



Building strong foundations

Newsletter

'We may be small but we've got it all!'

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We respect and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.



TERM 1, 2021 CALENDAR

Pirate Day Dress Up— Friday, 14th May

Queens Birthday Public Holiday— Monday 14th June

End of term 2—Friday, 25th June



SRC AWARD

Jakob—for caring and helping others in the playground.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS TO

F/1 CLASS

THEODORE—For using feedback to build upon, and improve his writing about a surfing dog.

2/3/4 CLASS

NATAHLIA— for doing her best for all activities.

4/5/6 CLASS

KATIE—for her enthusiasm and caring attitude in and outside of class.

ART

ISLA—for her fantastic participation and work ethic in our art classes.

SPORT

JAKOB—for his excellent skills and enthusiasm in soccer.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

BBQ @ Bunnings

On Saturday 6th May we were lucky enough to be accepted to run the BBQ at the Craigieburn Bunnings store. We had ten volunteers – eight parents and two external friends. We worked in a tight rotation system and were extremely constant throughout the day. Fortunately for us we had excellent weather and there was a lot of interest in our school. We raised an extremely generous amount on this day – over \$1500. This could not have been achieved without the generous volunteers. We would like to thank Karen and Peter, Kellie P, Matt S, Shaun & Krystal S, George P, Dom C & Alysha H.

The funds will be added to funds raised from other events to be put towards replacing our red slide that is looking worse for wear.

Our next main fundraiser will be held in November, which is the **'Car Boot Sale'** for which we are still looking for stall holders. It's a great time to clean out your wardrobes and sheds.

Please contact Bec P for more information— vixen1984_pto@hotmail.com

Bec P

School Council Fundraising Coordinator

NAPLAN

This week our year 3 and year 5 students will be completing the NAPLAN tests.

The **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** is a series of tests focused on basic skills that are administered annually to all students in years 3,5,7 & 9. These standardised tests assess students' reading, writing, language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests are also designed to be carried out on the same days all across Australia. The data obtained from the NAPLAN tests are collated and used to show all schools' average performance against other schools in the country. We analyse the data from the NAPLAN tests alongside other internal assessment measures to ensure we are supporting all students to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Students or parents should not stress about the tests – they are just another measure for us to use to continually reflect on and improve our educational programs.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club orders are to be online by 12th May. Thank you.

If you have any queries please speak to or email Jeanette.

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PIRATE DAY



Don't forget it **PIRATE dress up day** on this **Friday 14th May**. We invite the students to dress up in Pirate gear and bring along a donation for the Kids Brain Cancer Project.

Pirate Day is an annual national day of dressing up to raise awareness and much-needed funds for childhood brain cancer. Since 2015, Pirate Day has raised over \$360,000 for childhood brain cancer research. #PirateDay2021 is Friday 14 May.

Where the funds go

Funds raised through 2021 Pirate Day will be directed specifically to Dr Raelene Endersby's scientific investigation into immunotherapy for children with brain cancer.

CLASSROOM NEWS

JUNIOR CLASS

This week we have been looking at Australian coins and describing what we can see on them. Students have been taking part in play situations where they need to make decisions on what they would like to buy, and if they would be able to afford it. By the end of this unit, they will be packing their own canteen money!

In reading and writing, we have been exploring descriptive words and how to make our writing stand out more. We have read all about *'The Great Gracie Chase'*, and have explored using colours as descriptive words to give our writing more meaning.



MIDDLE CLASS

The students in the middle class have been very busy completing practise NAPLAN tests in preparation for next week's NAPLAN tests. They have been working hard on reading comprehension, problem solving in maths and spelling and grammar. This week we have also started learning about fractions. Students are enjoying learning about equivalent fractions and the different types of fractions. Watch this space for more hands on fraction activities!

SENIOR CLASS

This week in the Grade 4-6, the students have been practising NAPLAN to help out the Grade 5 cohort with their tests next week. Students have been creating wonderful snapshot narratives- with a focus on adjectives and painting a picture for their audience.

On Wednesday the students wrote beautiful poems for their mums and special people - showing how much they care.



Happy, Healthy Minds Meditation for school children 2021



at Stepping Stones Medical Centre
1A Mill Rd Kilmore

Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 4.45pm
Starting in Term 2 on Tuesdays
1st June to 22nd June 2021
(\$12 per class or \$40 for the 4 weeks paid in advance)

These sessions are aimed at Children between the ages of 5 to 11 years in mind. Parents and younger siblings are encouraged and most welcome to attend along with their child/children.

The sessions are filled with fun ways of using meditation techniques that develop attention while encouraging kindness, compassion, and self-knowledge. Mindful awareness promotes physical and mental well being as well as character and ethical development. Many people, including children find that is just makes them happier.

For further information or to book a place please call or email
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WSC YEAR 7 2022 INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 11TH MAY 2021

AT WALLAN SECONDARY COLLEGE WE ARE
RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, RESILIENT LEARNERS

College Tours Available at 5.30pm / 5.45pm /
6.00pm / 6.15pm / 6.30pm / 6.45pm
Come and view our facilities and meet our
amazing Team

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on our College please view our facebook page or website and
<https://www.wallasn.vic.edu.au/>

JOB TO BE DONE

- ◆ Seal the front ramp and ramp to toilets.
- ◆ Clean and cobweb all windows
- ◆ Paint targets for rebound wall.
- ◆ Paint outside tables and seats.
- ◆ Paint totem poles
- ◆ Sweep assembly area—Fridays
- ◆ Weeding of gardens.
- ◆ Spreading mulch in playground.
- ◆ Take a load of rubbish to the tip.
- ◆ Mulch new garden area ready for planting.

Happy Mother's Day



Thankyou to everyone who attended and got involved in our Mother's Day activities. It was lovely to see our students pampering and having a fun time with their Mums or special person. I hope you all enjoyed the experience.

I would also like to everyone for supporting the Mothers day stall. A huge shout out to Shaun S – who spent a day carefully selecting the gifts and to Carolyn S for donating some gorgeous jewellery pieces for the stall.

Thanks also to Mrs Buffone, Izabella and Shiloh for setting up the stall so beautifully.

