

"Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be A Learner"

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had a wonderful holiday spending time with your children. I know there were some very excited parents on Tuesday morning when they could hand them over to us again.

Prep students

Our Preps have settled in amazingly. I was delighted to see the smiles on their faces, the leap in their steps and the confidence in their body as they walked in the gate on Tuesday morning.

Miss Lazaris and Mrs Costa are to be congratulated on the preparation they put into the Prep students during the transition sessions. To have our Preps walk (in a straight line) into assembly on Tuesday morning, sit beautifully and then walk out the confident way they walked in, was incredibly heartwarming.

New students

We have several new students joining our school this year, some have already started, and others will start in the next couple of weeks. We welcome you to our school. We are delighted to have you as part of our school.

Changes this year:

There are a few changes this year; I'm sure you have already been told about some of them.

Mrs Robinson – I made the decision this year to change from being Mrs Robbo to now being Mrs Robinson. It is going to take everyone, including me, a little while to get used to this. The reason for the change is, during the school review process last year the school reviewer questioned me about this, pointing out that it was unprofessional. It was too hard to change during the school year, so the decision was made to make the change at the beginning of this year.

•New Assistant Principal – Lisa Williamson (Mrs Williamson) has joined the team. Lisa comes to us from Yarragon Primary School. You won't see Lisa for the next few weeks, as she has torn her hamstring off the bone, having surgery on Monday. Lisa's role is to focus on student behaviour (including putting things in place to prevent some of the behaviour in the first place) and teaching and learning (supporting the teachers in their teaching).

New classroom teacher – Tayla Hughes (Miss Hughes) has joined the staff as the Grade 1/2 teacher. Tayla dropped in to meet the students today and will be taking over the class from the 12th of February. Until the 12th, Cass Furst (Miss Furst) will be teaching the class. Cass worked at our school last year.

New PE (Sport) teacher – Kallan Fitzclarence (Mr Fitz – no relation to Miss Fitz as she is Fitzpatrick) has joined our staff, teaching PE to the whole school on Thursdays. Kallan has experience teaching PE at several schools.

Office Support – Sam Robinson (no relation – the kids call her Sam) is working in the office supporting Hayley while Hayley learns the ins and outs of her role. Sam is working parttime.

Department support – We have two staff members from the Department supporting me and the teaching and learning for the next two years. Mark Maclean is an executive principal and Jo Brauman, a teaching partner. Mark is with us Mondays and Tuesdays; Jo is Monday to Thursday at this stage, then two days a week as other schools come on the program. We are incredibly fortunate to have Mark and Jo joining our school.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 7th
 - No Preps
- Feb 13th
 - Swimming Carnival
- Feb 14th
 - STEM session for Grades 4/5 and 5/6
 - No Preps
- Feb 20th
 - School Council 5.15pm
- Feb 21st
 - No Preps
- Feb 28th
 - No Preps
- Mar 6th
 - Preps full time
- Mar 11th
 - Labour Day Public Holiday

Every Minute Matters
BE A HERO
Here Every day Ready On time



Art - self portraits



Pantry Items

We still have the pantry items available, as we have for the past couple of years. I have moved the pantry into the front office space. Please continue to come in and get anything and everything that you would like. I have the weekly order being delivered every Thursday. I always order extra bread and fruit (along with everything else), so please come and get some, or let us know and we can put it aside for you or send it home for you with your child. The pantry is emptier than I like this week, as I had to put the order in prior to the end of the year and I wasn't sure what we were going to need. Bread and fresh fruit are delivered every Thursday. Please come and grab whatever you would like.

Swimming Carnival – new date – Tuesday 13th Feb

It is a juggle trying to book the 'best' day for our swimming carnival. I forgot to avoid our specialist teaching days. I have changed the booking till Tuesday the 13th of February.

The plan for the day is:

From 9.30 the senior students will complete to attend the Western Valley Swimming Sports. The students need to demonstrate that they can successfully swim the stroke and can swim the length of the pool, without stopping.

From 10am the junior students will join the senior students. We will all be at the pool till 1.30pm.

Parents are more than welcome to come along (remaining out of the water).

All students will be transported to the pool on the bus.

The cost for the day is \$10 to assist in paying for the bus and the pool (the school covers the rest). CSEF can be used for this.

At 1.30pm the students can either head home with their parents or return to school for the remainder of the day.

TheirCare will be operating.

Zooper Doopers - every Friday

We continue to sell Zooper Doopers each Friday. The cost is 50c. Students pay at the Office before school. The Zooper Doopers are brought to their classroom. Zooper Doopers are available in Term 1 and 4; hot chocolates are available in Terms 2 and 3.

Assembly

Our weekly assembly continue to be held on Friday afternoon from 2.50pm till the end of the school day. Parents, careers and loved ones are more than welcome to attend.

School Student Leaders

Over the next couple of weeks, students in Grades 3-6 have the opportunity to nominate to be a Newbee Leader or School Captain (Grade 6 only). We will go through the application process with the students next week.

If a student was a Newbee leader last year, they are unable to be this year. This allows the position to be shared around. Students applying for School Captain can have been Newbee leader last year.

Ainsley - School Nurse

Permission forms for students to see Ainsley will be sent home this week. The Department have changed the program from being an opt out process to now an opt in process. Ainsley will send home some information next week outlining what her program is.

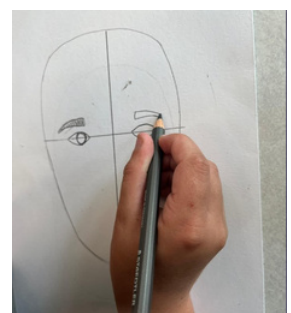
We are very fortunate to have Ainsley with on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Our wonderful Prep/1 class on their first day



Each year our Art lessons start with a self portrait



Student Birthdays!

Bella
January 2
Gr6

Riley
January 10
Gr5

Axl
January 11
Gr2

Nela
January 15
Gr3

Blake
January 16
Gr2

Jesika
January 17
Gr6

Drew
January 28
Gr4

Samara
February 8
Gr2

Eli
February 9
Gr1

John
February 10
Gr4

Logan
February 23
Gr5



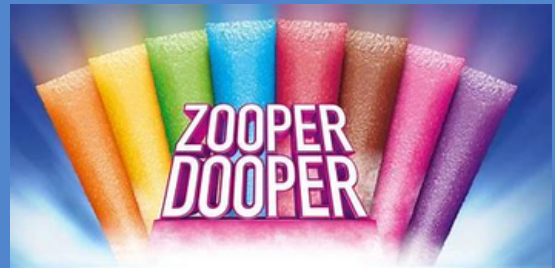


Breakfast Club is open every morning between 8:00am-8:30pm with Brylee, Krystal and Ainsley.

Brekky Club is free for all students to attend.

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 the students are selling Zoooper Doopers on Fridays.

Zoooper Doopers are 50 cents.

The school student leaders will bring the orders to the classroom.

TERM DATES 2024

Term 1 - January 30th till March 28th

Term 2 - April 15th till June 28th

Term 3 - July 15th till September 20th

Term 4 - October 7th till December 20th



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.