

Meredith Primary School 2020

'Achieving Together'

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, PRIDE and EXCELLENCE

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

From this week will be **cancelling Assemblies** in the current format. I will investigate other ways to get the information out, being a little more creative.

Following the advice around 'Social Distancing' of 100+ people in an enclosed space, unfortunately we cannot enforce any social distancing in our current space to run assembly in a safe manner in line with the most recent advice. If this changes I will also make any necessary changes.

Please stay tuned for more information.

Breakfast Club will still continue on Friday morning. Being an outside event, we have also put in some additional changes to the way we run the morning to again ensure safety of all involved. Look forward to seeing you all in the morning.

Covid-19

There have been a number of conversations in the public and media about school closures and what will happen as a result. Currently I am getting (multiple) daily updates from the Department of Education and DHHS around the decisions being made from a health perspective. I have not received any information that has a suggestion of public school closures, however we are putting plans in place if this is to happen. When information becomes available, that will impact our students, staff and families, I will communicate this through both Compass and Facebook. If you have any questions please see me.

If your child is feeling anxious about the challenges and reports around the Coronavirus, please let your child's teacher know. There are some great 'student friendly' resources to explain and help children understand what is happening in our world at the moment.

As a reminder if your child is feeling sick (even illness unrelated to COVID-19) please keep them home until they feel better.



What's happening?

Friday 20th March –
Breakfast Club

Tuesday 24th March –
Whole School Photos

Friday 27th Mar –
End of Term 1 – 2:20pm Finish

Monday 13th April –
Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th April –
Term 2 begins

Year 5 Camp – Cave Hill Creek

We had a great camping experience last week with our Year 5s and just snuck the camp in before the blanket ban on Camps that was advised from Monday. The students engaged in a number of activities such as canoeing, abseiling, bush cooking, mapping, hikes, bouldering, archery and much more. This was the first time the MVA had visited this camp and the feedback from all involved was outstanding. We will be definitely looking forward to booking and taking our year 5s again next year.



We have had such great support with our Community Pantry. If you know anyone that may Benefit from this please grab some food and drop It off.



OSHC Happenings week 8

This week we have continued our learning of wildlife and using a sewing machine. Have a look at our OSHC board in the learning space to see how many faces there are. They have really loved using the machine to make rescue pouches to give a wildlife centre in Ballarat. Our very own **Kerrie Brown** brought us some more fabrics to finish 3 more pouches. Huge thanks for that. Our 2 other incursions have been postponed until further notice.

Thank you for your generosity last year in purchasing our 'little jars' in term 4 2019. This has enabled us to give a small token to each of our incursion speakers. We are so grateful to you! It's so nice to appreciate and honor people for coming into our school to bring something special to our children in OSHC.

Next term...our focus will come off the back of this one and take our environment focus deeper. The theme will be **Recycling**. Taking a look at re-purposing, re-using, up-cycling and recycling. It is not a focus entirely wrapped around having 6 bins in our room, although we will talk about that aspect. It is more around how can we use what we have already and make it into something else, perhaps something better. Now we have budding sewing masters in the house, who knows what we can create!

Community connections

As our term comes to a close, we have Breakfast Club this Friday and as a precaution, we won't need anyone to help set up and serve but I still need someone to help with our tasty treat from our new breakfast menu here in before school care. If you would like your children to be part of that then just text the OSHC phone and let me know.

We are looking forward to giving our bags away next week. There should be about 10...Well done everyone for learning a new skill and being so excited to make them.

Our term hasn't finished yet and our service is fully functional. We still have time to do some great activities next week. Looking forward to seeing you then...

Until next week,

Kym ☺



Principal Award

Alex Dinning
For his resilience and contribution to the Year 5 Camp

P-2 Award

Sienna Caine
For listening in class and completing all her work,

OSHC

Jake McNamara
For his contribution to imaginary games and excellent participation in all things.



Meredith Primay School Awards

**Respect, Resilience,
Pride, Excellence**

3/4 Award

Cole Dinning
For his excellent listening

Arts Award

Harry Kemp
For always throwing himself completely into the drama activities

PE/STEM Award

Katrina Slade
For improved participation in PE

5/6 Award

Eddie O'Connor
For his increased concentration this week and his participation in class discussions