

NEWSLETTER

20th August 2020

Principal's Report

Yesterday you would have received some information outlining the introduction of *Google Meet* to our remote learning classrooms. We are excited to now have the capacity for the students and teachers to interact throughout the week. The time for each of the *Google Meet* sessions will be shared through the students' *Google Classroom*. It is important for all students to know and understand the protocols required to be part of a *Google Meet*. Please ensure you have discussed the protocols with your child/ren thus allowing us all to have enjoyable and productive sessions.

Today the year 4 and 6 students have had the opportunity to meet with their peers and classroom teacher. Tomorrow, at various times, the other year levels will have this opportunity.

There has been lots of learning and fun happening in our Google Classrooms once again. The marble runs created by the Prep students for their STEAM tasks looked very elaborate and fun. It was great to see how success could be achieved through such a variety of materials and constructions.

Our Library Google Classroom continues to provide lots of information, activities and games for everyone to enjoy. Parents can also become members of this classroom to access all the stories and information. If you would like to join the library classroom, simply message Ms McMillan through your child's Library Google Classroom with an email address and she will add you as member.

The Community Hub Google Classroom has also had lots of visitors. This is a place to visit that provides some relaxation and laughter, both of which are very important in these times.

Earlier this week, information regarding the placement of year 6 students into their secondary schools for 2021 was sent by post and email. The placement offer letter includes dates, processes and procedures parents are required to complete in order to confirm their child's enrolment for 2021. If you have not received this information can you please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Recently the Department of Education has sent through some information that may be of interest to our parent community, one being a webinar, the other outlining an opportunity to contribute to the 2020 review of the Disability Standards for Education.

On Tuesday 25 August, the Department of Education and Training is presenting a free webinar for parents and carers by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, on building family resilience during coronavirus (COVID-19).

Dr Carr-Gregg's webinar is aptly named *Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era*. In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides

tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown and remote learning.

Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- further resources and where to get help.

The presentation will be online via Webex and is free of charge. It will begin at 7:30pm and run for 45 minutes. This will be followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session in which parents and carers can ask Dr Carr-Gregg questions.

To register and for more information visit the [Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era eventbrite page](#).

The Disability Standards for Education 2005 are currently being reviewed by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment.

Current, former and prospective students with disability, their families and carers, advocates, educators, and other members of the public are invited to share their experiences, views and ideas to inform the review of the standards.

Due to coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, engagement activities will mostly be held online via a dedicated 2020 review [Consultation Hub](#). The hub offers a range of different ways that participants can share their views and ideas, and will be open until 11.59pm on Friday 25 September.

A series of [webinars](#) is also available for interested participants to share their experiences and opinions.

The webinars will be fully accessible, and will include Auslan translation and captioning. The webinars are open to the public, and each will have a different theme. These are:

- [Educators webinar](#) on Wednesday 19 August, 3:30-5.30pm
- [Tertiary education webinar](#) on Thursday 20 August, 3-5pm
- [Early childhood webinar](#) on Thursday 27 August, 4.30-6pm.

For more information about the upcoming webinars visit the [frequently asked questions page](#).

A [discussion paper](#) has been developed with guiding questions to help interested participants have their say.

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Principal



Your Community- Your Say



Council would like to hear how children would like to share their ideas about their community.

Provide feedback online by visiting:

<https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/your-say/child-survey>

Closes: 6 September 2020



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