



12th October 2018

Dear Junior School Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing holiday and are ready for a busy end to the school year.

REMINDERS FOR TERM 4:

SCHOOL ROUTINES

Students may only enter the building from 8:50am. If your child arrives at school after 9.00am or is being collected early from school, please sign your child in/out using the new GPS tablet at the office and collect an arrival/departure card to be handed to the teacher supervising your child's class at that time.

COMPASS

Please check Compass regularly for information regarding upcoming events and permission/payment forms. Student absences must be recorded.

GPS EXPO

This term we will be celebrating the students learning with a whole school EXPO in the classrooms. We welcome students and families to the school to come and visit the classrooms to see all of the exciting learning that is happening from Prep – Year 6. The EXPO runs over two days in Week 3. See diary dates below.

FAMILY HOLIDAYS

If you are taking your child out of school on a family holiday please enter the dates into Compass and inform your child's teacher. At the end of the year, all books go home with students and teachers will need to know in advance if your child is leaving early so they can prepare their school materials.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property cupboard is located in building 3 just inside the Prep doors at the top of the ramp.

RUBBISH FREE LUNCH

In an endeavour to cut down on the amount of rubbish in the school yard we would appreciate if students could have as little packaging as possible in their lunchboxes.

WELLNESS

Now that spring is with us, we are asking that students have both jumpers and SunSmart hats at school each day. We are again asking for boxes of tissues to come to school if not already sent and that foods containing nuts do not come school as we have students who are highly allergic. We encourage students to eat a small fresh fruit or vegetable snack after lunch that can be eaten in 5 minutes. Water bottles should also come to school each day.

TAKE HOME READING JOURNALS

The students are now borrowing from the newly colour-coded reader tubs. Please check with your class teacher if you are not sure which coloured tubs your child should be borrowing from. Students should be reading at home and writing in their reading journals at least 5 times a week and bring them to school on Mondays and Fridays. Please encourage their independence in this.

ENGLISH

Reading will focus on reinforcing reading strategies. The CAFÉ reading strategies for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding our knowledge of vocabulary have been introduced and will be revised. The CAFÉ strategies are attached. Our Words Their Way spelling program continues and we are also focussing on spelling commonly used words in our writing. In writing this term, we are concentrating on persuasive and narrative texts using VOICES (Voice, Organisation, Ideas, Conventions, Excellent word choice and Sentence fluency) and we continue with our weekly handwriting lessons to using Victorian Cursive Writing script. Show and share will also continue with presentations planned later in the term.

MATHS

This term in maths we will be learning about fractions and revising concepts covered this year. Mathletics activities will be set as part of weekly homework and topics will be linked to the weekly class concepts or as revision.

LIBRARY

The Junior School will have weekly library lessons with Mrs Kenos this term. Please make sure that satchels or library bags come to school on library days so the books are protected as they travel home.

ICT

This term we will continue looking at cyber safety and using Microsoft Word and Power Point programs. We will extend knowledge of coding using 'Scratch'.

HUMANITIES & SCIENCE

Our humanities unit, 'Where in the World?' continues. Students will be working together at school on an integrated project which will be presented to students and interested parents in Week 6 (see calendar below). In Science, our biology unit is 'Dinosaurs and More' which explores what living things (current and extinct) need to survive.

WELLBEING

This term we are continuing to learn how to work collaboratively and to build our understanding of resilience, rights and respectful relationships. Buddy sessions also continue.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 4, 2018							
Wk 1							
Wk 2	Fri, 19 th October	P-2 cake Stall 3:25 – 4pm					
Wk 3	Wed, 24 th October	GPS EXPO Open afternoon 2 - 5pm					
	Thu, 25 th October	GPS EXPO Open morning 8.30 - 10.30am					
	Sat, 27 th October	Halloween Disco					
Wk 4	Tue, 30 th October	P – 2 House Athletics Carnival					
Wk 5	Tue, 6 th November	Melbourne Cup Day – no school					
	Thu, 8 th November	Yr 1 & 2 Gymnastics clinics (replacing JS sport)					
		9am	9:50am	11:10am	12noon	1:50pm	2:40pm
		221	222	128	123	220	129
Wk 6	Tue, 13 th November	JS Project Presentations Yr 1s presenting – 2 – 3:30pm (hall) – Parents most welcome!					
	Wed, 14 th November	JS Project Presentations Yr 2s presenting – 2 – 3:30pm (hall) - Parents most welcome!					
	Thu, 15 th November	Yr 1 & 2 Gymnastics clinics					
Wk 7	Thu, 22 nd November	Yr 1 & 2 Gymnastics clinics					
Wk 8	Thu, 29 th November	Yr 1 & 2 Gymnastics clinics					
Wk 9	Mon, 3 rd December	French Day					
	Thu, 6 th December	Musica Viva – Water, Water, Everywhere					
Wk 10							
Wk 11	Tue, 18 th December	End of year 'Picnics at Greythorn Park' - Yr 1: 9 – 11am, Yr 2: 11am – 1pm					
	Fri, 21st December	Term 4 ends – 1:30pm					
2019							
T1 Wk 1	Tuesday, 29 th January	School begins for teachers					
	Wed, 30th January	School begins for students at 8:50am					

As you can see, we have another very full term planned and we look forward to working with you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Junior School Team