

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4! It is reassuring to us all that we have an end to remote learning in our sight! Please see the table below for the roll out dates of our classes returning to on site learning. We are looking forward to having all students back on site on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

I would like to inform our community that Brian Heath, who has served as our School Chaplain for a number of years, has retired as of the final week of Term 3. Brian was a fantastic asset to our school and his contributions will be missed. We wish Brian all the best for his next career endeavors. I would also like to welcome Mark Churchill, who has been filling in for Brian during Term 3, into a substantive role as our new Chaplain. Mark has already settled into our school, and is looking forward to continuing in this role.

**Student Free Day Reminder:** Please be reminded that there is no school for any student on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. This is a School Council approved staff professional development day that has been booked in for a number of months. All staff will be unavailable for this entire day.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

**Do we have to attend Zoom classes? No.** It is beneficial to have access to teachers and interact with other students, but there are no consequences if this cannot be accessed.

**What will Kinder> School/ Grade 6> Year 7 transition look like?** We plan to begin Kinder transition as soon as guidelines allow, hopefully in Week 5 of the term. We are awaiting advice from secondary schools, sessions are currently remotely offered.

**What will reports look like?** We are awaiting Department of Education and Training guidelines for further advice. Reports will likely follow the mid year format, within these guidelines.

**Is camp going ahead?** Our Grade 5/6 camp has been cancelled, due to restrictions. We are hoping to offer an excursion in place of this camp, as soon as we are able to. The excursion will likely incur a cost, but we will provide as much notice as possible for families.

**Can we have lunch orders?** Lunch orders may be classified as an “essential service”, however, will not be available until October 26 *providing we have volunteers that meet the following requirements:*

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);

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Friday 8th October	School Closure—Staff Personal Development Day	Tuesday 19th October	School Council Meeting 6.30pm

- a 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);
  - the staff of the Department of Education and Training who attend an education facility (such as allied health personnel or Authorised Officers);
  - the 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.

**Will the school disclose the vaccination status of staff to parents?** No. Personal privacy will be maintained. Any staff member (or person meeting the previous requirements) must meet the requirements to continue in the workplace.

**Can we have assembly?** At this point in time, any assemblies will not include visitors, and may be held in classrooms.

**What if there is a COVID-19 positive case at school?** Any person that is made aware of a positive case in the school, or a close contact MUST inform the school immediately. Protocols will be strictly followed and communicated to the school community as soon as possible. This will be communicated via uEducateUs, and text message.

**When are new/ changed arrangements communicated to families?** As soon as I am made aware of any changes that impact our school community, staff are informed, and families are informed as soon as Department of Education and Training guidelines are provided.

**Someone in my household is struggling mentally, what can I do?** Please reach out to your family doctor, Lifeline, community organizations, or the school if you, or a loved one need support. We cannot personally provide mental health support, but can offer you time with our Chaplain, or help with accessing services for further support.

Stay safe, we are almost there!  
Tamara Halket

## Regional Victoria\* - Return to School Plan

\*Does not apply to City of Latrobe and Mitchell Shire due to stay at home orders

	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	From Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Prep	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time
Grade 1/2	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time
Grade 3/4	No	No	Tuesday - Wednesday	Full Time
Grade 5/6	No	No	Thursday - Friday	Full Time

## German Unity Day

German Unity Day is a national holiday in Germany, celebrated on the 3rd October each year. It marks the day that a reunification treaty was signed in 1990 between East and West Germany. After 28 years the wall was knocked down, starting on November 9th 1989 when the East German government announced that the checkpoints would be open.



The students enjoyed some pretzels today in celebration of German Unity Day



**ART SUPPLIES WANTED:**  
**CEREAL BOXES**

# AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

## JUNIOR ROOM

The Prep/1's had a fantastic start back at school yesterday! Here are some photos of us getting stuck into our literacy centres where we practise our sounds, handwriting, spelling and reading.



## MIDDLE ROOM

This week in Grade 2/3/4 we have begun working on grid references, and measurement in length.





# WE WANT YOU

**2021/22 SEASON**

## **JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED**

**JUNIOR WARRIORS (AGE 5-10)**

**UNDER 12s, UNDER 14s**

**CONTACT RICKY ON 0438834382 OR**

**[ricky@leesons.com.au](mailto:ricky@leesons.com.au)**

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**ROSEDALE KILMANY CRICKET CLUB**

**Lets start collecting for 2022! Keep your bread bags and tags. I'll put a box the foyer for next term**



**LET'S GET COLLECTING!**



Dear Michelle

We did it! What a huge and amazing effort from everyone involved. The 2021 Wonder Recycling Rewards program is now complete! Thank you for all your wonderful support.

Together we have saved over 1,500,000 bread bags from landfill. We are currently in the process of turning this plastic into wonderful new play areas for kids to get active in and enjoy. We are so proud of all the recycling superstars that this program has created.

We hope you will join us for Wonder Recycling Rewards 2022. Keep an eye out for early pre-registration opportunities on [wonder.com.au](http://wonder.com.au).

**Please don't forget, your new sports equipment from RHSports will be arriving when Term 4 commences, including your special edition PINK wonder ball.**

Until we meet again next year,

**The Wonder Recycling Rewards Team**

