



PRIMARY

'A GREAT COUNTRY SCHOOL'

NEWSLETTER 6

Term 2...Week 5

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CALENDAR

May

Tue 25 ECOLINC Inursion P-6
Education Week Activities

Wed 26 Soccer Clinic P-6

Thur 27 Farm Safety 4-6
Assembly 2:45pm

Fri 28 Winter Sports 4-6

June

Tue 1 Farm Safety 4-6

Wed 2 Soccer Clinic P-6

Thur 3 Werribee Zoo P-3

Fri 4 Winter Sports 4-6

SPECIALISTS

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

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

Wednesday Chaplaincy Program...P-6
Physical Education...P-6

Thursday Art...P-6

Friday Clubs



Cape Clear Primary School was formed on the lands of the Wadawurrung 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.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the half way point of Term 2, we certainly have a lot to reflect on from a busy start to the term. We have been thrilled with the amount of learning experiences that have been offered to the student's including the Indigenous Art Project (due to conclude next week), The DUET Visiting Performing Arts Specialist Program (running for 13 weeks on a Tuesday), Western United in School Soccer Program, Life Education, RACV Road Skills and Rules Program and the GRIP Leadership Program (for our Grade 6 students) at Federation University. Following on from the pandemic and remote learning in 2020, it has been vital that we maximise the amount and range of curriculum activities to the students in 2021. We also have a large range of activities on the calendar for the remainder of the term including a Farm Safety Program (4-6), Werribee Zoo Visit (F-3), Art Therapy Program (5-6's), Education Week Activities (Next Tuesday - Community Welcome as per flyer sent home) including the Seeds for Schools Program (F-6) and Winter Sports (4-6) with the Linton and District Sports Association. With many and varied learning activities taking place please remember to get your child/rens permission notes into the office in a timely manner.

Over the past four Tuesdays we have welcomed Pre-Service Teachers from the Australian Catholic University into the school. The three students have been mainly observing teacher practices, it has been lovely to see them showing initiative and working with the students in the Foundation to Grade 3 classroom. Next week we will also have two visiting Pre Service Teachers from Federation University who will be learning and developing their teaching skills with students within the Grade 4-6 classroom. It has been brilliant to see our students embracing our visitor's!

Next Tuesday we are opening the doors to all school community members to come and enjoy a range of activities within the school as part of Education Week. A flyer has been sent home to families with a time table of the day and activities that everyone can be a part of. We are hoping that you can all come in for a part of the day, and help celebrate the learning taking place at Cape Clear Primary School. Things happening on the day include the 'Seeds for Schools Program' run by Ecolinc, visits into the Literacy classroom, 'What's in the compost?' run by Ecolinc and a fun Maths afternoon. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and Icy Pole lunch on the day. Can I ask that you return the forms to the office ASAP indicating the amount of people who will be attending on the day and enjoying a sausage (for catering purposes).

On Wednesday this week the staff spent the Curriculum Day visiting Lucas Primary School, Meredith Primary School and Bannockburn Primary School. The purpose for the day was to expand our knowledge of teaching and learning spaces within the school including classroom layouts, resources, storage, student and teacher movement within learning spaces, focus areas for learning and much more. The collaborative learning from the day will be used as part of the design phase of our new buildings, as part of the Capital Works Building Project. Very exciting times ahead, as we continue to move through the slow but steady planning processes.

As the weather has turned it is important that all students come dressed for the weather. We like to get students outside as much as possible during break times, even if it is a bit misty. We encourage students to wear coats and beanies so that they can enjoy the fresh air. Stay tuned for our new Cape Clear Primary School Beanie! The beanies are currently in the making and we expect them to arrive early in June. The beanies will be available for sale from the school office for \$15.00.

Thank you to all staff and students on a positive fortnight. Have a fantastic week ahead.

Regards,
Lachlan Day
Principal

CONSENT FORMS

We are sending the consent form home to families who still need to return them, according to our records. If you have one attached to the newsletter could you please sign and return. Thanks.

WEDNESDAY'S WINTER WARMERS

Throughout the colder months we will be offering families the opportunity for students to have a hot lunch on Wednesdays which is supplied through Foodbank Victoria. We will be offering students the following meals.

- Butternut Pumpkin Soup
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Beef Hotpot and Veggie Soup
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti

All meals will be served with bread. If your child/ren chooses not to eat any of the above meals they can still bring in their lunch as per usual. This is an **OPTIONAL** program for those who wish to take up the opportunity.

Please have your orders texted to the school mobile by 10:00am each

Wednesday so we can ensure the meals are ready by lunch time and we have enough stock. We will keep you updated on unavailable meals via text before Wednesday. Thanks Mrs. Murphy and Julie.

SCIENCE: Term 1

P/3 Science

We are collecting plastic 2 or 3 litre clean milk bottles (with lids). Please bring to school. This is for an upcoming project and we need heaps.

Thank you...Trish Mellusco.

MAKER SPACE SUPPLIES

In Maker Space the students are working on lots of different projects, at the moment we are designing and creating marble rollercoasters. We are asking families to bring in recycled materials that could be used to help create and build these rollercoasters. Some items include: Paper towel rolls (no toilet rolls due to hygiene reasons), cereal boxes, milk/juice cartons or any cylindrical objects. These are also great for us to have on hand when completing any STEM or art activities in the classroom. Please ensure the materials are clean and hygienic.

Thanks in advance,
Mrs Murphy

LITERACY DISCUSSION & PERSUASIVE TEXT WRITING GRADES 4/6

We discussed the qualities that make a good leader. This discussion took place as we considered who should be the school's representatives on Junior School Council. Here are the students' ideas on what a good leader needs to be:

- Courteous...Creative...Broadminded...
Confident...Responsible...Kind...
Respectful...Articulate...Helpful...
Trustworthy...Thoughtful...Inspiring...
Loyal...Fun...Honest...Caring...Reliable...
A good listener... A good role model.

What other qualities does a good leader have?

We are all leaders in different ways.

What qualities do you have?

It shows some very creative thinking about what qualities a good JSC (Junior School Council) representative could have.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT...

What do you value as most important in your life? For what are you willing to spend time and effort? Do your children, parents, siblings or partner know how important they are to you?

Growing up we had a shelf in our house that was full of my three brothers' and my trophies that we'd won over the years. I remember a day when one of my Dad's friends was looking at the trophies and rather light-heartedly asked where all Dad's trophies were kept. Dad smiled and pointed to the wall over our fire-place, where the pictures of all the family hang and said "These are my trophies, they're all I need". This memory still makes me smile today!
Have a great week! Blessings,
Julie McDowell...School Chaplain

THANK-YOU

A Big thank-you to Emma Swift from the Ballarat City Council who is the Environmental Officer. Emma supplied storage bins for our school for the sporting goods. We at Cape Clear Primary appreciate this very much. Thanks Jeff.

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ

Reading together Reading together is a valuable thing to do. Reading increases your child's vocabulary, expands your child's understanding of the world, and gives them confidence when using language. Reading is also an important way to make the link between spoken words and written words.

Here are some general tips:

- » Visit your local library to select and read books together, and to attend story time sessions. Library story time sessions are a great way to share the joy of reading with your child in a group setting.
- » Encourage your child to select books, magazines, catalogues, or multimedia stories according to their interests.
- » Set aside time for reading every day. Reading before bedtime is a good habit to get into.
- » Position yourself so your child can see the words and the pictures.
- » Run your finger across the page with each word to help your child identify and remember words and sounds.

- » Share wordless picture books to develop imagination, ideas and vocabulary by naming and describing things in pictures
- » Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books. This will help develop your child's love of language.
- » When reading to your child, read stories with expression, or try putting on the voices of characters. This will help make reading fun.
- » Point out important features about a book - for example, the words and pictures, the front cover, the spine, the contents page, or the title.
- » Explore words using a dictionary. » Encourage your child to take over some or all of the reading if they feel confident.
- » If your child is confident with their reading, allow them to read without interruption. Fluency is gained with confidence. Mistakes can be discussed after a block of reading, or in subsequent readings.
- » Allow your child to read at their own pace. Model good pace when you read to them. » Give your child the opportunity to re-read books.
- » Encourage your child to join the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, which runs each year from March to September. Participating early childhood services and schools will register your child - otherwise you can register your child at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc>
- » Join the '1000 Books Before School' program at your local library: <https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/live-learn/1000-books-school>.

UPCOMING DATES

JUNE

- 7 & 8** - State Principal Conference.
- 9** - Soccer Clinic P-6
- 11**- Winter Sports Gr.4-6.
- 11**- School Council.
- 14**- Queens Birthday Public Holiday.
- 15**- Farm Safety Gr.4-6.
- 16**- Soccer Clinic P-6.

17 - Phoenix College rehearsal performance of "Legally Blonde" the Musical (Primary School Aged appropriate) P-6.

18 - Winter Sports Round Robin Gr.4-6.

22- Farm Safety Gr.4-6.

25- Last day Term 2...1:30pm finish.

JULY

12- First Day Term 3.

21- Birdsong Nursery Excursion

22- Gr.P-6 'EARTH ED' Dash Robot/ Maths with Dash /Sphero Incursion.

AUGUST

5- Birdsong Nursery P-3.

10- Parliament Excursion Gr.4-6.

23- Curriculum/Student Free Day.

SEPTEMBER

17 - Footy Colours Day - Cancer Fundraiser.

OCTOBER

11- 'EARTH ED' "Exploring Energy" 4-6.

21- School Photos.

26- Winter Festival 5pm.

NOVEMBER

2- Mount Buninyong Exploration Gr.4-6.

22- Dental Van.

DECEMBER

1-3- School Camp 'Cave Hill Creek' Gr.3-6.

9-10 - Adventure Park & Big Day Out Sleepover P-2.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS...THURSDAYS'

Orders **need** to be at school on **Wednesday morning** in an envelope with correct money, child's name and order written on it for a **Thursday** lunch.

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, LACHLAN DAY.