



**'A GREAT COUNTRY SCHOOL'**

**NEWSLETTER 2**

**Term 1...Week 5**

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**CALENDAR**

**MARCH**

<b>Tue 2</b>	<b>VSSEC Science Excursion 4-6's</b>
<b>Wed 3</b>	<b>Swim/Gym 4-6's</b>
<b>Thur 4</b>	<b>Swim/Gym P-3's</b>
<b>Mon 8</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday (NO SCHOOL)</b>
<b>Fri 12</b>	<b>Assembly 2:40pm</b>
<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>Swim/Gym 4-6's</b>
<b>Thur 18</b>	<b>Swim/Gym P-3's</b>
<b>Tue 23</b>	<b>Seeds for Schools Program 4-6's</b>

**SPECIALISTS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Japanese...2-6's</b> <b>MARC Van...P-6's</b> <b>Maker Space...P-1's</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Science...P-6's</b> <b>Chaplaincy Program...P-6's</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Chaplaincy Program...P-6's</b> <b>(fortnightly)</b> <b>Art...P-3's</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Art...4-6's</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>

**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/Carers,

Over the past two weeks we have found how flexible and adaptive we have all become, with the return to 'Remote and Flexible Learning'. I would like to thank all families for your patience and support during the brief lockdown period. I would like to thank Patty Sandwith, Emily Howard, Ashlee Meek, Liz Curley and Trish Mellusco for nominating to be a part of the school council in 2021. School council play a huge role in the broad direction of the school, the school vision, fundraising, finances, strategic goals and much more.

As you may have noticed the playground has taken 'additional shape' this week and is expected to be completed by mid-March (hold up due to COVID-19 again). We have also ordered some new totems to go at the student entrance to the school with our school values on them. At this stage it looks like the new fence around the whole school will be installed during the Easter School Holiday's. This will make our playground and school a safer place, and certainly improve the overall look of the school. Next Monday, we have three architects visiting the school. This is the second planning phase for the State Buildings Grant obtained in 2020. Over the past week we have seen Trish and Laura attend literacy professional development with a number of other rural schools, focusing on writing teaching and learning practices. I have engaged with 15 rural schools (as part of the School Improvement Partnerships) unpacking our reading data and developing learning tools and assessments to increase our students reading comprehension, oral language and reading fluency. It is exciting as a school to be continually implementing and developing our skills and knowledge to achieve the best possible learning outcomes for our students.

We are currently still in negotiations with all schools from the Linton and District Sports Association on the possibilities for our School Athletics Day in 2021. We are presented with a number of challenges due to COVID-19 and are working our way through the guidelines provided by the Department of Education and the State Government. We will let you know as soon as possible what this will look like, and we are expecting changes this year.

Regards,  
Lachlan Day  
Principal.

## UPCOMING DATES

### MARCH

- 8 – Labour Day Public Holiday
- 22 – School Nurse Preps
- 23 – Gr.4-6 ‘SEEDS for SCHOOLS’ excursion to ECOLINC Bacchus Marsh.
- 30 – Athletics – Linton.
- 31-- P-3 EARTH ED incursion ‘Picture Book STEM’

### 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.



### eSMART TIPS

To make sure your kids are using healthy habits when using their tech devices, use these three rules of thumb for internet safety.

**Set boundaries early.** Before handing your kid their new device, make sure the rules are clear. It’s easy to just give them the keys to the kingdom and let them run with it, but it’s the safer route both for their privacy and for your bank account (hello in-app purchases) if you set clear rules at the start.

**Talk to your kids, and then talk to other parents.** Whether it be to ask what they’re doing online, or what is popular with their friends, know which sites your kids are using. Kids, especially teens, are great at following group behaviour so the odds are with them that they’re using the same apps as their friends. Next talk to the parents in your neighbourhood, or the parents of your children’s friends. Not only do you get the inside track on what the kids are actually doing, but you can share your tips for managing technology in your family, and get helpful pointers from them. Ask questions like “how are you handling the use of technology in your family?” and then compare experiences.

**Have technology free time.** Whether this be a “no phone at the dinner table” rule or a cap on the amount of time per day you want them spending online, make sure to supplement all the time they’re spending online with actual face-to-face time.

### STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a big Happy birthday to Mia (Feb 20) and Oliver M (Feb 27).

We hope you had/have a fantastic day.



### SCIENCE: Term 1

#### P/3 Science

In Science, the Prep/3’s have been learning about reusing and recycling.

Reusing is much better than throwing items away. Others can often enjoy and benefit from our unwanted items.

We would like to encourage ALL students to bring a book/s from home (in good condition) that they may no longer wish to read or have grown out of. They will be given the opportunity to swap their book for a book brought by another student. Instead of having books at home that are not being read, bring them to school, swap and keep the reading happening.

Give old books a new home!

We look forward to our Book Swap Day later in the term.

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

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Trish Mellusco.

## **OVERDUE STUDENT INFORMATION**

It is vital to the running of the school that we have accurate student information.

Can you please return your signed Student Information ASAP to Janet or Peta even if there are no changes.

Thank you.

### [SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE -0448 453 697](#)

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.

### [CHAPLAIN'S CHAT...](#)

Hi everyone! It's been another interesting start to the school year but hopefully by now your kids are feeling happy and settled into the routines of the school community. I want to give a special welcome to our new prep students here at Cape Clear Primary; they have settled into school so well! As your school chaplain my role here, broadly speaking, is to provide care and support to the whole school community; families, parents, students and teachers. I am at CCPS on Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays. If you feel I could be of assistance to you, your family or your child please don't hesitate to contact me here at school; pop in for a chat, phone or leave a note for me.

Again this year, as well as catching up with students one-on-one and supporting them in the classroom, I will be implementing the Department of Education's '**RRRR**' program. **RRRR** stands for **Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships** and is taught across all levels of our school. The topics we will be covering this year are:

1. Emotional Literacy
2. Personal Strengths
3. Positive Coping Strategies
4. Problem Solving
5. Stress Management
6. Help-Seeking
7. Gender & Identity
8. Positive Gender Relations

Research has shown that efforts to promote social and emotional skills in children increases resilience,

improves health and wellbeing and reduces antisocial behaviours such as gender-related violence. What we're developing in our students are not just for school days but rather life-long standards we have across all aspects of life, including the classroom, the yard and our community and homes.

I love the fact that here at CCPS we can all work together for the best outcomes for our children; and communication between school and home is vital for this to happen. I look forward to working with your children and hearing from you about their responses to our discussions and activities, as together we help them to be all they can be!

Blessings,

Julie McDowell...Chaplain.

### [HOME READERS & DIARIES](#)

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

### [FOOD ALLERGY INFO](#)

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

### [SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS](#)

If you want your child to have an order, they **need** to be at school on **Thursday 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 **Friday** of each week throughout Term 1 due to Swim and Gym.

### [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.

### [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](http://www.capeclearps.vic.edu.au)**

**PRINCIPAL,  
LACHLAN DAY.**