

NEWSLETTER

19th August 2021

Principal's Report

Just as our staff and students were settling into term three, unpredictability and challenges presented once again. The speed in which the change in direction and developments for our community are happening have posed some challenges. Even so, it has been great to see so many of our students engaging in the Google Meets. Our staff and students have enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with each other and share stories about their experiences and the varied learning tasks being provided by our teaching teams.

I have enjoyed reading and seeing the variety and quality of the tasks being submitted by the students. A highlight has been the poetry being written and recited by our year 6 students.

Our Year 4 students are currently in the process of writing some persuasive writing pieces in relation to some possibilities for our school ground development. Many of the initial ideas the students have shared with me have been for interesting reading and conversations. I am looking forward to reading all their ideas and persuasive techniques.

The highlight for term three would have to be our year 3 students being able to attend their camp as scheduled to Phillip Island. Both groups of students were able to complete all aspects of their camping experience. From all reports from our staff and students, a lovely time was had by all. It is always pleasing to receive the positive feedback on how well our students conduct themselves whilst out in the wider community. Further information and photos showcasing our students on camp can be found further on in the newsletter.

With the further restrictions in play, until further notice, our school playgrounds are for school use only. Therefore, the gates will remain locked out of school hours. We will advise our families when the restrictions are reduced allowing us to open the

playground for community use once again.

Under the strengthened restrictions in place across metropolitan Melbourne, an authorised worker permit will also now be required for authorised workers to attend a workplace. Parents and carers who are authorised workers will need an authorised worker permit from their employers to access on-site supervision for their child/ren in Category A. Please see the Community Update posted to Compass yesterday for further details.

There are many resources and supports currently being made available by the Department of Education to support our students and families. These resources are for both learning and wellbeing. Details and links on how to access these resources were outlined in our Community Update yesterday. Please refer to Compass for this update.

Over the past three weeks, there has been a team of landscapers on site developing some areas of our playground. It has been exciting to watch the creations evolve over this time. The areas being developed are the garden beds and pathways between the Northern Learning Cluster and Northern Learning Relocatable, the gardens around the junior playground and a new synthetic grass area adjoining our current year 4 learning spaces, including some seating that can be utilized for leisure and learning time. Garden beds have been constructed, pathways created, as well as many shrubs and trees planted.

We look forward to all our students being able to enjoy the use of these areas when we are all back at school.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

YEAR 3 CAMP 2021

The Grade 3s enjoyed a fun-filled 2.5 days for each group at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. Here are a few highlight photos of the hundreds taken. Students were amazingly behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thanks to all teachers and staff involved.



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SPECIAL NOTICE: OSHCLUB'S

Our OSH team wanted to share some exciting news regarding our OSH Clubs. This month we have been working extra hard to establish our clubs. Our club leaders are Andrea & James. Our clubs are Art & Sports. This term Andrea & James were provided a club budget and they've ordered some brilliant resources and equipment! We can not wait for all the new stuff to arrive so we can see our clubs grow!

How do you join?

Joining is simple, simply book your child into OSHClub on the selected days you & your child wish to attend, remember what days and sessions our clubs run. The club is free of charge (excluding standard OSHClub session fees) Ensure you talk to your child about what club they wish to attend, and don't forget to let Charlotte know so she can sign your child up to the club to ensure they don't miss out on the opportunity of OSH Clubs.



CLUB DAYS & CLUB LEADERS

Art club

Art club runs every Tuesday afternoon with Andrea. Danica works along side her as her assistant.

Sports club

Sports club runs every Thursday morning & afternoon. James runs this club. Charlotte & julienne share the role as James' assistant.



Our Club Snapshots:



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Bookings & cancelations

As many of you are aware, we are always happy to assist families with creating bookings and cancelling sessions. However, we do advise that families attempt to use the online program to create your bookings. Please also note that bookings need to be made 24 hours before the session otherwise it will be unsuccessful and cancelations need to be done 48 hours before the session, otherwise the full session fee will be applied. If you are looking to make a long-term regular booking please stop by our OSH room, phone or text us and we can assist you in making these booking for you and your family.

Help is just a phone call away.



Parent & community update

If you have a child with an allergy or medical need who attends OSH please ensure you let the service coordinator know please, as you need to complete medical plan prior to starting at OSHClub.

Also, we wanted to remind our families and community that we are a nut free service. We appreciate everyone's support and understanding. It is the responsibility of families to ensure they are providing correct information regarding their child's medical condition. We can no longer accept children who have expired medical paperwork or no medical paperwork due to the health & safety of the child. Each term this is checked by the coordinator & it is the family's responsibility to update these as needed & requested by OSHClub.



Friendly reminder

Please ensure if your child is absent, you text or call the service phone to let the educators know please.



Special upcoming dates

September 5th 2021
Father's day 2021

10th September
2021
R U OK day

17th September
2021
Australia citizen
day

20th September
2021
Vacation care
starts

4th October 2021
Vacation care ends

