



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

**Upcoming dates below*

19 March 2021

Good morning Research community!

School Council and Annual General Meeting

On Monday, 15th March, the Annual General Meeting for Research Primary School was conducted. Following this, our new school council met for the first time. Your parent representatives on the current school council are:

- Leonie Akgoz (Grade 3 parent)
- Lee Bonomi (Prep and Grade 4 parent)
- Felix Cameron (Prep and Grade 2 parent)
- Kristin Tsoumbakos (Grade 3 and Grade 6 parent)
- Dante Sapienza (Grade 1 and Grade 4 parent)
- Mike Settle (Prep and Grade 4 parent)
- Carolyn Sternberg (Grade 6 parent)

And the Department of Education and Training representatives are:

- Andrea Sutterby
- Ailsa Glembin
- Patrick Walsh

The following executive positions have been filled:

- President Mike Settle
- Vice President Leonie Akgoz
- Treasurer Carolyn Sternberg
- Minutes Secretary Jackie Smith
- Executive Officer Patrick Walsh

We would like to thank Adam Humphreys and Jess Sharp for serving on the school council. Adam, as immediate past president, has retired from school council after first being elected in 2017. He was the president of our council for the past two years. Jess has served on the school council for the past two years. Thank you both for your service!

Curriculum Days

One of the important functions of school council is approving Curriculum Days.

On Monday evening, School Council has approved the following change to Curriculum Days in 2021:

- Monday 10th May – Curriculum Day (New)
- Monday 16th August – **Curriculum Day CANCELLED**
- Monday 1st November – Curriculum Day

We have been invited to participate in a **Curriculum Day on Monday 10th May** with a number of other local schools who have Reading as an improvement focus, and are also working with the DET Teaching Partners. The other schools are at a similar stage to us and all of us will benefit from being able to engage with staff working at the same grade level. This is also a more efficient use of our Teaching Partners' time so that they can explain the 'big picture' to all of us at once, and then we can be much more specific with our needs when they are with us at Research Primary School in Terms 2 and 3.

Covid Update

No change currently to our current situation. For Parent Teacher Interviews (below), you will be able to come to the classroom. Mask wearing is not compulsory providing a 1.5 metre distance can be maintained.

Eltham Bunnings BBQ – TOMORROW Saturday 20th March

It is going to be an actioned packed day at Eltham Bunnings! We know that it is not always possible for everyone to help out at these events due to clashes on the weekend, but we are extremely grateful for those that are helping out (or offered).

Fundraising is an important component of school finances. We appreciate the 'big-ticket' items such as capital works (e.g. new school buildings), as we would never be able to afford these ourselves. However, replacing library books, signage, new seating, basketball rings and football goal posts (amongst a host of other things), are normally at the school's expense.

Events such as the Bunnings BBQ are fantastic for us as we are not asking our fabulous community to put their hand into their pocket again, particularly when so many of you do so much for our school community.

Building Works

We are almost there. It is so close you can smell it (could just be the freshly laid tan bark though!). This week a new fence has gone up at the back of the gym to ensure people do not fall down the embankment, particularly the 1 metre or so between the steep shotcrete wall and the top basketball courts fence. The irrigation system has been tested and is working, and freshly laid plants and tanbark are everywhere!

The new shotcrete wall between the gym and the main building looks great, and still some works to be completed with the ramp, concrete path and the new 'mini-oval' at the top of the new stairs and bleachers. As always – some pics below for you to check out!

Parent Teacher Interviews Next Week

In case you missed a communication I sent on Tuesday afternoon, I have reproduced it here:

Prep parents, Jackie has contacted you already about this.

Hi everyone,

This is just a reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews are coming up on Thursday 25th March. At the moment, only about half of the spots are booked.

For our new to Research Primary School families, you may have noticed in the upcoming dates in my Friday communications, the following statement:

- *Parent Teacher Interviews (this is an alteration to the school day, where the students attend their interview only)*

On this day (and the 9th September) there are no classes for the students and OSHClub will not be open. The students are expected to attend the interview with you at the time you have selected via Compass. These times are between 12pm and 7:30pm.

We apologise if there has been any confusion regarding this.

If you are having trouble booking, please call the office and they will be able to help you.

Working With Children Checks

This is your weekly reminder that if you would like to participate with school activities/events, you must present a current WWCC (volunteer or employee) to the office before you can help out, or have an exemption due to your job (e.g. teachers, police etc).

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.

Have a great weekend – particularly our Magpies supporters!

Patrick

Acting Principal

Research Primary School excites, engages and empowers our students.



Some other dates for you (subject to change):

March	
Saturday 20 th	PFC Eltham Bunnings BBQ
Thursday 25 th	Parent Teacher Interviews (this is an alteration to the school day, where the students attend their interview only)
Friday 26 th	**UPDATE Research Primary School Cross Country
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
Monday 10 th May	**UPDATE Curriculum Day – no students at school
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)
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, Kyneton
November	
Monday 1 st	Curriculum Day - No students at school
Tuesday 2 nd	Melbourne Cup
December	
Friday 17 th	Term 4 ends 1:30pm

Pics taken Tuesday 16th March after school









