

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Friday 12th March

Wed 17th—Friday 19th March

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### Tuesday 23rd March

Thursday 25th March

### Wednesday 31st March

Thursday 1st April

### Monday 19th April

### Sports Day

Cave Hill Camp—Grades 4 to 6

### Book Club due

School Finance Meeting

**School Council Annual Reporting Meeting 4.30pm**

**School Council 1st Meeting 5.00pm**

District Sports

### Easter Raffle drawn

Last day of Term 1—students dismissed at 2.30pm

**First Day of Term 2 - Curriculum Day—Student Free**

Dear Parents and families,

What another fabulous week.

Last week we gathered as a community to celebrate reading. It was such a beautiful afternoon and a delight to see parents, grandparents and special friends spread out in our outdoor learning area, huddled around books and each other, visiting worlds of imagination and places far, far away. Teachers shared their expectations around home reading.

It is of utmost importance that your children read every single day. They can read to you, themselves, their teddies, their pets, any visitor that comes into the house. Grandparents love to be involved. Read to them. Read to your children. It doesn't matter how old you are, it is still the best to be read to. Start a serial. Borrow books from the library. Read recipes, read instructions, have fun! "Read in front of your children. Sorry no dinner tonight. Too busy reading!" This is the best support that you can give your child if you want them to be successful in life. Drop whatever you are doing right now and go and read.

I wonder who can read the most books over the long weekend?



## Sports Day

Next Friday 12th March is Sports Day. This is a fabulous day for all involved. All students will give, events of shot put, discuss, high jump, long jump and running races, a red hot go. There will be lots of cheering for each other and for each of the teams, ■ Clarendon ■ Armstrong ■ Doveton, red, green and blue. Spectators are welcome. Please bring a picnic lunch to share with your child, money for a coffee, your camera and a cheering voice.

## Curriculum day

Our teachers are learners too and always in search of the best quality learning opportunities. Just this term, they have been improving their knowledge of explicit teaching in reading, most cutting edge research into student wellbeing and engagement and investigating effective numeracy lesson structure.

The first Monday of Term 2 will be a curriculum day. No students. Teachers learning further about best pedagogy in reading.

## Mathematicians

This week I found a whole grade of mathematicians outside, playing a game of Pac Man. They were very busy answering questions like  $30-4=$   $6 \times 6 =$   $5+5+5=$  This quick response is the best way to become super fluent. Why not have a go on the way home. See how well you go against you children.

## Resilience, rights and respectful relationships

*Respectful relationships is...Empowering children and young people to develop healthy, equal and respectful friendships and relationships.*

**Topic 4 is Problem Solving:** Problem solving skills are an important part of the coping repertoire. This helps students to develop their critical and creative thinking skills and to apply them to scenarios exploring personal, social and ethical dilemmas.

Activities include defining what a problem is and then determining what best strategy might support the problem.

Maybe tonight at dinner or over the weekend, ask your children...

What they think a problem is?

And if they have a problem at the moment that you might help them solve.



Introduce the roundabout model- The roundabout is the place where you are when you are going around and around. Trying to work out which is the right road to take.

Take care and let us know if we can help in anyway.

Kim Carey ~ Principal



### Students of the week.

#### **Respect – keeping hands and feet to ourselves:**

Abigail Van Egmond, Kayne Hickson, Harrison Hamilton, Maci Sealey

**Principal's Award – Always being super helpful:** Ben Connelly

## Junior School Council donation



Last Friday, Eleanor and Astrid went shopping on behalf of the 2020 JSC and bought sandpit toys. Both girls were very excited about being able to buy items for the students to play with and gave a great deal of thought to the different activities that happen in the sandpit.

The toys were be presented to the school today at Assembly and will be available for sandpit play next week.

Thank you to Eleanor and Astrid for giving some of their own time to go shopping for us

*Mrs Osman*

# Thank you Thank you!



**We now have a wonderful found object rainbow created by our amazing artists.**

**Mrs Wray**

# Thank you!



Look at our generous donations we have received so far for our up coming **EASTER RAFFLE**. All donations can be handed into the Office.



**WOODMANS HILL**

The Information Evening Presentation will be available to view on:

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

To view, please visit

<https://woodmanshill.net.au/>

We will also be conducting guided tours around the school, these will occur on:

**Guided School Tours**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**4pm, 5pm and 6pm**

**Bookings are essential and are a COVID-safe requirement**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPFUQ>

We look forward to meeting with you at the school tours and hope that you too will share our pride in our achievements.

Check out our Website  
[macps.vic.edu.au](http://macps.vic.edu.au)

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

## Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

### Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

### What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**"Day off"** – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

**For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:**

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)