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WORKING BEE



We had a terrific afternoon in the school garden with Angela our new Garden ESO and the students.

My thanks to parent helpers Karen, Beck, Natalie and Caitlin who stayed on to work and

share the Zooper Doopers.

Thanks to the Education Support Team and teachers who worked longer than usual to contribute to our grounds improvement efforts.

The grounds are looking better, the sandpit is ready for loads of fun, much of the leaf litter has been relocated to the garden beds and 50% of the new mulch has been spread.

Great team work and a wonderful result for the students.



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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Principal Message 17th Feb 2022

Healthy Active Students

Our students are currently enjoying their physical education training with Nadine Ogilvie ready for next week's Annual House Sports Carnival at Llanberris. Please support your children before and after school if they are interested in going for a run, practicing long jump, throwing or baton passing. We are looking forward to a great day and a chance to get together as a whole school community. Please return the permission slips and \$5 payment. Prep students and families are invited to join us on the day at Llanberris. <http://ballaratregionalaths.com.au/llanberris/>

COVID-19 Term 1: RAT KITS and QR CODES

We have huge appreciation for the spirit and support you have shown to keep our school COVID Safe. We are committed to keeping things stable for our children. As of Monday 21st February you no longer need to use the QR Code at school.

The DET COVID SAFE Vaccinated, Ventilated & Vital Steps plan for the first 4 weeks of Term 1 2022 has now been extended for the whole term in our schools.

- free rapid antigen testing kits will continue to be distributed
- reporting and managing positive results will continue
- ventilation in place with Air Purifiers
- vaccination – Pop Up Clinic at Sebastopol Primary School Monday 21st Feb at school. Please book in using the link you received via email
- masks on when in doors at school
- physical distancing.
- If **students** receive a positive test result at

any time, they must report this through the [Department of Health online system](#) or via the coronavirus hotline at [1800 675 398](tel:1800675398). We have included this information on the packs that have been distributed. **Parents** must also report a positive result to their school, either through the [Student COVID-19 Test Portal](#) or by phone or written notification; this is so we can support you, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms. **The student who has tested positive must isolate for 7 days. We are not required to individually identify the close contacts of a positive case. Instead, schools need to inform the school community, at the earliest opportunity, that:**

Thank you for a positive start to the 2022 School Year.

Michelle Wilson

Principal



HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS **WEDNESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2022**

This year we will again be holding our School House Sports at Llanberris Reserve during school hours. Each year we have seen such great support for the children. We hope as many family and friends as possible will still be able to come along and support their children for at least part of the day. Prep students are encouraged to attend the Athletics Sports Carnival with their families.

Prep – As it is not a school day for prep students, parents are required to bring their prep child to Llanberris and stay with them for the duration of the day, if they wish to attend. Cost is \$2 for Hire of Llanberris. 9.30am-2.30pm.

Student Recognition Awards



Kingston Easton - Prep L
For always being ready to learn



Nate Mitchem - 1/2/3M
For being responsible sharing
your belongings with his friends.



Alesandra Del Rosario - 3/4/5C
For being a great leader in our
classroom and jumping straight
into learning.



Isaac Burns - 5/6P
For an excellent start to 2022.



Lexi Nunn - Mrs Ogilvie
For showing great leadership in
the yard, supporting students to
practice long jump and discuss.



Bella Williams - Mrs Ogilvie
For showing great leadership in
the yard, supporting students to
practice long jump and discuss.



**Willow Williams &
Mikayla Holland -
Mrs Wilson**
For accurate reading.



Term 1 Dates

Fri 18th Feb	Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 23rd Feb	House Sports Carnival (Prep students are invited, more information to follow)
Thurs 24th Feb	SWPB Celebration
Fri 25th Feb	Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 2nd Mar	Prep Assessments
Fri 4th Mar	Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 9th Mar	Prep Assessments
Fri 11th Mar	Assembly 2.30pm
Mon 14th Mar	Labour Day Holiday
Tues 15th Mar	School Council Meeting A.G.M. 6.30pm
Wed 16th Mar	Prep Students Commence Full Time
Fri 18th Mar	Assembly 2.30pm
Fri 25th Mar	Assembly 2.30pm
Fri 2nd April	Assembly 2.30pm
Thurs 7th April	SWPB Celebration
Fri 8th April	Assembly 1.30pm Easter Raffle End of Term 1 2.30pm

Term 2

Mon 25th April	Anzac Day
Tues 26th April	First Day Term 2
Friday 29th April	Pupil Free Day
Fri 24th June	End of Term 2

Term 3

Mon 11th July	First Day Term 3
Fri 16th Sept	End of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 3rd Oct	First Day Term 4
Tues 20th Dec	Last Day Term 4

School Council Report 15th February

There were limited parents in attendance due to COVID isolation and work commitments.

Thanks to Jason Filcock, Karen McAdie and Beck Keays for attending.

School Council were able to view a short Apple Movie of the first 2 weeks of school with photos from all areas of the school.

The January Financial Reports were approved. The school ended 2021 with a small surplus and we will confirm the 2022 Cash Budgets after the School Student Census in late February.

School Council also reviewed 2 quotes to paint the exterior of the building. Colours under consideration are a medium to dark blue with some feature walls using green, yellow and red. It will be terrific for the school to have a fresh exterior paint.

Christie Stagg spoke about the high support for the new Student Book Purchasing system, with 90% of families using Champion Book Suppliers as requested. This means that the school is no longer carrying the unpaid debt for student consumables.

Thanks to those parents who have already paid the SPS ICT and Curriculum Levies. We know education should be free, so our fees are very low and in line with the DET Parent Payment Policy. To support student engagement in learning at school it is necessary to charge a small cost for additional curriculum supplies, technology devices and ICT subscriptions.

Sally Peach – DET representative spoke to School Council about a postcard design idea so that we can mail cards home to share great student news. Sally also spoke about the 2022 Somers Camp for Year 5/6 and the 2022 Year 6 shirts and hoodies. The Year 6 students have decided on navy blue as the main colour. Our thanks to the Fund-Raising Committee for raising money for Prep Hats and Backpacks, and the Year 6 Graduation shirts and jumpers.

Principal update: 25% of students in Year 1-6 are receiving additional support. Tutor Learning Initiative Reading, High Abilities Program, Small group work, MULTILIT, MUSIC Therapy, Speech therapy, RDA (2 students). In addition to that our 2022 Prep Class has 15 children support by a teacher and one fulltime Education Support Officer.

Pupil Free Day Term 2: Friday April 29th – teachers will be attending a Numeracy professional development at McArthur Street Primary School. The Term 3 and 4 pupil free dates are TBC.

The next School Council meeting is the AGM on 15th March at 6pm. There will be a call out for new school council members soon. It is wonderful to be about to have face to face meetings again.

Thanks

Michelle Wilson, Executive Officer School Council

Business Manager

CANTEEN - CLOSED

Our School Canteen is serviced by Stewarts Bakery in Midvale Shopping Centre, unfortunately Stewarts Bakery is currently closed due to fire damage that occurred during the school holidays.

Our School Canteen normally runs Monday and Fridays, we plan to recommence this as soon as we can.

Lunch orders are to be placed in a brown paper bag, with students name, class and order written. Money to be placed inside. All lunch orders are to be into the canteen by 9.15am

CSEF

CSEF stand for Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund. If you hold a Health Care Card you may be eligible for this funding. Application forms have been sent home.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is away from school please let the front office know on 53358157 each day they are away.

If your child has tested positive for COVID19 you need to fill in two forms online. I have sent out an email with quicklinks to these portals and further information.

Return To School - Important Parent Information

[Victoria's Back-To-School plan](#)

The measures set out in the Victorian Government's Back-To-School plan will ensure every possible effort is made to ensure staff and students are safe and that schools remain open.

The plan maintains the importance of the 3Vs: Ventilation, Vaccination and Vital COVIDSafe steps and introduces some new measures.

[Rapid antigen testing](#)

Free rapid antigen tests will be made available for all staff and students in Victorian schools for the first 4 weeks of Term 1 2022. Rapid antigen testing will be voluntary for all primary, secondary and specialist school students and staff.

Sebastopol Primary School is encouraging twice weekly testing on a Monday and Wednesday morning prior to eating/drinking or brushing teeth.

Tests are provided in packs of 5 individual tests. Parents/carers have been provided with one pack for each child for use during the first two weeks of school.

Test kits for weeks three and four will be delivered to the school in a separate delivery. Where parents/carers are unable to attend the school to collect the tests, a pack can be provided directly to a student to take home.

If students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) <https://dhvicgovau.powerappsportals.com/rapid-antigen-test/> or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

Parents must also report a positive result to their school, either through the COVID Test [portal https://covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F](https://covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F) or by phone or written notification; this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

[Management of confirmed cases and household contacts at school](#)

Updated approach to managing a confirmed case of COVID-19 in schools

Where a student or staff member is identified as a positive case, individual education contact tracing will end. The revised process is set out below.

Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

The school will notify the school community when a student or staff member has returned a positive COVID-19 test result and had attended the school. The notification will include:

- Dates of attendance
- Affected group/cohort/year levels
- Any relevant extracurricular activities

Students refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic, unless it is known that their symptoms are caused by an underlying health condition or medication.

[Student attendance](#)

All students are expected to attend onsite unless they are formally registered as being home-schooled. Parent preference is not an approved reason for students to be absent due to COVID-19.

Schools are not expected to provide a full remote learning program in these circumstances.

If students who are working from home due to COVID contact this ABC link is great and worth saving as a tab or bookmark on your favourite device.

<https://www.abc.net.au/education/newsletter/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 4	14/02	15/02 School Council Meeting 6.30pm	16/02 Prep Assessments	17/02 Bookclub orders due	18/02 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 5	21/02	22/02	23/02 House Sports Carnival Prep Students invited to attend	24/02 SWPB Celebration	25/02 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 6	28/02	1/03	2/03 Prep Assessments	3/03	4/03 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 7	7/03	8/03	9/03 Prep Assessments	10/03	11/03 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 8	14/03 Labor Day Public Holiday	15/03 School Council AGM 6.30pm	16/03 Prep Students Commence full time	17/03	18/03 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 9	21/03	22/03	23/03	24/03	25/03 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 10	28/03	29/03	30/03	31/03	1/04 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 11	4/04	5/04	6/04	7/04 SWPB Celebration	8/04 Assembly 1.30pm End of Term 1 2.10pm

Newsletter

To access our fortnightly school newsletter visit our website at <http://www.sebasps.vic.edu.au/>
Please also subscribe to our Newsletter email list at our website to receive a notification when our newsletter is ready.

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1: 31st January to 8th April
Term 2: 26th April to 24th June
Term 3: 11th July to 16th September
Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

2023 TERM DATES

Term 1: 27th January to 6th April
Term 2: 24th April to 23rd June
Term 3: 10th July to 15th September
Term 4: 2nd October to 20th December

BELL TIMES

8.50 am - Music Play
9.00am School starts
11.00 - 11.10am Children eat Lunch
11.10 - 11.40 Lunch Break
1.40pm - 2.10pm Recess
3.10 Dismissal
Last day of Term 2.30pm Finish