



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

**Upcoming dates below*

12 March 2021

Good afternoon Research community!

Staff News

Today we farewell Ms Kepitis' as she begins her maternity leave next week. We wish her family all the best and look forward to her return sometime in the future.

School Council and Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Research Primary School is being held at 6:30pm on Monday the 15th March at school in the new staffroom. After this, the 2021 School Council will meet for the first time this year. I will report back next week with your school councillors and office bearers.

Vicki Ward Visit

I had the pleasure of showing Vicki Ward, Member for Eltham, around the school today. It was a quick visit, but she was highly impressed at how quickly the works are progressing, and what the future holds for Research Primary School.



Working With Children Checks – *please action asap if applies to you*

As schools start to open up a little more, and more activities are planned, we will require parent helpers to support the programs at school and off-site. An important legislative requirement for the school is that any person over the age of 18 involved in 'child related work', must have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). There are some exemptions such as teachers, police officers etc as this is a requirement of their employment. Employment WWCC are also valid.

If you do not currently have a WWCC, and you would like to help out at school (eg going on excursions, camps, helping in classrooms – plus other opportunities) you must go to the following website <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and apply for a Volunteer WWCC. Volunteer WWCC are free to apply for and are valid for 5 years. We understand that it is an inconvenience, but it is what must be done to ensure that you have confidence in the suitability of the community that supports your children at school and school events, and (a distant second reason) to ensure the school's legal responsibilities are met.

Covid Update

There has been no updated advice from DET this week, so business as has been usual since the beginning of term. I have attached a letter from Victoria's Chief Health Medical Officer – Brett Sutton for you to have a look at.

Building Works

The landscaping works are progressing at a great rate. The concrete path from the gym carpark has already made a huge difference to getting around the school and interactive TVs are being installed – I have attached a couple of pictures for you.

Dust and mud are an unfortunate consequence of such large scale works. Some of your children are at their creative best when making 'rivers' from potholes of water, making mudpies, or planting sticks in the mud hoping for a tree to sprout sometime in the future. We are reluctant to take this creative outlet away from them, but mud in the classrooms is not great, neither is having wet pants and shoes. If you have a child who is a constant mud player, we please ask that you provide a set of clean, dry clothes in their bag so that a quick change can occur if required.

Parents in Buildings

This is just a reminder to please do not enter the Junior or Senior building classrooms. This is partly due to our Covid guidelines, and partly due to potential allegations if something goes missing from the classroom.

Curriculum Day Recap

We had a great day on Friday with 10 other schools from the area for an introduction to the **Respectful Relationships** program. The benefit of days like this is that when the smaller schools get together, we have access to and can afford the cost of more highly regarded presenters and experts.

Have a great weekend!

Patrick
Acting Principal

Research Primary School excites, engages and empowers our students.

Some other dates for you *(subject to change):*

March	
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	3/4 Swimming and Water Safety
Monday 15 th	AGM and first School Council Meeting for 2021
Wednesday 17 th	P-2 Mindful Monkey
Saturday 20 th	PFC Eltham Bunnings BBQ
Wednesday 24 th	Research Primary School Cross Country
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
Thursday 1 st	PFC Virtual Easter Raffle drawn
Monday 19 th	Term 2 begins
May	
Friday 7 th	School Photos – please send students in school uniform
Tuesday 11 th – Thursday 13 th	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
Friday 14 th	District Cross Country
June	
Monday 14 th	Queen's Birthday
Friday 25 th	Term 2 finishes at 2:30pm
July	
Monday 12 th	Term 3 begins
August	
Wednesday 4 th	3/4 Balance Gym starts (weekly for 5 weeks)
Thursday 5 th	1/2 Balance Gym starts (weekly for 5 weeks)
Monday 16 th	Curriculum Day – No students at school
Thursday 19 th	Research Primary School 132 nd Birthday
September	
Thursday 9 th	Parent Teacher Interviews (this is an alteration to the school day, where the students attend their interview only)
Friday 17 th	Term 3 finishes at 2:30pm
October	
Monday 4 th	Term 4 begins
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd	Years 3 – 6 Camp @ Campaspe Downs, Kyenton
November	
Monday 1 st	Curriculum Day - No students at school
Tuesday 2 nd	Melbourne Cup
December	
Friday 17 th	Term 4 ends 1:30pm





