



'A GREAT COUNTRY SCHOOL'

NEWSLETTER 1

Term 1...Week 2

Friday 5th February 2021

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Tue 9 Parent Info Evening
3:10-3:40pm

Wed 10 Swim/Gym 4-6's

Thur 11 Swim/Gym P-3's
Biolab Excursion 4-6's

Fri 12 Assembly 2:40pm

Wed 17 Swim/Gym 4-6's

Thur 18 Swim/Gym P-3's

SPECIALISTS

Monday Japanese...2-6's
MARC Van...P-6's
Maker Space...P-1's

Tuesday Science...P-6's
Chaplaincy Program...P-6's

Wednesday Chaplaincy Program...P-6's
(fortnightly)
Art...P-3's

Thursday Art...4-6's

Friday Physical Education

2021 TERM DATES

TERM 1: 28 January – 1 April

TERM 2: 19 April – 25 June

TERM 3: 12 July – 17 September

TERM 4: 4 October – 17 December

Throughout the year, there will be Public Holidays and Curriculum Days that take place to allow for teacher professional learning, planning and reporting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to all families for 2021. It has been wonderful to see all of the students back at Cape Clear Primary School. It has been very exciting to welcome our three new Foundation students Lincoln, Lyndon and Sophie. All three have done an amazing job settling into class routines and mixing with the older students in the school. It has been equally pleasing to see the older students embrace and look after the younger students within the school. I would like to welcome the Pohlen family to Cape Clear PS, and welcome back the Meek family from Far North Queensland. We now have 15 families making up our whole school community, we are a growing family! We are excited to be able to have our parent community back onsite. Next Tuesday at 3.00pm we will be having a Parent Information Session outlining the school year ahead including timetables, teachers, subjects, expectations etc. This is the first opportunity we have had to have parents attend onsite together for a long time, and we would love to see as many families attend as possible. With the slight changes in COVID-19 restrictions parents will be required to wear a mask when inside, and we will observe all social distancing requirements within the classroom. The school yard will be supervised for children during the session.

Also we would like to welcome Naiden as our new Technician. In saying that we also say goodbye to Shar who was our Technician in 2020 and thank him for all his work.

A reminder that School Council nominations close next Monday the 11th of February. Please return your nomination forms to the office, and we really encourage all families to nominate and play a special role within the school.

At the beginning of the school year, you will be noticing many notes and permission forms going home. These notes are very important and we require them back to school as soon as possible, and thank you in advance for their prompt return. We look forward to sharing a fantastic Term 1 and 2021 with you all.

Lachlan Day
Principal

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

11 – Gr. 4-6 Science excursion to BIOLAB in Geelong, learning about the Brain.

26 – Assembly 2:40pm.

MARCH

8 – Labour Day Public Holiday

22 – School Nurse Preps

23 – Gr.4-6 'SEEDS for SCHOOLS' excursion to ECOLINC Bacchus Marsh.

MAY

4 – Gr.4-6 'EARTH ED' excursion Exploration at Mt. Buninyong.

25 – Gr.4-6 ECOLINC 'SEEDS for SCHOOLS' incursion.

25 – Gr.P-3 ECOLINC 'Who's Living in the Compost Patch?' incursion.

JUNE

14 – Queens Birthday Public Holiday

JULY

22 – Gr.P-3 'EARTH ED' Dash Robot incursion

22 – Gr.4-6 'EARTH ED' Maths with Dash /Sphero incursion

OCTOBER

11 – Gr.4-6 'EARTH ED' "Exploring Energy" Webinar.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Holiday birthdays

A big happy birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthdays during the school holidays: Natallia and Kaylee (Jan 4). Also Happy birthday to Evie (Feb 1) and Shelby-Anne (Feb 5). We hope you all had/have a fantastic day.



STUDENT INFORMATION / STATEMENTS

Today you will receive your:

- * Family Statement
- * Student Information – to be reviewed, signed and returned.
- * Student Consent Form – to be filled in, signed and returned.
- * A notice of forms owing – Birth Certificate, Immunisation Statement and/or Asthma Plan (only for families with forms owing).
- * Chaplaincy Program Form – Only for some students.

It is vital to our school management system that we have current information for all students. Please fill in and return as soon as possible.

Thank you very much...Peta; Business Manager.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT...

Eight Things to Remember When Going Through Tough Times...

1. Everything can and will change.
2. You've overcome challenges before.
3. It's a learning experience.
4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.
5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
6. Being kind to yourself is good medicine.
7. Other people's negativity isn't worth worrying about.
8. There is always, always, always something to be thankful for.

Blessings; Julie McDowell...Chaplain

SCIENCE: Term 1

We are looking forward to an exciting term in Science with an excursion planned for the 4/6's the second week back. (More information to follow).

I am looking to collect old, unwanted objects to grow plants in for our recycled garden. (see examples below). Parents / friends / family volunteers to help establish this would be very welcome. Please see Trish M. Once established, we will invite parents and friends to come and view and comment! No doubt, it will remain a work in progress!

As a part of our P/3 recycle / reuse theme, I would also appreciate any clean pieces of old fabric or material.

We will also be conducting a reusing of old / unwanted book day where, instead of throwing away old, unwanted books, students can bring them to school to swap (or donate) to others. (More information later.)

4/6's will be studying 'The Brain' so if you have any interesting facts, pictures etc. please share them with your child or pass them onto Trish M.

I am also collecting plastic 2 or 3 litre milk bottles (with lids).

Thankyou in advance for your help and support.
Trish Mellusco.



SWIM & GYM 2021

Our annual Swimming and Gymnastics program will once again be at the Aquatic Centre during Term 1, 2021.

The program commences during the second week of Term 1 and will run for 8 weeks until the second last week in Term 1.

- The students in Grades 4 – 6 will commence on Wednesday's: 3rd Feb to 24th March.
- The students in grades Prep – 3 will commence on Thursday's: 4th Feb to 25^h March.

SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE -0448453697

Our mobile phone is being used for attendance, excursions and camp. The phone will be taken on all excursions and camps.

If your child is absent from school, you are required to text or phone the mobile phone by 8:45am.

You can ring or text this mobile from 8:00am to 5:00pm each weekday.

If you have an unexplained absence, the school is required by law to call parents/guardians to approve the absence.

If you are running late for collecting your children, please remember to leave a message on the school phone or on the school mobile phone.

This will ensure all staff are aware of the change of arrangements and all children make their way home safely after school.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic book club supports our school and encourages the students to read.

Orders can be made online or order and money brought to school. Issue 1 closes 18th Feb.

Book club forms were distributed first week back. Thanks, Trish.

FOOD ALLERGY INFO

Just a reminder that nuts (including Nutella) and kiwi fruit are not to be sent to school. Thanks for your cooperation.

HOME READERS & DIARIES

We are asking parents/guardians to please sign the home readers and diaries. Thanks.

ART SUPPLIES

We are sourcing any old knitting wool to use for our upcoming Art project. Thanks.

CODE RED DAYS – WHAT THIS MEANS NOW FOR CAPE CLEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL



I advise you that due to our location in a high-risk bushfire area, it has been decided that on all days which are forecast with a Severe/Extreme Fire Danger Rating (FDR) in our local area, our school will be closed.

On the day prior to a forecast **Severe/Extreme** FDR day in our local area, we will contact you directly by phone to confirm the closure.

This information will also be posted on the Department of Education and Training website which I strongly recommend that you monitor for updates – see

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

I realise that the potential closure of our school may result in you having to make alternative arrangements for your child, but the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority and I urge you to consider your own family's fire safety plans on these days.

Given the forecast weather conditions, we urge that your child is not left at home alone or unsupervised or in the care of older children.

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Lachlan

SUNSMART CAPE CLEAR HATS

It is compulsory for all students at Sun Smart Schools to wear a broad **brimmed hat throughout Terms 1 and 4 whilst at school.** Students who do

