



## THE UPDATE

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### Term 4, Week 2 dates

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

Monday:

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Tuesday:

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Wednesday:

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Thursday:

- PFC Meeting (online) 7pm

Friday:

**See last page for upcoming dates**

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## Principal's Passage

### Mr Patrick Walsh

#### Welcome Back to Term 4!

I hope everyone managed to have some 'downtime' and enjoy the some of the sunshine during the holidays. The earthquake was an unexpected evented—certainly the strongest one I have ever felt.

I have been in contact with Ms Vale and she is on the mend, although bitterly disappointed that she could not start the term here with you. As communicated to you in the last week of the term, she will be returning for the last 2 weeks of Term 4 starting on Monday 6th December, at which point I will return to Viewbank PS.

#### 2022 Grade Placement Considerations

Once again, we are at the time of year where teachers are beginning to consider class composition for 2022. At this stage we are asking parents to request **in writing** if they would like to inform the school of any special circumstances around student combinations or any other concerns. Given our small numbers, there is unfortunately not a lot of flexibility in our classes, however, we always try our very best to accommodate your suggestions.

Please note, that parents are unable to make suggestions about specific teaching staff, as teacher year levels are a school based decision which is affected by many different factors. We will endeavour, however, to inform you as early as possible which year levels our teachers have been allocated to.

All requests must be **in writing**, and be emailed to the school email address [research.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:research.ps@education.vic.gov.au) by **Friday 22nd October**, as changes will not be able to occur after that date. Thank you for your understanding.

While I have this in the side bar to the left, I will highlight it here, if your child/ren will not be at Research Primary School in 2022, can you please contact us as soon as possible.

### **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 (continued)

#### \*From DET\*

#### **COVID-19 vaccination directions for education workers**

\*Below available from <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/covid-19-mandatory-vaccination-directions-no-5-pdf>

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has issued directions for required vaccinations for education workers. These directions are specific to education workers and supersede those for other authorised workers.

#### **An education worker is:**

- any person who is employed by an education operator to work in an education facility (including teachers, early childhood educators and educational support staff);
- person contracted to work at an education facility and who will or may be in close proximity to children, students or staff, whether or not engaged by the education operator including casual relief teachers, Breakfast Club suppliers, IT personnel, NDIS providers and auditors (but does not include delivery personnel);
- staff of the Department of Education and Training who attend an education facility (such as allied health personnel or Authorised Officers);
- staff of any other entity who attends an education facility;
- volunteers that attend an education facility and that work in close proximity to children, students or staff (including parent helpers); and
- students on placements at an education facility.

#### **All education workers are required:**

- by 18 October to have had a first dose of the vaccine or produce evidence of a booking to receive a vaccine by 25 October 2021; and
- by 29 November 2021 to be fully vaccinated unless a medical exemption applies, and to show evidence of their vaccination status.

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### **Research Primary School Return to Onsite Learning Plan**

All information regarding the return to Onsite Learning Plan will be communicated to you via Compass. There have been a number of schools that have had short term shut downs due to cases of coronavirus. We will be implementing the Department of Education and Training's (DET) advice in regards to the return as closely as possible. This will include designated drop off and pick up points for certain year levels.

I have just been informed that face masks will be compulsory for all students in Grades 3 – 6 from the 18th October. I will provide more information about this as it comes to hand.

### **Melbourne Cup Weekend**

On Monday 1st November, we have a School Council approved Curriculum Day—there will be no school, on onsite supervision or OSHClub on this day. Tuesday 2nd November is a Public Holiday.

### **Prep 2022 Information Evening**

We are conducting a Prep Information Evening on Tuesday 9th November at 6:30pm. In the current circumstances, this will need to occur on-line and is only for those families who have confirmed their 2022 Prep enrolment. A link will be sent to these families in the week or 2 leading up to the event. If you have a child to enrol for Prep in 2022, and you have not yet handed in an enrolment form, please do so as soon as possible.



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### Capital Works

I would like to inform you that we will be having some extra works completed over the next 6 months or so (subject to all things covid).

A fairly major issue at the school has been the lack of adequate drainage. The recent completed building works has significantly reduced what I have heard termed from others as 'waterfalls' in big rain events around the school. However, as many of you know, the damage done of many years has left our driveways (particularly going up to the gym) in disrepair. The Victorian School Building Authority has engaged the company 'Urban Initiatives' <https://www.urbaninitiatives.com.au/> to look at our drainage and to repair much of the asphalted driveways and car parks.

We are very lucky to have the VSBA approve this as, in my experience at other schools, they do not do this type of work. They have recognised that due to the location of the school on a main road, it is necessary for us to have this on the school site in the interests of student safety.

Have a great weekend!

Patrick

Upcoming dates: *\*(Covid restrictions permitting)*

<b>October</b>	
Thursday 14th	PFC Meeting 7pm—Online
Monday 18th	School Council Meeting 6:30pm Online
Wednesday 20th—Friday 22nd	Years 3—6 Camp @ Campaspe Downs, Kyneton TBC CANCELLED
Wednesday 27th	Whole School Author Visit (Virtual Event)
<b>November</b>	
Monday 1st	Curriculum Day – no students at school
Tuesday 2nd	Melbourne Cup
Friday 5th	Years 5 & 6 Health and Human Development Session 1
Tuesday 9th	2022 Prep Information evening 6:30pm (enrolled parents only)
Thursday 11th	Remembrance Day
Friday 12th	Years 5 & 6 Health and Human Development Session 2
Friday 19th	Years 5 & 6 Health and Human Development Session 3
Monday 22nd	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
<b>December</b>	
Thursday 9th	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 17th	Term 4 ends 1:30pm

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

### Library news

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we have had to cancel this years bookfair.

### Mango Time

It's mango time again!!!

We are pleased to confirm that Research Primary will once again be offering families the opportunity to purchase mangoes in 2021 as part of the Mango Fundraiser with each tray sold raising money for our school. The Mango Fundraiser pick and pack trays of fresh delicious Bowen Special (Kensington Pride) mangoes and deliver them directly to us on a date early - mid December (dependent on harvest date).

This year the Covid-safe ordering process is even easier with **orders to be exclusively placed online via Try booking** - please see the link below. (Please note there is a 50c processing fee with Trybooking)

<https://www.trybooking.com/BURBE>

Please note tray sizes will look a little different to previous years - the Mango Fundraiser have advised that due to an unprecedented crop shortage, trays will be smaller at 4.5kg but will be available to purchase at the lesser cost of \$22 which still represents great value for money.

**Orders need to be placed directly via Try Booking by no later than  
Wednesday 27th October.**

If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Settle ([ashcroftl@hotmail.com](mailto:ashcroftl@hotmail.com)) / 0401 778 241.



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