

'A GREAT COUNTRY SCHOOL'

NEWSLETTER 1

Term 1...Week 2

Friday 11th February 2022

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Fri 11th Swim/Gym P-6

Tue 15th Ecolinc Excursion 4-6

Thur 17th Assembly 2:40pm

Fri 18th Swim/Gym 4-6's

Fri 25th Newsletter 2

SPECIALISTS

**Monday Perceptual Motor program-P-3
Respectful Relationships-P-6
Science-4-6**

**Tuesday Science-P-3
Physical Education-P-6**

**Wednesday MARC Van-P-6
AUSLAN-P-6
Inquiry P-6**

Thursday Art- P-6

Friday Swimming/Gymnastics

Cape Clear primary school was formed on the lands of the Wadawarrung People of the Kulin nation.

We pay our respects to their elders; past, present and emerging.



We also acknowledge the First Nations people throughout Victoria, Australia.

2022 TERM DATES

TERM 1: 28 January – 8 April

TERM 2: 26 April – 24 June

TERM 3: 11 July – 16 September

TERM 4: 3 October – 20 December

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the 2022 school year. It was a real thrill to see the excitement and enthusiasm of students returning after the Christmas break. Many were very eager to see their friends and share stories of their holiday adventures. I must say I was blown away by how welcoming all staff and students have been over the last two weeks. Even more so I have really enjoyed meeting parents, carers and grandparents. Already I feel very lucky to be a part of the Cape Clear Primary School community.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new Foundation student Jensen, he has begun his schooling experience with a spring in his step. It has been equally pleasing to see his peers embrace and look after him within the school.

Already term 1 has been busy with swim and gym kicking off in week 1. The kids really love this program and it is a great way to start the year. We also have our grade 4-6 students heading to Ecolinc next week so full steam ahead. A friendly reminder to those who may not have returned their notes yet.

With such uncertainty around Covid protocols, RATs, vaccinations and mask wearing, I want to reassure all community members that we are doing all we can to continue to provide a safe and supported learning environment for you children. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this.

In the coming weeks we will have a Parent Information Session outlining the school year ahead including timetables, teachers, subjects, expectations etc. I would love to see as many families attend as possible. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions from 2021, all visitors will be required to be fully vaccinated, wear a mask when inside, and observe all social distancing requirements where possible. Once we have locked in a date and time for this it will be communicated to families.

2022 brings many exciting building developments at Cape Clear. Much of which you may have seen at last year's Christmas celebration. Mr Day has done a wonderful job of planning and coordinating this. Over the coming year I will keep you all informed of each stage as it progresses.

I am excited to invite everyone to our first assembly next week, Thursday 17th of February at 2:40pm. Due to our Swim and Gym program on Fridays, throughout Term 1 we will hold assemblies fortnightly on Thursdays.

The rest of the Cape Clear staff and I look forward to sharing a fantastic Term 1 and 2022 with you all. Have a great fortnight.

Lynly Doherty
Principal

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

15 – Ecolinc Seeds for Schools Gr.4-6

18- Swim/Gym Gr. P-6

25- Swim/Gym Gr. P-6

28 – Earth Ed-Mt. Buninyong Exploration Gr.4-6.

MARCH

4- Swim/Gym Gr. P-6

11- Swim/Gym Gr. P-6

17 – Ecolinc- Mammals: ‘Alaska Sea Life Centre’ Webinar Gr.4-6

22 – Ecolinc –‘A Bushland Extravaganza’ Webinar P-3.

18- Swim/Gym Gr. P-6

25- Swim/Gym Gr. P-6

APRIL

1- Swim/Gym Gr. P-6

8 -Last day Term 1

STUDENT INFORMATION / STATEMENTS

Information was sent home during the first week with:

* Student Information – to be reviewed, signed and returned.

* Student Consent Form – to be filled in, signed and returned (only to families that we need one from)

* 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.

PERMISSION NOTES - EXCURSIONS/CAMPS

It is essential that parents take responsibility for all notes and permissions coming home for the students. Notes will be handed out to families in a timely manner by staff. This takes time to print, handout and chase up. We must have all parents take responsibility for these notes coming back by the due dates for each note/permission.

If notes are not returned unfortunately students will not be able to attend learning opportunities for both excursions and incursions.

History has seen time being spent by staff following up on notes, is valuable time that needs to be put into teaching and learning at the school daily.

Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your cooperation in advance.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Kaylee (4th Jan) who celebrated her birthday during the school holidays.

Happy birthday to Ash (1st Feb), Shelby-Anne (5th Feb),

Mia (20th Feb) and Oliver M. (27th Feb)

We hope you all had/have a fantastic day.



SCIENCE

We have our first excursion on Tuesday 15th February to continue our working partnership with Ecolinc. The Grades 4-6 will be travelling to Ecolinc by bus. Please note students need to be at school by 8:25am and we will return by 3:30pm. Students need to be in full school uniform, with their school broad brimmed hat, sunscreen, a water bottle, recess food, fruit and lunch for the day. Please make sure you have your permission note returned to school or your child will be unable to attend. Thanks.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

OSH Club

Change to Start Date!

After School Care fun will now be commencing on Monday 28th Feb 2022!

Enrolments & Info:
oshclub.com.au

SWIM & GYM 2021

Our annual Swimming and Gymnastics program is once again at the Aquatic Centre during Term 1, 2022.

The students in Grades P – 6 started their first session on Friday 4th February. We will continue each Friday in Term 1 until 1st April 2022.

The students that attended the first session had a really good time and it looked like fun.



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 not have a Cape Clear Primary Sunsmart hat will be restricted to shade areas.

BLUE FOLDERS

Could the grade 4-6 students please bring to school the blue school notes folder/bag they got last year to place their take home books in. Thanks Mrs. Mellusco.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT...

I recently received this on email and thought I'd share it with you. It is titled "*Aspiring to Greatness*"...

"When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realise the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realised that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world. "

Have a great week! Blessings; Julie McDowell...Chaplain

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, please 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.

FRUIT BREAK & DRINK BOTTLES

In 2022, we are asking students to bring a piece of fruit from home for a Fruit Break each day at 10am. Students will need a snack to eat just before recess break and a healthy lunch for lunchtime.

The students also need a drink bottle with water (these can be kept at school in a tub) that they can access during class and other activities.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

If you want your child to have an order, they **need** to be at school on **Wednesday morning**, with your child's name, order clearly written and **correct** money enclosed in/on an envelope.

The lunch orders will be delivered to school on **Thursday** of each week.

CAPE CLEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

Make sure you check out the Cape Clear Primary School webpage. It is being updated all the time and has a lot of information about our school.

Website - www.capeclearps.vic.edu.au

CAPE CLEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK

Keep checking Facebook regularly for updates regarding our learning, reminders about notes, excursions etc and continue to invite friends and family to join as members. Sharing all the great things that happen within our school is a sure-fire way to promote ourselves in the community to prospective parents.

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>

We 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.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

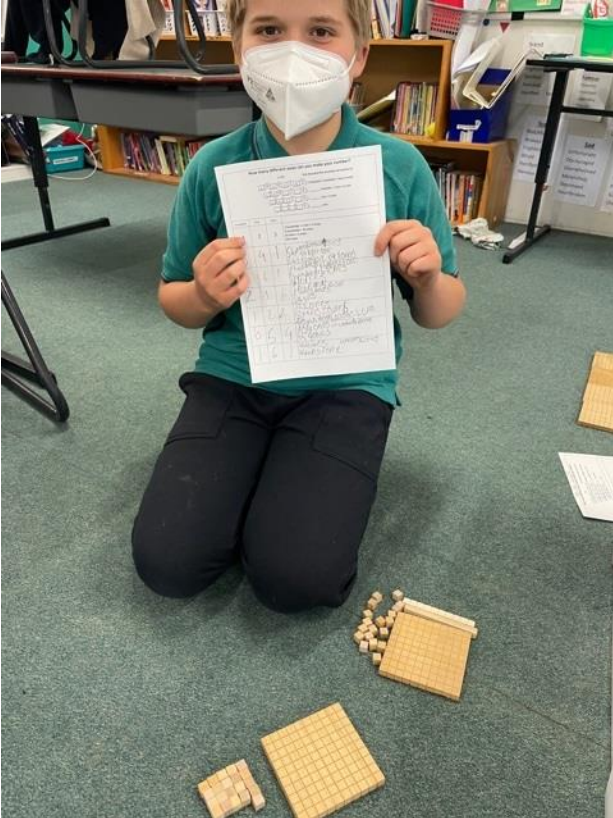
2022 STAFF

Lynly Doherty – Acting Principal
Peta Byrne – Business Manager
Laura Murphy – Teacher
Patricia Mellusco – Teacher
Tony Dillon – Teacher
Julie McDowell – Chaplain
Janet Newitt – Education Support
Jeff - Education Support
Gayle Munson – Teacher/MARC Van
Tracey Hadfield – Cleaning
Lachlan Coulthard – Tech Expert

SCHOOL PHOTOS



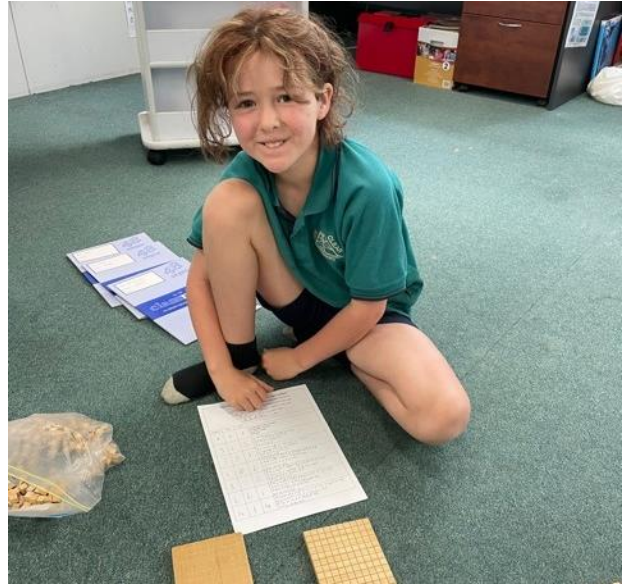
Prep -2 Literacy.



Kade, Gr.5 Mathematics.



Gr.4-6 Mathematics.



Mia, Gr.5 Mathematics.



Ruby, Gr.6 Exploring outside with a stick insect friend.



Jaxon, Gr.2 Gym.