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Term 1 Calendar 2022

Monday 7th February

-Assembly

Monday 21st February

-Assembly

-School Council Meeting

Monday 7th March

-Assembly

Monday 14th March

-Public Holiday

(Labour Day)

Monday 21st March

-Assembly

Friday 8th April

Last day for Term 1

Early Dismissal 2:15pm

Friday 15th April

-Good Friday

Monday 25th April

-Public Holiday

(Anzac Day)

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to another school year, we are excited to have our students back on-site learning in the classroom with their peers and teachers. I hope that all of our families had the opportunity to spend time doing the things they enjoy most over the break.

Over the holidays and during the first week of school there have been many developments and changes within the school. This includes upgrades being the big shed, OSHClub providing before and after school care onsite and the launch of our new online lunch order system.

I know that during this term we will face our share of challenges as students return to classroom however, I know as a community we will work together to provide the best outcomes for our young people.

STAFFING

The school is currently without one teacher as a result of staff accepting positions at other schools. We wish these staff members all the best for the future. While we are recruiting new staff Miss Busuttill will be teaching 3/4A and a relief teacher will be conducting PE and Art sessions. Mrs Evans will now be teaching 5/6B for this year. We will be employing a Learning Tutor at the end of this term.

The school has appointed Elizabeth Richardson to the Acting Assistant Principal role for term 1. Elizabeth brings with her a wealth of knowledge and expertise, which will support our whole school community.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

During the year the school will be working to embed Sentral within all school functions, providing a single platform for all school communication. This will happen gradually, and parents will be provided with guides as each new function is activated. Please ensure that you have the Sentral app on your phone and your account linked to your students to ensure you receive all relevant communication.

Class Dojo will continue to be utilised to support communication until additional functions within Sentral are activated throughout term 1.

BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

The Victorian Government announced some new measures for the beginning of the 2022 school year across all Victorian schools. These measures include:

- * Free rapid antigen tests
- * Ventilation
- * Vaccination requirements
- * Vital COVIDSafe steps

Information outlining these measures has been communicated to all parents through Sentral and ClassDojo.

We are looking forward to a great year focussed on our students' learning and wellbeing.

Brian Slatter
Acting Principal

"We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge our gratitude that we share this land today, our sorrow for some of the costs of that sharing, and our hope and belief that we can move to place of equity, justice and partnership together."

Reminders..

Remember your hats!
"No hat, No play"



Keeping Our Lunches Cool

A friendly reminder to pop an ice brick or frozen drink in with your child's lunch, to keep it nice and cool, especially in the warmer weather.

School Times

8.55am-9am Homegroup
9.00am-10.00am Session 1 (with a fruit break at 10am)
10.00am-11.00am Session 2
11.00am-12.00pm Session 3
12.00pm-12.15pm Eating Lunch in class
12.15pm-12.45pm Break 1
12.45pm-1.45pm Session 4
1.45pm-2.15pm Break 2
2.15pm-3.15pm Session 5

SENTRAL

Please be advised as of the end of Term 1 we will no longer be using Class Dojo as a form of communication.

Our school will be moving to Sentral only being our main source of information & communication between staff & parents.

More information and updates will be made available before term ends.

Assemblies

Unfortunately due to the current changes to Covid-19 restrictions parents will **NOT** be able to attend our assemblies until further notice.



Update Information

If you have had any changes to your family situations, living arrangements, contact details or would like to update your emergency contacts, please contact the office. This information needs to be as up-to-date as possible throughout the year.

Parking—Pick up and Drop Offs

Our carpark area can be extremely busy at times. We ask that all families follow road signs and show courtesy towards other drivers.

We ask that parents please do not 'stop and drop' as this then becomes a safety issue for students going in between cars to get into school.

When parking, please use the indicated marks, which are located on the curb, to ensure there are enough spaces for everyone. We would also like to ask parents to **slow down** when roads are dusty, as this causes discomfort for local residents, and becomes a safety hazard for students who walk to school.

Payments and Notes for Excursions Etc.

Any payments or forms for any excursions, sport events etc need to be placed in the office drop box or given to one of our office staff.

WELCOME

Dear families,

My name is Liz Richardson and I am delighted to have joined Toolern Vale and District Primary School this term.

I have worked as an Assistant Principal for many years at Western Autistic School and most recently at Taylors Hill Primary School. I am looking forward to working with all of the students, families and staff in the weeks ahead as we focus on a positive return to school in 2022.

**HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

Year 1- 6 Students

Due to COVID19 restrictions, unfortunately parents and families are not able to enter the school grounds. A quick goodbye at the gate is recommended to reduce congestion of families. Please be mindful to follow COVID19 Guidelines and keep your physical distance of 1.5 meters and where possible, please wear masks.

FOUNDATION

For the first week only (Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th), Foundation students will have a revised start and finish time of 9:05am – 3:05pm. This is to reduce the congestion of families and students as well as to welcome the Foundation students into the school in a manner that they deserve.

One parent can enter with their child and meet the Foundation teachers on the school oval. At the end of the day, Foundation Teachers will take students back to the oval where they will be dismissed back into your care.

Please remember that Foundation Students do not attend school on Wednesdays for the month of February.

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- School hats are to be worn in Term 1 to follow our SunSmart Policy.
- We have a high expectation of all students wearing the school uniform every day. If a child is not in full school uniform, then please let your child's teacher know the reason.
- School starts at 8:50 am and therefore student learning starts at 8:55 am. Any students who arrive after 8:55 am must go through the office and sign in using the iPad kiosk.
- Please ensure you label your child's uniform, hat, reader bag, drink bottle & lunchbox with their full name. We always have a lot of lost property and if it doesn't have a name on it, we cannot return it to the owner.
- Please remember to keep your child's food in containers as much as possible to reduce the rubbish in our school, as we like to be proud of our school grounds.

COVID19 Guidelines Update

The measures set out in the Victorian Government 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 3 V's – Ventilation, Vaccination and Vital COVID Safe Steps and introduces some new measures.

Free rapid antigen tests (a box of 5) are available for every student and staff member. Another pack will be made available in Week 3 once they arrive at school.

It is recommended that students do the test at home twice a week. Any positive results must be reported to the school and the Department of Health immediately. Students must then isolate for 7 days and not attend school during this time. Household contacts of a positive case will also need to isolate for 7 days.

As per the advice of the Department of Education, if students are isolating due to a positive result, schools are not expected to provide a remote learning program during this time. Any student who tests positive will be supported to continue their learning from home by DET. More information about this is available from their website.

Years 3 and above must always wear a face mask indoors at school. Years F-2 are strongly encouraged to wear one.

Student Accident Insurance and insurance for personal items

Every year we have students who accidentally hurt themselves whilst at school. This can be very expensive for parents.

Our school does not have insurance for student accidents or loss/damage of personal items.

Parents/carers can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. You can search for providers on the Internet. It is quite cheap and well worth the money.

Parents/carers of students, who **do not** have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who have received awards this fortnight. These awards are given to students in recognition of achievement and will be presented at assembly on Monday 22nd February.

Class	Name	Reason for Award
F/1A	Zali S	<u>Cooperation</u> —For being a polite, responsible member of our class, who is a role model to others.
F/1B		
1/2A	Rory J	<u>Engagement</u> — For following instructions and being a great role model. Well done Rory!
1/2B	Natasha S	<u>Engagement</u> — For being such a friendly member of 1/2B and helping others. Well done, Natasha!
3/4A	Savannah S	<u>Acceptance</u> —For being a positive and caring member of our class and a great role model to others.
3/4B		
5/6A	Isabel Mc	<u>Cooperation</u> —For her courage in leading and contributing to our classroom REACH Up discussions.
5/6B	Estee L	<u>Acceptance</u> —For being kind and considerate to her peers.



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/2022/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.



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- 3 Top Up Your Account**
 To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your 'User Profile'.

Order

- 1 Place your Order**
 On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.
- 2 Make your Selection**
 Find the service and press 'Order', then select the items you wish to order.
- 3 Make Payment**
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ASTHMA FIRST AID

- 1**  **SIT THE PERSON UPRIGHT**

 - Be calm and reassuring
 - Do not leave them alone
- 2**  **GIVE 4 SEPARATE PUFFS OF BLUE/ GREY RELIEVER PUFFER**

 - Shake puffer
 - Put **1 puff** into spacer
 - Take **4 breaths** from spacer
 - Repeat until **4 puffs** have been taken

OR give 2 separate inhalations of Bricanyl (6 years or older)
 OR give 1 inhalation of Symbicort Turbuhaler (12 years or older)
 OR give 2 puffs of Symbicort Rapihaler through a spacer (12 years or older)

If no spacer available: Take 1 puff as you take 1 slow, deep breath and hold breath for as long as comfortable. Repeat until all puffs are given
- 3**  **WAIT 4 MINUTES**

 - If there is no improvement, **give 4 more separate puffs of blue/grey reliever** as above

OR give 1 more inhalation of Bricanyl
 OR give 1 more inhalation of Symbicort Turbuhaler
 OR give 2 puffs of Symbicort Rapihaler through a spacer

IF THERE IS STILL NO IMPROVEMENT

- 4**  **DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000)**

 - Say **'ambulance'** and that someone is having an asthma attack
 - Keep giving **4 separate puffs every 4 minutes** until emergency assistance arrives

OR give 1 inhalation of a Bricanyl or Symbicort Turbuhaler every 4 minutes – up to a max of 4 more inhalations of Symbicort Turbuhaler
 OR give 2 puffs of Symbicort Rapihaler through a spacer every 4 minutes – up to a max of 8 more puffs of Symbicort Rapihaler

CALL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IMMEDIATELY AND DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000) IF:

- the person is not breathing
- the person's asthma suddenly becomes worse or is not improving
- the person is having an asthma attack and a reliever is not available
- you are not sure if it is asthma
- **the person is known to have anaphylaxis – follow their Anaphylaxis Action Plan, then give Asthma First Aid**

Blue/grey reliever medication is unlikely to harm, even if the person does not have asthma.



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