



THE UPDATE

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Term 3, Week 8 dates

TBC

**There are a number of events that we are looking to reschedule. Please ensure you check Compass regularly for updates.*

Monday:

- School Council (online) 7pm

Tuesday:

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Wednesday:

- Hats to be worn outside

Thursday:

- Parent Teacher Interviews via telephone. Please check Compass for more details. No supervision provided onsite. There will be no school work provided for offsite learning.

Friday:

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Upcoming dates

See last page for upcoming dates

Planning for 2022

Please ensure your Prep 2022 enrolment form is handed in soon as we are planning for next year.

Also if you are considering alternative school arrangements or moving on in 2022 (except for our current Year 6's) please inform the school office as soon as possible.

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Principal's Passage

Mr Patrick Walsh

Research Primary School 132nd Birthday

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 132nd Birthday video last week. While not the birthday celebration we were hoping for, it was still a great way to mark this occasion. You can view this on our school Facebook page (link above).

Coronavirus Update

Thank you everyone for keeping up to date with the Compass notifications regarding everything to do with our current situation. As a government school, we will continue to follow the advice given to us in the 'Operation Guide' that we are sent from the Department of Education and Training. At the time of writing this, we have had 22 of these since the beginning of this year. These Guides provide advice on what the restrictions mean for schools, and what we must implement.

As has been my practice, I will communicate any changes as soon as possible, via Compass, so you have as much notice as possible.

School Grounds 9-3:30 on School Days

Last Friday, we had a number of offsite students who came onto the school grounds between 9am and 3:30pm. We are regularly asking members of the public (adults, teenagers and children) to leave the grounds on school days, during school hours – on Monday we had someone walking their dog use the school as a shortcut from Lindon Strike Court to the Main Road School Crossing entrance, and a car drove up to the middle court at around 10am! Please note, as per government guidelines, the playgrounds and basketball courts are not to be used at the moment. The grounds are definitely not to be accessed by anyone between 9am and 3:30pm unless that person is a staff member, a student in onsite supervision, or completing works on behalf of the school.

Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

This is a reminder that Thursday 2nd September, there will be no supervision provided onsite, and no school work provided for offsite students. OSHClub will not be offering their service on this day. Parents, please book a time to meet with your child/ren's teacher via Compass.



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Principal's Passage (continued)

Persistent Mild Symptoms Once School Returns

Some children may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough. They may return to school following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness. Any worsening of symptoms will require review and repeat COVID-19 testing, if considered appropriate by the doctor.

Students with a negative COVID-19 test whose symptoms have completely resolved do not need a medical certificate to return to the school.

Events postponed/cancelled

Unfortunately, due to the current coronavirus situation, we have had to cancel the 2021 School Production. Thank you to everyone who had done their best to get this up and running. We are just as disappointed.

As mentioned in the last Update, we made many plans for the remainder of the term; however, these have needed to be postponed or cancelled. It has been challenging to plan too far in advance. Can I please encourage you to keep Compass notifications on, and to check Compass regularly for updates.

Some of the recently cancelled events have been:

- Working Bee (29th August)
- Fathers' Day Stall (1st September)
- 2021 Production (9th September)

We are still hopeful that the Years 3-6 Camp (20th—22nd October) will go ahead. We are holding an online (WebEx) Information Session for parents of students in Years 3-6 on Wednesday the 15th September at 7pm.

PFC Meeting 12th August online

Father's Day Stall

With no guarantees the students will return, challenges around sourcing goods, and very probable restrictions regarding parent helpers for the remainder of the term, it has been decided that there is too much uncertainty for the Father's Day Stall to be run this year.

Mango Drive

At this stage, we will be proceeding with the Mango Drive. There will be more information to come, but final orders will be needed to be submitted by the end of October. Deliveries will be made in December. Payments to be set up via TryBooking. Compass could be used to set pick up times (like booking for an interview).

Spring Into Spring Fitness Challenge

There will be more information about this coming soon—it will run from the 1st September through to the 30th November.

Join the challenge as a family, log your steps at www.worldwalking.org (search 'Spring into spring Research PS') and as a school, let's see if we can make it around Australia! For students who have not got access to a pedometer, we have enough for one per student. We may even have a staff team! Information about a fund raising component via TryBooking will be sent out soon.

I would like to thank the PFC for their efforts so far this year. It has been very challenging trying to plan ahead and get a few things done. Even with the current challenges, they have managed to run a Bunnings BBQ, Easter Raffle and Mothers Day Stall.

Keep your eye out for Compass notifications and have a great weekend!

Patrick

Helpful tips to get through Lockdown

We know this has been a tough lockdown for both kids and parents. We are certainly noticing the lockdown fatigue with the kids. As a consequence, we are trying to balance out learning and wellbeing. This is why you may see a few of the teachers in fancy dress. Some of you may have heard Dr Michael Carr-Greg talk about how to support kids through these lockdowns. Here are a few helpful tips he has suggested:

- Define a good day (map it out together with the kids)
- Have as many healthy meals as possible
- Include the kids in general household activities (maybe they can get points for household chores too)
- Stick to a good routine (this includes bed times)
- Stay hopeful
- Speak positively and problem solve together
- Work with what you can control



Adventures from the Glembin couch

I have spoken a lot about how I keep my kids entertained. I feel I brought out all the party tricks last year and now I am running low on ideas. Here are some helpful tips to help us all get through until we can come out the other side.

Below are a few ways the family can go to the country, interstate or even overseas while staying within your 5km zone.

Georgia Aquarium live stream

<https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/webcam/ocean-voyager/>

E-visit the Louvre

<https://louvrekids.louvre.fr/>
<https://www.louvre.fr/en/online-tours#virtual-tours>

Zoos Victoria live stream

<https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>

Live Penguin TV

<https://www.penguins.org.au/virtual/live-penguin-tv/>

Falcon Nesting

<https://367collins.mirvac.com/workplace/building-overview/falcons-at-367-collins>

Communication

Keeping up with communication can seem a lot harder during lockdown, especially during extended lockdown. Remember to keep the lines of communication open. Having a zoom chat with a friend can really help you relax. Remember this is really important for our kids too. Try to make times for your kids to chat to their friends. My kids like to use Kids Messenger but just a simple phone call works too. And of course remember to contact the school if we can support.

Mrs Glembin



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August	
Sunday 29th	Working Bee 9am—1pm CANCELLED
Monday 30th	School Council 6:30pm WebEx
September	
Wednesday 1st	Hats to be worn outside
Thursday 2nd	Parent Teacher Interviews (this is an a student free day. No supervision will be provided onsite. These will be conducted by phone)
Friday 3rd	Interschool Sport v Eltham North PS (Home) TBC
Thursday 9th	Whole School Production at Eltham High School (evening) CANCELLED
Friday 10th	Interschool Sport Back Up Day (if required) TBC
Wednesday 15th	Year 3-6 parents Camp Information Night (WebEx)
Friday 17th	Term 3 finishes at 2:30pm
October	
Monday 4th	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 5th	District Athletics Day (selected students only)
Wednesday 13th	Book Fair and Whole School Author Visit
Wednesday 13th	PFC Meeting 7pm
Monday 18th	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd	Years 3 – 6 Camp @ Campaspe Downs, Kyneton
November	
Monday 1st	Curriculum Day – no students at school
Tuesday 2nd	Melbourne Cup
Monday 22nd	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
December	
Thursday 9th	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 17th	Term 4 ends 1:30pm

January 2022	
Friday 28th	Teachers' first day Book Bags to be collected (TBC)
Monday 31st	Students first day
March	
Monday 14th	Labor Day—no school
April	
Friday 8th	Last day of Term 1. 2:30pm finish
Monday 25th	ANZAC Day—no school
Tuesday 26th	First day of Term 2