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### Principal’s Message

#### **To Families of Grade 2 & 4 Students**

As a school system, the Department of Education (alongside the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute) is developing and trialling new evidence-based approaches to the teaching of mental health across the state. DET and MCRI are partnering to conduct research in schools and I have nominated us to be a control school – meaning no new interventions or trials will take place at this school. DET and MCRI are looking for families of students in Grades 2 and 4 to participate in a short 15-minute survey, twice in the school year and this data will be used to determine if the new approaches are effective or not (in other schools). I would strongly encourage families of Grade 2 and 4 students to refer to Compass for the survey link. A hard-copy fact sheet will also be distributed to those families in the coming days. It is imperative that as one school, we can contribute to system-wide learning that can lead to more positive impacts across the state of Victoria.

#### **Grade 4 Camp**

Jess, Georgie and myself will be attending Grade 4 Camp to Melbourne next week. The school has developed an exciting and busy itinerary for the three days. Grade 4 families – please be aware there is a short Zoom Check In on Monday night, 24<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm to answer any final questions.

Meeting ID: 842 2657 7772  
Password: platypus

#### **School Phone**

For all families – please take the time to add the school’s new mobile phone number into your own phone. It will be taken on all camps and excursions, beginning from Wednesday.

0422 366 017

Have a great weekend,  
Nick

#### **The Next Four Learning Weeks @ Skipton:**

Term 2 Week 6	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Young Leaders Day (Grade 5/6s) Gr 4 Camp Parent Check in – 7pm via Zoom
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Grade 4 Camp to Melbourne
Term 2 Week 7	
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Grade 5/6s @ Bio Lab Warrnambool Representative Cross Country
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Asian Theme Day – with Lunch Assembly (3pm)
Term 2 Week 8	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Teaching & Learning Subcommittee (3:30pm)

	Environment Subcommittee (4:30pm)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Kinder BBO
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> and Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Grade 5/6s overnight @ Sovereign Hill
Term 2 Week 9	
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Finance (8:15am) and Policy (9:15am) Subcommittees
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Assembly (3:00pm)
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Grades 3-6 Winter Sports Competition

## Garden Roster

We ask that each family take a fortnight to come in when convenient and do some gardening. Jobs include *mowing including the nature strip, weeding and sweeping paths*. First name in list to coordinate please.

14th May – 27th May: Gemma Molloy, Emily Gilliland, Lisa Wills, Kate Medson

28th May – 10th June: Dione Gardiner, Peta Byrne, Jane Gardner, Kim Haley

11th June – 24th June: Margot Barr, Kate Dunne, Jessie White, Kate White

## Grade 5/6 BioCATS excursion

On Monday the 31st of May Grade 5/6 students will travel to GMHBA Stadium in Geelong to participate in the Bio Lab BioCATS Sports Science Program. Students should arrive at school at 7.45am for an 8.00am departure. Students will depart Geelong at 2.10pm and arrive back at school for a 3.45pm pick up. Students will need to bring lunch and all snacks and drinks for the day as there will be no opportunity to purchase these. They should wear sports suitable uniform and footwear, bring a jacket and hat as the stadium can become very cold. There is no cost for this excursion. Permission will be required through Compass.



Dear parents/carers most children will have completed and brought home the planning for their Martin Kantor Portrait Photos (of a person who is significant to them). This photo of Tyson's is a great example of the work we are looking at. Those who haven't will do so tomorrow. A small number of students have chosen to take photos of a friend at school in this case they will not bring home their planning. The portrait photos can be taken on a digital camera iPad or phone, children should take more than one photo and select the best. This should be emailed to me at [georgina.green2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:georgina.green2@education.vic.gov.au) (Note: do not reduce the file size or edit the photos, any editing will be done at school with the students). Alternatively older students will simply upload directly to me from their device. The finished

photos will be displayed in Ballarat as part of the International Foto Biennale. The completed portrait will also form part of your child's assessment schedule so it would be ideal if I could have all photographs submitted by Monday June 7th. If there any issues or difficulties please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you Georgie.

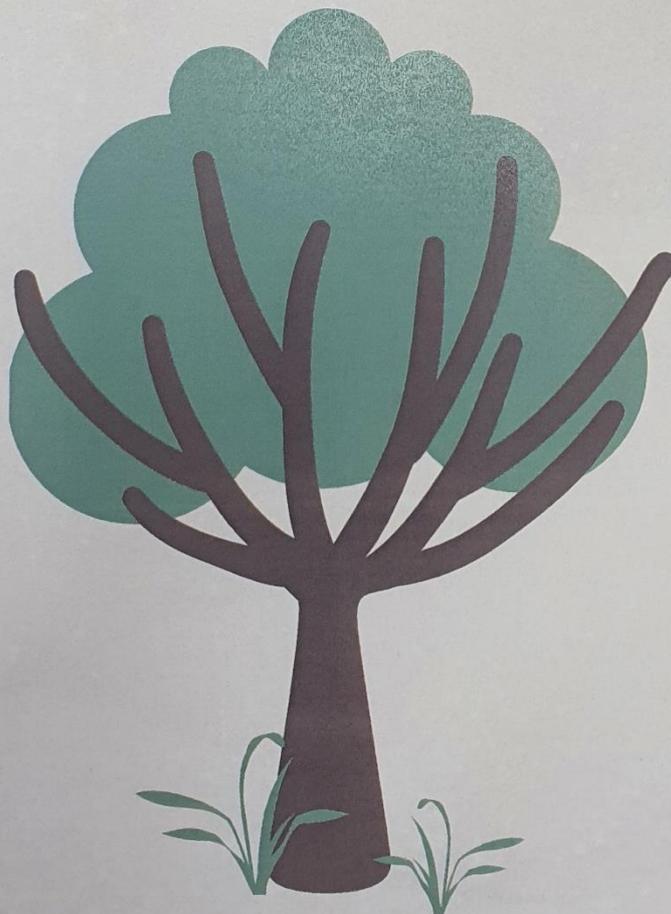
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