



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL – John Mace

Tutor Learning Initiative: Information For Parents, Carers And Families

The 2020 school year was an extraordinary and challenging one for every school community. Many Victorian students spent much of Terms 2 and 3 last year learning remotely and Victorian schools and their communities have made an exceptional effort to provide continuity of teaching and learning to our students during that time.

During Term 4, schools across Victoria were focused on supporting students' mental health and wellbeing, in addition to assisting students to readjust to on-site learning. Teachers have also been focusing on assessing student learning, addressing individual learning gaps and identifying those students who need extra support for their learning, using classroom-based observation and assessments.

We know that the remote learning experience was different for every student. While some students thrived, some students may not have engaged as fully with remote learning. For most of our students, regular high-quality teaching in 2021 will be enough to help them progress to the expected level of learning. Some students will benefit from additional intensive learning support this year.

As you may be aware, in response to this, the Victorian Government has invested \$250 million in the Tutor Learning Initiative to enable schools across Victoria to engage around 4,100 teachers as tutors in 2021 to support students who need extra assistance with their learning. Schools have determined how this initiative is best implemented for their students and will ensure that students will get this support in a way that minimises disruptions to other learning or school activities.

By engaging additional teachers to support children with intensive learning, classroom teachers will have greater capacity to ensure that all other students' achievement, engagement and wellbeing needs are met, so that all students receive the support they need throughout this year.

Further information about the Tutor Learning Initiative, and how it will be implemented for students who need individual learning support in our school, will be issued before students begin tutoring.





HURRY! LAST DAYS! **SCHOOL COUNCIL VOTING,** **WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!**

We need at least three more parents willing to become involved in our school to sit on our School Council. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00pm on:

Monday 1st March 2021 – 4:00pm 2021

- This is the closing date for nominations and Assessing Nominations then Deciding if a Ballot is required.
- No Nominations will be accepted after this time.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category:- Parent member

Term of office: Two Years (2)

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023.

Number of positions: Four (4)

Membership category:- Community member

Term of office: Two Years (2)

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023.

Number of positions: Four (4)

Please come and nominate either yourself or someone who you think would be a solid contributor to this school.

**Nominations slips are at the office
(you cannot miss them!)**



MEET & GREET

Meet and Greet Interviews will take place at school on Thursday the 4th of March from

3:50pm - 7:30pm (10 minute duration).

These are an EXTREMELY important event. It gives you the chance to meet your child's teacher to discuss any information or concerns you may have and to share your goals and aspirations for your child in 2021. This is not an academic interview.

We strongly encourage all parents to meet teachers face to face while there is an opportunity to do so.

When: *Thursday 4th March*



Bookings can be made via **Compass**

Interviews will be 10 minute duration.
(Bell will ring every 10 minutes)

Please use sanitiser when entering classrooms.

If your child is in **3/4C** - bookings need only be made in one teacher's name.





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

In the Spotlight



We are Kind

Year 3/4 students are being the 'i' in kind this week.

When we are kind, we celebrate simple acts of everyday kindness and encourage children to explore how they feel when they initiate and receive acts of kindness in their lives.

How many kindness acts can you complete?

Let a sibling go first 1	SAY something nice to someone 2	Decorate Kindness Rocks 3	share 4	Play with Someone NEW 5
Pick up trash without being asked 6	Say sorry if you do something wrong 7	smile at someone 8	Put a dollar on a vending machine 9	HOLD THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE 10
Make a care package 11	say "good job" 12	Give someone a flower 13	Say hi to someone 14	Volunteer 15
Write a nice letter 16	give a HUG 17	Color a picture for someone 18	Say "thank you" 19	Make a handmade gift 20
Leave a thank you note 21	Clean up without being asked 22	GIVE A COMPLIMENT 23	Let someone else go first 24	Say "I love you" 25

TERM ONE

18th February- Glasses 4 Kids (F-2)
5th March - 3-6 House Sports
8th March - Labour Day
19th March - School Photos
21st March - Harmony Day
1st April - Last day of Term 1
2nd April - Good Friday

TERM TWO

19th April - Term 2 starts
25th April - ANZAC
9th May - Mothers Day
26th May - National Sorry Day
14th June - Queen's Birthday
25th June - Last Day of Term 2

School Photos - Friday 19th March

Like many businesses, SchoolPix evolved during 2020 to minimise the risks posed by COVID-19. In the interests of the ongoing safety to both staff and the broader community, they have now changed their business practices to NO LONGER ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS. Ordering school photos will be online only. Students will be bringing home an individualised photo ordering ID form this week. Please follow the instructions on the form to order your school photos.



SPORTS UPDATE



Senior School Athletics Day - 5th March
Interschool Sports

We require all payment and consent forms no later than Monday the 1st of March. This can be completed on COMPASS.

BALLAM PARK BULLETIN



Week 5

www.ballamparkps.com.au

(03) 9789 5614

POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS for LEARNING AWARDS



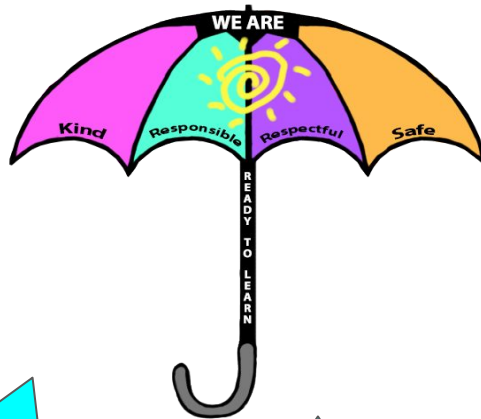
Foundation
Whole Class

1/2A
Steven

1/2B
Kye

3/4A
Jayden

5/6D
Alex and Ryan



3/4B
Billie

5/6C
William

5/6B
Hunter

5/6A
Matthew

3/4C
Ruby



SPECIALIST AWARDS



Jacynta
5/6A



Saoirse
3/4B



Angus
1/2A



THE EDUCATION STATE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Applications are entered online through the CSEF system at school that is linked to Centrelink, matching parent and student Centrelink Reference Number (CRN)

Please check with the school office if you are unsure



Before and After School Care

Camp Australia runs a before and after school care program known as Out of School Hours Care or OSHC. If you are interested, you will need to call 1300 105 343 or email oshc@campaustralia.com.au



School Uniforms

School Uniforms are available from PSW in Carrum Downs. You can also order online and they provide a click and collect service. For more information, please click on the logo below



Compass - How to?

Please take a look [here](#) for a Compass "how to". Otherwise, when you open Compass, press the three lines (top left) and press "open in browser". Click onto the Star and you will see two options - school website and the how to guide.



Canteen is open every Friday for lunch orders using:

