

Week 7

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL - John Mace

Staffing

Assistant Principal Position

Early this term we advertised for a new Assistant Principal and we are thrilled to announce that we have been successful in appointing Mrs Kirsten Edbrooke.

Mrs Edbrooke has been in education for over 20 years and has taught at Dandenong West then Mt Eliza North Primary School. She will bring with her a wealth knowledge in curriculum design but mainly in Student Wellbeing.

She will begin her role with us on day one of term three.

3/4C Mrs Pike

As you are aware, Mrs Pike's sudden exit from this school to take up a new, more secure position elsewhere has left a significant hole in this class.

Mrs El Whitaker has been in the class since Mrs Pike's exit. This was a short term answer until we could re-evaluate our work force plan to establish the best scenario for the class.

Solution

Mrs Shaw will teach the class for the first three days of each week for the rest of the year. Our Learning Specialist, Miss Fritchley, will teach the class for the last two days of each week for the rest of the year.

However

Miss Fritchley is on leave for the last two weeks of this term. This affects this class on the Thursday and Friday of both of those weeks.

Solution

Mrs Whitaker will replace Mrs Fritchley on those days.

Monday May 31st:- Mrs Shaw	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday:- Mrs Fritchley	Friday
Monday June 7th:- Mrs Shaw	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday:- Mrs Fritchley	Friday
Monday June 14th:- Mrs Shaw	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday:- Mrs Whitaker	Friday
Monday June 21th:- Mrs Shaw	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday:- Mrs Whitaker	Friday End of Term



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Making schools safer for everyone

Victorian school communities are overwhelmingly positive and safe places for teaching and learning where we all play a role in supporting students in their achievements, engagement and wellbeing needs.

It is likely that you have heard the media announcements that the Victorian Government has introduced the Education and Training Reform Amendment (Protection of School Communities) Bill 2021.

The Bill aims to protect and keep school communities safe by preventing and deterring violent and aggressive behaviours from adult members of the school community and ensure that schools are positive, safe and inclusive places to work and learn. This Bill will apply to the small minority of adult members of the Victorian school community who engage in this behaviour, after early conflict resolution measures through non-legislative avenues have failed.

The proposed law will empower principals and other authorised persons to issue School Community Safety Orders in response to parents, carers and other adult members of the school community who engage in harmful, threatening, abusive or disruptive behaviours on school grounds or places where school activities take place, or inappropriate and harmful communication through emails and social media.

This Bill will apply to the small minority of the school community who engage in this behaviour when all other reasonable interventions have failed. The changes would ensure that all members of the school community are kept safe and to minimise any harm to their safety and wellbeing. There will be internal and external review mechanisms in place if a person who is subject to a School Community Safety Order wishes to appeal an Order. Arrangements will be available to ensure parents can still remain engaged in their child's learning to and to minimise any disruption to the student.

This Bill would not replace the existing avenues to raise any complaints, issues or suggestions with schools.

By continuing to engage with these communication channels in a respectful and collaborative manner, we can continue to work together to support our students.

Please stay Out of the Staff Car Park. The 'Back Car Park is AWESOME!











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Breakfast Club

Brekky club has started again. Students are welcome to come and have a delicious breakfast one, two or even every day. Brekky is served from 8.15 to 8.45 each school day.

Please note that we should be open once remote learning is over and we are allowed to operate again.





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:





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We've listened:

Changes to your Compass App are coming soon!



This term there will be some updates to your NewsFeed, let's take a look at what's new:



Sort by

We've redesigned your NewsFeed, making it simpler to navigate and easier to manage. You will now have the ability to sort your news by 'most important' or 'most recent', to ensure that you're up to date with all interesting and important school news!

Important news

Never worry about missing an important update again! To help you stay in the loop, all priority notifications will be highlighted and flagged as 'Important news'.





Save Posts

Our saved posts help you keep track of school communications. Using the bookmark icon, you will be able to create a customised shortlist of NewsFeed posts for when you need them.







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Important Dates

TERM TWO

4th June - 2nd hand uniform sales

14th June - Queen's Birthday - No School

18th June - 2nd hand uniform sale

22nd June - Reports go live on Compass

24th June - Foundation incursion (Flying Bookworm)

25th June - Last Day of Term 2

TERM THREE

12th July - First day of Term 3

17th September - Last Day of Term 3



Second hand Uniforms





The second hand uniform shop is currently open fortnightly on Friday afternoons after assembly, approximately 3:15-4pm. It will be set up in front of the school hall (or inside the hall if it is raining). Items range from \$5-\$20 and cash is preferred, but eftpos is available at the school office. You are welcome to swap uniforms (in good, clean condition) with other sizes, and all uniform donations are gratefully accepted, either at the shop or at the office at other times.

Upcoming uniform shop dates:

Friday 4th June & Friday 18th June