

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! We have a very busy term ahead of us, and are looking forward to a more settled term.

Trees:

Over the holidays, we had some work done to remove trees that posed a danger within the school grounds. While we are saddened to lose these beautiful trees, we will be planting new trees as soon as possible. We are ensuring that all new trees planted will be suitable for our fire safety, and child safety standards so that they may grow well into the future. If any of our school community have ideas they would like to put forward, we would like to hear from you, as this school belongs to all of us.

Excursion:

Tomorrow, Wednesday the 21st of April, we will be attending the Da Vinci exhibit and learning experience at the Latrobe Regional Gallery. We will also be providing hot chips and primas for a special lunch before the exhibit. If your child does not like chips, or would like to bring lunch with them, this is encouraged. Please note that there is no supervision available at school during this excursion.

School Wide Positive Behaviours:

Last term, our closure day was used to confirm the direction of our SWPB framework. We are focusing on encouraging positive behaviour, respect, safety and high level learning effort through the use of positive reinforcements as much as possible. A common misconception of the program is that undesired behaviours are let go. Instead, the SWPB framework aims to correct these behaviours through teaching "workshops". These workshops are not a detention, or a punishment. Workshops are designed to address behaviours though replacing them with more positive choices.

The framework also comes with a lot of rewards and praise for positive behaviours. These rewards are not bribes, but are more like incentives for engaging with the "work". A way that we could use to look at this through adult lenses is everyday behaviour will receive regular earnings, working above expectations will have the potential for bonuses, and behaviour that requires additional work will be workshoped until change is made. As with all "work", there are extreme clauses and consequences for extreme behaviours, as per our behaviour policies.

Camp Information for 3/4 Camp:

Parents and Carers are encouraged to come to an informal information session at 9:00am this Friday in the staffroom to discuss any questions prior to our Week 2 camp. Camp can be a time of great excitement, but excitement often comes with nerves about the unknown. It is best to voice your feelings and ask any questions so that you feel secure with your children attending their first camp away from their families.

Have a great week, Tamara Halket

TERM 2 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	TERM 2 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
Wed April 21st	Excursion to Latrobe Art Gallery—De Vinci Exhibition	Thur 29th	Coonawarra Camp—Grade 3/4
Tue 27th	District Cross Country—4/5/6	Fri 30th	Coonawarra Camp—Grade 3/4
Wed 28th	Coonawarra Camp—Grade 3/4	Tue May 11th-13th	NAPLAN

ANZAC DAY

Commemorative Service

Cenotaph
Main Road, Gormandale

10am, Sunday 25 April 2021

Lest we forget



PARENTS CLUB

Please note our new price and updated menu starting Term 2.

Cocktail franks will be added 4 for \$2 and will only be sold in 4s.

Hot dogs now \$3

Nuggets now 5 for \$2.50

Dim Sims 2 for \$1.50

Party Pies \$1ea

Popcorn 50c per bag

Large Meat pie will be removed from the menu

New envelopes will be available from the office soon!

Term 2 fundraising Mothers Day stall on the 7th May. Items priced from 50c to \$10.

Wood raffle. Trailer load of wood donated by the Jennings family.

**Thank you Thank
you Thank you**

Peta, Jan, Fiona & Jeff
collating or preparing
hot lunches today.

Thank you Dorrie for co-
ordinating Breakfast
Club each morning.

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you Thank you**

IN THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Room

We went on a leaf hunt! In Science over the coming weeks we will be learning all about the weather in Autumn. Yesterday we read the story 'We're Going on a Leaf Hunt'. After reading, we went out to gather some leaves and then used them to make Autumn creations.



MIDDLE ROOM

Last term we finished off our Quadrilateral castles. After building their castle they had to calculate the cost of the shapes used and graph the total.

This week we have begun to look at what to expect on the NAPLAN testing coming up in week 4—in maths we are looking at the different language they might use for addition and subtraction questions in testing.



SENIOR ROOM

Welcome to Term 2! Its been great to have the students back in class. This week we have jumped into learning about the features of persuasive writing. This term we will be engaging in STEM challenges every Friday. It would be a great help if families could start to collect recycled items that we can use for these challenges. The students really love these challenges and it will be great to see what they come up with!



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Hot chocolates are back in 2021

Starting in term 2 every Friday!

Meet Xsara + Cooper in the library in the morning.

\$1 for one hot chocolate with marshmallows

Everyone can have one you just need \$1

From the fundraising captains Cooper and Xsara

