



THE UPDATE

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

Term 4, Week 6 dates

Monday:

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- 2022 Prep Information evening 6:30pm (enrolled parents only)

Wednesday:

- Year 3/4 Balance Gym

Thursday:

- Remembrance Day
- Whole school author visit—
Dr Cameron Stelzer

Friday:

- Years 5 & 6 Health and Human Development Session 1

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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The Update: Published fortnightly

Principal's Passage

Mr Patrick Walsh

From Ms. Glembin

Academic Achievement

Over the past two years, our staff have been working really hard to improve our school reading program. Whilst our students at Research Primary School generally achieve high NAPLAN Reading results, we wanted to improve the growth that students make from year to year. Each year, NAPLAN provides data to help us measure this growth by measuring the Year 3 to Year 5 growth.

Since the beginning of 2020, our staff have been working with Department of Education and Training (DET) Teaching Partners. They have helped us to analyse our current teaching practice, review and track student data, research highly effective teaching strategies and implement these in the classroom. The results in the 2021 NAPLAN data have shown a huge improvement in student growth for Reading in the past two years. So much so, that a team from DET had Patrick, Fiona and myself present to them the journey we have been through over the past two years to help support other schools to make the same growth. Even with two very disrupted years of learning, it has been so exciting to see how much our students have progressed. We are not at the end of our journey, we are continuing to improve further but we want to say a massive thank you to our staff for continuing to strive to improve for our students and model continued ambition every day.

Principal's Passage (continued)

From Ms. Glembin (cont'd)

Academic Achievement

While student growth is our most important academic measure (increase in student learning from one level to the next), it is important to note that in 2021, Research Primary School NAPLAN raw results were **above the state average** in every area by the following amount of points:

	Reading	Writing	Numeracy	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation
Year 3	67	42	31	52	61
Year 5	47	26	10	50	25

These are outstanding results that would be the envy of many schools.

World Teachers' Day

On Friday 29th October, we recognised our amazing teachers for the work that they do as part of the Australia wide 'World Teachers' Day' event. Every teacher I know works extremely hard, putting in many more hours than is required just to get everything done. Being in a small school such as Research, this work is magnified as there just isn't enough people to share the load.

When I finish up here in a few weeks, I will never forget the commitment and professionalism shown by all staff (office and education support staff too), as they attempt to provide the best that they can for the community in Research. There can be a misconception that working in a small school is not as demanding; however, I have found the opposite to be true.

Thank you Research Primary School teachers and staff!



2022 Grade Structure

As communicated to you last week, parent considerations/requests for 2022 classes has closed. I would now like to confirm with you the following grade structure for 2022, I will announce the teachers for each grade as soon as I can.

Research Primary School will have 7 classes in 2022 comprising of:

2 x Prep classes 2 x 1/2 classes 1 x 3/4 class 1 x 4/5 class 1 x 5/6 class

The class formation process is continuing. We take this process very seriously considering how best to place students to ensure that we can provide the best opportunities we can.

Parent Volunteers and Vaccination Status

As mentioned in previous [Updates](#), any parent volunteers we have will be required to present evidence of their vaccination status. This is a DET policy (link below). We have a number of events coming up that will require parent helpers. If this help is sought by the class teacher, on the day of the event, please come to the office a little earlier so you can QR Code/Sign in, as well as for us to collect the information as described in the box to the right. You can find the Policy here

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/covid-19-vaccinations-visitors-volunteers/policy>

When collecting vaccination information from volunteers and visitors working on school sites, the following record keeping requirements apply. Schools must record at least the following information:

- the name of the worker or individual accessing the site
- their vaccination status
- their vaccine appointment booking (if relevant)
- who sighted the evidence
- the date the evidence was sighted
- the nature of that evidence that has been provided (for example, COVID-19 vaccine digital certificate, immunisation history statement, or medical exception letter or certificate).

We do not require copies to be sent to us, nor will be asking to take a photocopy.



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Principal's Passage (continued)

COVID-19

It has been incredibly challenging to keep on top of the rapid changes announced by the government, the Department of Education and Training (DET) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

If we have a case in the future, the school will be required to try and identify the Primary Close Contacts (PCC) and communicate this as quickly as possible to them.

The following is a summary of a matrix sent to me that is to help identify contact and isolation requirements. It is important to note that individual circumstances do need to be taken into consideration.

Unvaccinated, within a classroom sized area or smaller, during case infectious period (48 hours before symptoms appear)	Isolate for 14 days Immediate test and Day 13 test	Will be contacted by phone
Fully vaccinated (2 weeks post 2nd dose) regardless of length of exposure	Isolate 7 days Immediate test and Day 6 test	Will be contacted by phone
Contact with case in large venue (e.g. gym) or outside, more than 1.5 metres distant at all times, less than 2 hours during case infectious period, mask wearing	No isolation requirements	No contact

**current as of 1st November*

The information in the last row explains why we are currently limiting class mixing indoors. This could be the difference between one class or multiple classes being required to isolate for 14 days.

It is important to note that the Department of Education incident team will make the decision whether the school is required to close or not. I have heard that in some cases where there is a large number of PCCs to contact, schools are told to close immediately to start the cleaning process and to allow time to contact those that need to be. In other cases, the school community will be notified after the PCCs are contacted. I will communicate to everyone as soon as I am instructed to do so, and the communication is approved by DET.

Student Illness

We have definitely entered hay fever and asthma season and many of the symptoms are similar to COVID-19. Our advice from DET has been to contact you each time these types of symptoms appear and to ask you to keep your child home until symptoms have gone (or COVID test as required). We are still required to call you if these types of symptoms appear, and will ask you to collect your child. If your treating GP confirms that this is not COVID and hay fever, please ask for a letter from them to explain this, it will ensure we won't need to call you in the following days.

Have a great weekend!

Patrick



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Upcoming dates: **(Covid restrictions permitting)*

November	
Tuesday 9th	2022 Prep Information evening 6:30pm (enrolled parents only)
Wednesday 10th	Year 3/4 Balance Gym
Thursday 11th	Remembrance Day Whole school author visit—Dr Cameron Stelzer
Friday 12th	Years 5 & 6 Health and Human Development Session 1
Tuesday 16th	2022 Prep Transition Session 1 10:00am-12:30pm
Wednesday 17th	Year 3/4 Balance Gym
Thursday 18th	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Balance Gym
Friday 19th	Years 5 & 6 Health and Human Development Session 2
Monday 22nd	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday 23rd	2022 Prep Transition Session 2 1:00pm-3:00pm
Wednesday 24th	Year 3/4 Balance Gym
Thursday 25th	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Balance Gym
Friday 26th	Years 5 & 6 Health and Human Development Session 3
Tuesday 30th	2022 Prep Transition Session 3 10:00am-12:00pm
December	
Wednesday 1st	Year 3/4 Balance Gym (final session)
Thursday 2nd	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Balance Gym (final session)
Tuesday 7th	2022 Year 7 Transition Day Step Up Day
Wednesday 8th	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming
Thursday 9th	Year 6 Graduation Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming
Friday 10th	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming
Monday 13th	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming
Tuesday 14th	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming (final session)
Wednesday 15th	Year 5 and Year 6 excursion to Funfields
Friday 17th	Term 4 ends 1:30pm

January 2022	
Friday 28th	Teachers' first day Book Bags to be collected 9am—1pm
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

Community News:



Softball Australia's national participation program, Softball Batter Up, is designed to be fun, flexible and engaging for children from kindergarten age to Year 6, focusing on fun activities while learning basic throwing, catching and striking skills.

Every registered participant receives an Official SBU Starter Kit to begin their softball journey.



NORTHERN SOFTBALL BATTER UP 2021

Venue: Mill Park Recreation Reserve, Mill Park

Dates: Thur 11 Nov - Thur 18 Dec (6 weeks)

Times: 6:00pm - 7:00pm Ages: 4 - 8

Contact: Kerry Laird Ph: 0423 661 860

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Register: www.softballbatterup.com.au

Cost: \$60 with pack included, \$40 without pack



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