Daily Cleaning

Many thanks to Mr Turner who has taken up the additional daily cleaning responsibilities along with many others so to support our general health and wellbeing in light of the COVID19 virus. We are well equipped with additional cleaning supplies and Nathan is an asset also being trained in first aid. We have an exemplary team. Thanks Nathan.

Student Illness'

Parents are advised to notify the school if there child is at all ill and to not send them to school if presenting unwell in the best interest of the health and safety of us all. Staff have also been reminded of this advice so to avoid any unnecessary illnesses or health risks.

Uniform Orders

Winter uniform orders are presently being handed out to students. The new uniform overrides the old. Things are looking great for us all. Quiet smart a look Ardmona students and staff.

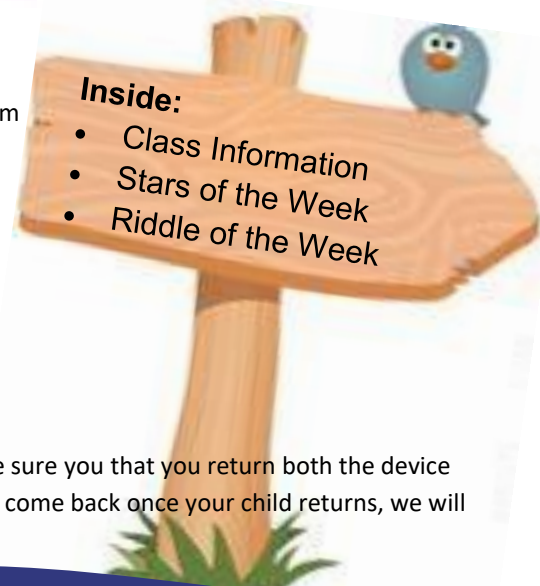
Book Club Orders

Due to the senior students still taking part in remote learning, below is the online link if you would like to place an order for the Scholastic Book Club.

https://scholastic.com.au/media/5610/bc_420.pdf

Loaned Devices

For students who have loaned devices over the remote learning stage, please make sure you that you return both the device and the charger when your child recommences back at school. If the devices don't come back once your child returns, we will be limited as to the number of devices we can use during class.



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Mental Health & Wellbeing Check-In

Just as you set aside time for physical exercise, it is important to make time each day to check in on your child's mental health and wellbeing. It may take your child some time to adjust to their new routine for learning and key changes such as not seeing classmates in person. Every child will react differently to new circumstances – feelings of sadness, frustration, anxiousness and even anger are entirely normal.

You can help your child by:

- providing an opportunity to talk about how they feel and listening to what they say
- identifying some specific actions they can take by themselves or with you to address any concerns they might have
- asking how they are finding learning remotely, and if there is anything they'd like your help with.

If you have any other concerns about the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact your school directly, which will have access to resources that can help.

Literacy and Numeracy Resources and Tips

In addition to the resources and materials that your school will provide, you could use the following resources to support your child as they learn from home:

Literacy and numeracy: Tips for parents and carers to build their child's literacy and numeracy skills can be downloaded from the www.education.vic.gov.au. Search: *get involved in literacy and numeracy*

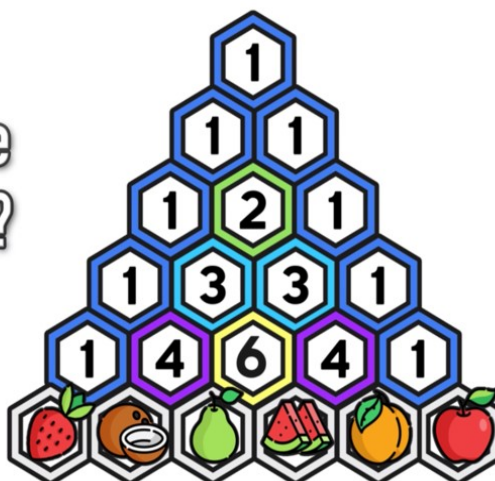
Premiers' Reading Challenge: The challenge encourages children and students from birth to Year 10 to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. Register at www.education.vic.gov.au. Search: *premiers reading challenge*

Mathematics and numeracy at home: Parents and carers play an important role in helping develop their child's numeracy skills. Advice and resources for families can be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au. Search: *mathematics and numeracy at home*.

Riddle of the Week



What numbers are
being covered up?



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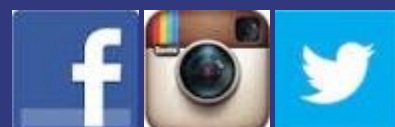
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Grade 4—6 Classroom News

In Literacy this week we have started a new topic focusing on procedure writing.

It has been great reading some 'how to' pieces of writing and could perhaps put them all into a book when we return back to school! In numeracy we have been working on subtraction again and practicing a range of subtraction strategies. In Art this week with Mr. Pettigrew we had some fun with creating chalk drawings on the ground and pretending to be a part of the art work ourselves! Not long now until our class is back on Tuesday the 9th of June, I am very excited! When students return please make sure they bring back any devices (laptops and iPads) that they have loaned from the school as well as the charger for the device.

Mr Tunks.



Grade F—3 Classroom News

Students of the class have returned to school with a bounce into learning. Focus of our topics are evolving around Australia and our states and capital cities which has been fantastic for our students to follow up on from one of our topics from remote learning. On Tuesday we also had a great Art session ran by Mr Pettigrew which involved going outdoors onto the basketball court and drawing with chalk. Keep a lookout through the remainder of the newsletter for some snapshots of our students art activity. We are looking for as many newspapers also and magazines to support of literacy and language activities with word studies. If at all you have some to donate could you please leave them at the school at the mod five early Years classroom door for us to collect.

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Awards

Stars of the Week!

Indiana Blake (P-3)

Lennix Ponting (4-6)



Congratulations to Indiana for transitioning back in to school fantastically. She has done a awesome job with her reading and writing as well as doing a great job with learning about the states and capital cities of Australia. Well done Indi, fantastic work.

Well done to Lennix for some awesome art work during remote learning. Lennix has been doing a fantastic job in all areas of his remote learning but, this week in particular I have been thoroughly impressed with his art work! He has completed a chalk drawing of a PlayStation and a TV and he is pretending to be a part of his artwork alongside his dog! Fantastic work Lennix.

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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COVID-19 - Returning to onsite Teaching and Learning Questions and Answers for Families

Questions	Answers
Is it safe for my child to be at school?	Yes. Victoria's return to on-site school attendance is based on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer.
What if I choose to keep my child home for the remainder of Term 2?	If you choose to keep your child home you will not receive learning tasks from the teacher/school UNLESS it is for medical reasons that your child is unable to return and you have a medical certificate.
Can I send my child to school if they have a runny nose and say they feel unwell?	No. We ask that all staff and students stay at home if they have a cold, a runny nose or a sore throat.
How do I contact my child's teacher if I am unable to go into the classroom to speak with them?	Phone the school or email us via uEducateUs. A message to the teacher will be forwarded to them and they will contact you. This is the preferred method of communication, but you can also continue to use.
Will my child be supervised when they arrive from 8.55am?	Yes. Children arriving from 8:55am will go directly to their classroom and be supervised. No students should will be playing in the yard before this hence the change for the time being.
Why aren't parents allowed onsite to drop their children off and wait in the school yard to pick them up?	On advice from the Department's operating guidelines for return to onsite learning, visitors to school grounds should be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations (e.g. student health and wellbeing services, specialist curriculum programs, maintenance workers).
It's my child's birthday. Am I able to send cakes or ice creams into school for them to share with the class?	Unfortunately no. At this point in time students are not permitted to share food.
Can the students play soccer or football?	No. Students may be provided with alternate activities at recess and lunchtime.
Will there be lunch orders or breakfast program?	No. Breakfast program shall be reviewed in a few weeks.



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What will the students be allowed to play at recess and lunch time?	They will be allowed to play, but no sports equipment should be used from school or home for the time being. Some other activities may be set up.
Am I allowed onto the school site to pick up my child if they have an appointment or are unwell?	Please call the school so we can organise an effective process without families entering the school grounds. Eg collection point at car park gate entry.
Can my child drink out of the bubble taps?	No. All students are required to bring a drink bottle filled from home. Drink bottles can be filled throughout the day from the water stations that will be turned on.
What if my child forgets their water bottle?	The school does have some bottles of water. The children will be given a bottle of water if required and their name will be written on it.
My child is worried about coming back to school. How can the school support them?	The school has many different areas of support available. Please contact your child's teachers and let them know what you are concerned about. We are also able to access support from the Department's Student Support Services if required.
What if my child won't walk into school without me?	There will be many familiar and smiling faces ready to greet your child each morning. Please talk to them about what they need to do each morning prior to school starting. If your child won't get out of the car, you will be asked to park your car and a staff member will come to you.
Can I drop my child off at school before 8:45am?	No. If your child needs to be at school before this time you will need to contact the Principal – this should be a last resort.
Does my child need to practise social distancing?	Maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 metres will not always be practical in education settings. Physical distancing is <u>most important between adults</u> . Children will be encouraged to social distance where it is practical to do so. Students will not come together with other classes for activities.
Will surface areas be cleaned regularly?	Yes. Schools have also received increased funding for the cleaners to clean high touch areas during the school day. All classrooms will also have wipes for students to wipe down their table and chair during the day.



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Is there hand sanitiser available for my child to use?	Yes. All classrooms, specialist rooms and other areas around the school have hand sanitiser for the students to use. Students will be reminded to sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day especially after they have completed a task.
Will my child be supervised at the end of the day?	Yes. Children will leave school from the side car park gate. We ask that all children are collected promptly, but any students still at school will be supervised. This may be an inconvenience for some, but the aim is to minimise congestion at the end of the day. Think positively with this for some extra exercise.
What do I do if my child has woken up and is not well enough to attend school?	If your child will not be attending school please phone school phone from 8.30am that morning and they will inform your child's class teacher.
My child is taking medication. How do I drop this off at school?	Firstly if your child is taking medication should they be at school? If your child requires medication please contact the school so that we can send you the distribution of medication form for you to fill in and sign. Please send this with the medication to school in your child's bag. We will collect it from there. More details will follow.
Will my child be sharing resources with other students in the class?	Yes. There will be times when your child will be sharing equipment with other students in the class. Students will be washing and sanitising their hands regularly.
Can I volunteer to help with reading?	Unfortunately no. Until further advice, parents will not be permitted to be onsite. Again on advice from the Department's operating guidelines for return to onsite learning, visitors to school grounds should be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations (e.g. student health and wellbeing services, specialist curriculum programs, maintenance workers).
Can my child bring their own pencil case?	Students in Years 3-6 are highly encouraged to bring their own pencil case to school. Students in Foundation – 2 may continue to share some supplies however they will be practising regular hand washing and sanitising. Students in years F-2 do already have independent pencil cases and pencil tins for personal use.



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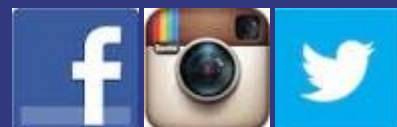
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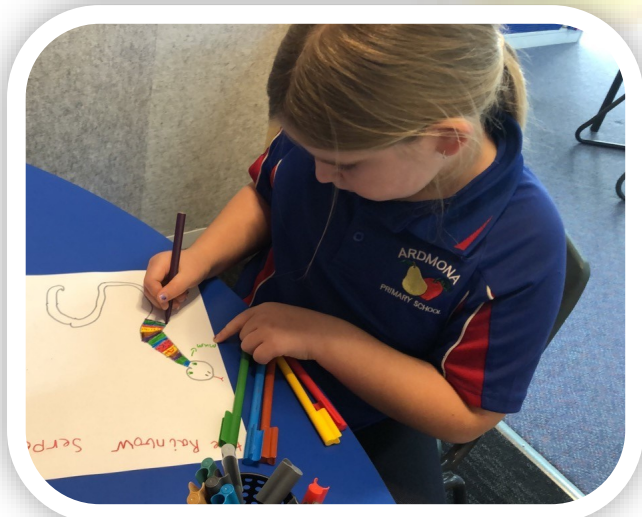
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