



***A school that values Community, Confidence,
Ambition and Respect.***

26 February 2021

Good morning Research community!

I can't believe that today marks the half-way point of the term. But of course, the most important thing this week that happened was the safe arrival of Prince Eddie of Research on Monday morning. The entire Research Primary School community sends their well wishes to Ms Vale and her family. The 2026 enrolment pack is on its way!

In regards to our Covid precautions at the moment, you are not required to wear a mask outside of buildings when on the school grounds, providing you can maintain a 1.5 metre distance from others. Until we hear otherwise, we still need to ask you to not come into the buildings. We really hope that this advice will change soon.

Have you seen the landscaping works at the moment? The new ramp and walkways are being worked on, as well as what will be a new 'small' oval / play space. I have attached a couple of pictures for those of you who haven't been on the grounds for a while.

Bunnings – Thank you to everyone who responded to the callout for volunteers. At this stage, we are going ahead! A HUGE thank you to those who are able to volunteer for a shift at Eltham Bunnings - it was a big ask with not much time to think about it. Thank you to Lotte Fog who has put her hand up to take on the coordinator role for the day! We know there are others in our community who would have loved to have helped out as well, but just can't make it due to other commitments. This has been an awesome example of one of our school values in action - Community!

We have provisionally appointed someone to replace Ms Kepitis (maternity leave) but will make that announcement mid next week as there is an appeal period for DET position appointees.

Last Friday, Mr O and Ms Watts took a team of swimmers to the District swimming event at WaterMarc. By all accounts, the standard of behaviour of the Research students was outstanding - a real credit to you and the school! To top it all off, Mia in Year 4 and Michaela in Year 6, smashed their races and are now going to the division finals at Northcote next week!

So many other things happening this week with: basketball clinics; PMP; music lessons (violin, keyboard and guitar) back in full swing, and the Student Leadership Day at Panton Hill PS. Super Learner Day... the list goes on.

Coming up next week

Emergency Evacuation/Fire Drill. As part of our OHS requirements, and Bushfire Management Plan, we are required to conduct a range of Emergency procedures. This could be an evacuation to a meeting point on the school grounds (oval, gym, other nominated point) or 'off-site', as well as a 'lockdown' where the students are locked in their room or space (eg Art room, Gym). It is important so that the students don't panic when something like this happens, as well as for us to fine tune our processes and look for any potential issues. We practise these things in the hope that we never have to use it in a real situation.

Friday 5th March

Curriculum Day – Staff are getting together with local schools to learn about the Respectful Relationships Program. There is no school for students and OSHClub will not be running.

Some other dates for you:

MARCH	
Friday 5 th	Curriculum Day (no students at school)
Monday 8 th	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	3/4 Swimming
Monday 15 th	AGM and First School Council Meeting for new members
Wednesday 17 th	P-2 Mindful Monkey
Thursday 25 th	Parent Teacher Interviews (this is an alteration to the school day, where the students attend their interview only)
APRIL	
Thursday 1 st	Term 1 finishes at 2:30pm
Monday 19 th	Term 2 begins

Have a great weekend!

Patrick
Acting Principal

Research Primary School excites, engages and empowers our students.



