19 November 2021



THE UPDATE

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

<u> Term 4, Week 8 dates</u>

Monday:

 School Council Meeting 6:30pm ONLINE

Tuesday:

- 2022 Prep Transition Session 2 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Canteen open (Counter sales only) 1:45—2:20pm

Wednesday:

• Year 3/4 Balance Gym

Thursday:

• Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Balance Gym

Friday:

- Years 5 & 6 Health and Human Development Session 3
- Canteen open (Counter sales only) 1:45—2:20pm

See last page for upcoming dates

Planning for 2022

Please ensure your Prep 2022 enrolment form is handed in immediately 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

2022 Prep Transition

We are incredibly fortunate that we can run a relatively normal Prep transition session this year. Our first session was on Wednesday morning, with two more planned.

At the time of writing, we have 36 Preps enrolled for 2022! This is the largest Prep enrolment the school has had for many years. What was once one of Research's (the suburb) best kept secrets is now out, and the great reputation of the school is spreading to neighbouring suburbs. We would love to have 40 Preps on the books for next year as this provides some extra stability in the coming years.



Canteen

As we start taking some steps towards 'normal', we are pleased to let you know that the Canteen will be open for counter sales 1:45—2:20pm (sorry—no lunch orders) on the following **Tuesdays AND Fridays** in Weeks 8, 9 and 10: 23/11, 26/11, 30/11, 3/12, 7/12 and 10/12.

We are always looking for volunteers to help run the canteen, if you would like to help out, please contact the office and leave your details. As per current DET and government guidelines, any volunteers will be required to wear a mask inside and provide proof of double vaccination status (or have the appropriate exemption).

A massive thank you to our parent volunteers who are picking up the reins again and doing their best to provide an essential component of the primary school experience!



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Principal's Passage (continued)

Uniform

Tomoko has stepped back up to take the reins of the uniform orders,. Thank you to Jackie and Carol for doing such a sterling job during the lockdowns. There will be no face to face uniform shop at this stage but orders will be filled / ordered on a Tuesday and if in stock handed out to your child on a Wednesday.

COVID-19 Update

The Victorian government and DET guidelines continue to change quicky—sometimes with little or no warning! I will continue to provide updates to you as they come to us, primarily through Compass. Please continue to keep your notifications on read the information carefully. Sometimes errors slip through, please let us know if something is incorrect or not as clear as it could be.

Face Masks

Just a reminder that, as of the time of writing, face masks are required indoors for everyone Year 3 and above (unless an exemption applies). Please ensure your child (year 3 and above) has their own mask with them each day.

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

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

Spring Into Spring Physical Activity Challenge

Have you joined our physical activity challenge yet? The members of the group have so far walked from Brisbane, past Darwin and into Western Australia (we can only dream of being in WA in person at the moment). The group, which includes families and individuals, has taken a collective 12,810,000 steps of just over 22 million required to make it back to Brisbane.

To join, go to <u>www.worldwalking.org</u> and register, and then search for 'Spring into Spring Research PS' or you can find their app in either of the app stores. 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).



Have a great weekend! Patrick



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Community News



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum, your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have entertained everyone from Queen Elizabeth II to Oprah, and have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Phanell Williams. This summer, you can watch our girls sing throughout the Ashes Series for Qantas.



Now accepting 2022 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

Join us at our free OPEN DAY in November Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 1800 338 142





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Upcoming dates: *(Covid restrictions permitting)

November	
Monday 22nd	School Council Meeting 6:30pm ONLINE
Tuesday 23rd	 2022 Prep Transition Session 2 1:00pm-3:00pm
	Canteen open 1:45—2:20pm (Counter sales only)
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
	Canteen open 1:45—2:20pm (Counter sales only)
Tuesday 30th	 2022 Prep Transition Session 3 10:00am-12:00pm
	Canteen open 1:45—2:20pm (Counter sales only)
December	
Wednesday 1st	• Year 3/4 Balance Gym (final session)
Thursday 2nd	 Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Balance Gym (final session)
Friday 3rd	 Canteen open 1:45—2:20pm (Counter sales only)
Tuesday 7th	2022 Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day
	• Step Up Day
	Canteen open 1:45—2:20pm (Counter sales only)
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
	Canteen open 1:45—2:20pm (Counter sales only) Final Day
Monday 13th	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming
Tuesday 14th	 Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming (final session)
Wednesday 15th	 Year 3 and Year 4 excursion to Epping Leisure Centre
	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
February	
Wednesday 2nd	2022 Preps—No school
Wednesday 9th	2022 Preps—No school
Wednesday 16th	2022 Preps—No school
Wednesday 23rd	2022 Preps—No school
March	
Wednesday 2nd	2022 Preps—No school
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