



"Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be A Learner"

Dear Parents/Carers,

Colour Run

What a wonderful way to end a Wednesday. Thank you to our parents that came along to support the event. I appreciate that not all parents are able to come along during the school day. Thank you also to all parents who sent along their child in a white t-shirt. For those that were unable to attend, we changed it a little bit from when we did the slime run at the beginning of the year. This time we created a course around the bottom basketball court and the three ramps we have coming off the court. This one was lower key due to it not being a major fundraiser. The three huge boxes of powder (about 50 containers) were supplied free of charge by Sport Schools Victoria. We have accessed other sporting school programs over the past few years, so they thought of us when they had some powder available.

End of term fatigue

When I was in the classroom teaching full time, I could always tell when we had hit week 6, this was when the students started to get a little more tired and emotional. We see more issues between the students – please note that I continue to deal with the situations the same way, there are just more of them.

Parent teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held on the 11th of September. These are a chance for parents to check in with the classroom teacher on how their child is going. If you have any major concerns, it would be worth making a separate appointment, as the interviews are only 10 minutes.

Jo will let you know when the interviews are open for you to book.

Newbee tickets

You may have heard from your child that we have relaunched our Newbee tickets in all the classrooms. We are also visiting the Newbee Shop more regularly. Students are awarded a Newbee ticket by doing various things in the classroom, depending on what the teacher is trying to get the students to focus on.

Examples of these are:

- for offering ideas during class discussions (some students/classes are reluctant to share their ideas),
- or coming quickly to sit on the floor,
- for getting on with their work quickly,
- for the younger students – getting their pencil and book out by themselves.

Although these are things that all students should 'just do', we need to train them to do these things. Once the teacher notices that it is happening, they change the focus of what they are giving the Newbee tickets out for.

Recently I was in the classroom giving one to a student who used a capital letter at the beginning of their sentence. As with our process, I explained to the student what they got it for. The student sitting next to the student I was talking to, overheard what I had said, so quickly changed his sentence to make sure he had a capital letter too. When I commented on this to him, he said that he had overheard me. So, I gave him one too.

Mud Kitchen

The mud kitchen continues to be in high demand. Thank you to the parents who sent in their old/spare cooking equipment. The mud kitchen is used by all ages. It is always refreshing to see the older kids enjoying being a kid.

School closure day – September 7th

A reminder that we have a student free day on the 7th of September. We are joining hundreds of other Latrobe Valley teachers and education support staff at the Latrobe Valley Inclusive Practice Conference at Morwell Central Primary School. This is a one-off conference – too good to miss. We were fortunate to have all staff attending, as there is a waiting list.

Kind regards,

Christine.



Upcoming Events

- **September 1-Father's Day Stall**
- **September 7-Student Free Day (Staff PD)**
- **September 11-Parent/Teacher Chats**
- **September 14-Arts Centre Melbourne Grades 3-6**
- **September 14-Grade 2 Sleepover**
- **September 15-Last Day of Term 3. 2:15pm dismissal.**

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Stall

Friday September 1st

Father's Day is Sunday September 3rd, and it is time for our stall fundraiser. Our Father's Day Stall is scheduled for Friday September 1st, and we need your help!

If you could kindly donate a small gift for the students to purchase for their special person, that would be amazing. It can be something small, and something that you may even have at home that you do not need. All we ask is that it is in good condition. If you are able to help us, could you please bring your donation to the office by Tuesday August 29th.

All gifts will be \$5 each and it will be 1 gift per student. Students will need to pay at the school office, and this can be done before the morning bell on any given day. All payments need to be handed in to the office by the Friday morning of September 1st.

Thank you!!

Student Birthdays!

September 1
Tali
Prep

September 2
Zara
Gr 1/2T

September 2
Mitchell
Gr 1/2T

September 5
Abbie
Gr 4/5

September
10
Athena
Gr 3

September 14
Victoria
Gr 3

September 14
Maddie
Gr 5/6

September 16
Ada
Gr 3



2023 Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parent/carers think of our school.

The Parent/Carer Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

**The Parent/Carer Opinion Survey will be open from
Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.
Invitations will be sent via Compass on Monday August 7.**

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please speak to our principal, Christine Robinson, if you would like more information.



Breakfast Club is open every morning between 8:00am-8:30pm with Krystal & Brylee.

School Times

- 8:45 1st Session
- 9:45 2nd Session
- 10:45 Eating Time (supervised)
- 10:55 Recess
- 11:30 3rd Session
- 12:30 4th session
- 1:30 Children supervised to eat lunch
- 1:40 Lunch Recess
- 2:15 5th Session
- 3:15 Dismissal



This term, on Fridays, Hot Chocolates are FREE! Students just need to line up at the Breakfast Club kitchen on Fridays at lunch time to receive their free drink.

TERM DATES 2023

- Term 1 30 January (Students start) 6 April
- Term 2 24 April 23 June
- Term 3 10 July 15 September
- Term 4 2 Oct 20 December



ATTENDANCE



Regular attendance at school is very important for your child's learning and social development. Of course, sometimes children are sick and need to stay home to get well - and that's OK! But other than that, children need to be at school as much as possible to ensure the BEST opportunity for learning. If your child is absent please enter their absence via the Compass parent portal or alternatively call the school on 51271448 as soon as possible.

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2023/2024 TRACK & FIELD SEASON

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 30TH

SEASON RUNS SEPTEMBER-MARCH

Registrations open mid August

See our Facebook page for more details

Location: Joe Carmody Athletics Track

Newborough at 8:45am



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