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#### Dear Families,

The school is buzzing with excitement for all the good reasons. I caught up with some of our Yr6 students who shared with me that their visit to Yarram Secondary College last Friday was exciting and "a little scary" – I could relate! As we prepare to farewell our Yr6 leaders we are also getting organised to welcome our new prep students; Ms Williams has organised a combination of transition afternoons and a parent information session that will, I'm sure, be reassuring and answer lots of questions for all involved - as a parent I can recall just wanting to know how many lunch boxes I needed to pack!

Tradition is an important part of every school; during playground duty yesterday, Hunter pointed out the 2021 Prep Mural painted on the Kindergarten building (see below). Hunter was so proud to tell me that he and his Dad painted it on the weekend. I then went on to look closely at all the other previous year's murals and they are so special – what a lovely tradition.

I've had quite a number of queries regarding the most up to date COVID-19 restrictions as they apply to our school. I have listed

those key restrictions below that the Department of Education has directed all schools to apply.

- Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.
- All parents must adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene during drop off and pick up.
- Parents and carers who enter school buildings must have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 (or have a valid medical exception).
- Parents and carers attending any event or activity inside a building including graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination.
- Parent/Teacher meetings should be held virtually for those parents who do not meet vaccination requirements.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

Should you wish to discuss any of the restrictions further please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Take care and have a good week, Leanne Sinnadurai, Acting Principal

Term 4	Coming Up	Term 4	Coming Up
11th Nov	Book Week Dress Up & Special Hot Lunch Day—Order form attached	22nd Nov-24th Nov	Swimming
12th Nov	Swimming Permission Form Due, Ford & YSC—Transition 12 to 3.20pm	1st Dec	Wheel-a-thon fundraiser
15th Nov- 17th	Swimming	15th Dec	Xmas Concert

### **Reading Awards**



Congratulations to following reading award recipients: Shanequa, Natalie, Cooper and Hollyanne (abs)

# BITS AND PIECES

- Please note the **special lunch order** attached to this newsletter has been updated to include party pies. If you child/ren would like party pies instead of their large pie order, please let me know and I will adjust their order—Michelle
  - Don't forget swimming starts next week, send your child to school in their swimmers, bring goggles and swimming hat—the school has spare swimming hats if you don't have one.
  - The school community is very happy to see works begin on a **concrete path**. We will soon be connected in a more permanent and safe way to the Gormandale township.



### AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

#### **JUNIOR ROOM**

Last week, our class had our first morphology lesson! Morphology is the study of words and their parts. We



learned about how
using different
suffixes
—ed and—ing can
change the meaning
of a verb.



#### **MIDDLE ROOM**

We have been learning about giving

change in maths and doing lots of work with fractions.





#### **SENIOR ROOM**



In class we are learning how to use the formula to work out the area and perimeter of shapes. The students found 5 objects in the classroom to measure. This week we will be extending our learning, looking at large spaces around the school to measure.





## BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY & SPECIAL LUNCH ORDERS – 11 November

Due to Covid our AFL Colours day was cancelled but we have a freezer full of Pies for a Special Lunch Order Day. We thought that we would combine Book Week Dress Up Day with our Special Lunch Order Day!!

Come dressed as your favourite Book Character and have a Pie & Prima for lunch. \$5.00 per student (\$4.00 for a Pie & Prima or Party Pies (3) & Prima plus \$1.00 donation to Junior School Council).

Please fill in the form below and return to school by Monday 8 November 2021.

0	Student's Name
	Student's Class
	Dress up donation (optional) all funds go to Junior School Council \$1ea
	Pie & Prima at \$4ea
	Party Pies (3) & Prima at \$4ea
	Total enclosed \$
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