



LINK LETTER



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Enrolments are welcome for all year levels, including Kinder for 2021

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Yard focus this fortnight: playing by the rules

Principal's Message



Dear Parents / Carers,

As this extraordinary term draws to an end, I would like to wish everyone a lovely, restful holiday break. I know that our staff are feeling more exhausted than ever after battling through a most unusual term including remote learning. I am proud of their efforts during that tricky time, and once again I commend the work that parents and carers put in at home ensuring their child / ren did not fall behind in their learning. Hopefully we will not need to go through that experience ever again! A reminder that school finishes one hour earlier tomorrow as it is end of term, therefore, 2.15pm for A – L families, and 2.30pm for M-Z families. School resumes on Monday 13th July.

Webex Whole School Assembly

On Monday we held our whole school assembly on line using Webex. Lots of our families experienced using Webex during the remote learning period which allowed our teachers to connect with their students, as well as other students within their class.

Our Student Leadership Council (SLC) did an awesome job of hosting the assembly from the Resource Centre, and we had 24 families connecting in via Webex to watch – so thank you if you were one of those families! Every student I asked really enjoyed the novelty, and I think they enjoyed seeing themselves up on the big

screen. This was our Student Learning Awards assembly, so all teachers awarded a High Achiever Badge to a student whom has worked hard and demonstrated positive characteristics of being a learner. It was great listening to the reasons behind these students being chosen for their work ethic during semester one. Congratulations to the following students on receiving their High Achiever Badges, I know you will wear them with pride:

Lukas Collings – Fleming F / 1 B

Chloe Constable F / 1 D

William Liao 1 / 2 T

Jasper Skeen 1 / 2 C

Emma Bulmer 2 / 3 C

Willow Barber 2 / 3 G

Ruby Le 4 L

Amber Guy 5 / 6 N

Mia Vanderwerf 5 / 6 S

Amelia Tanner 5 / 6 C

Jaylem Webster – Science

Zoya Atif – The Arts

Luca Pinder – Physical Education

Levi Constable – Indonesian



School Banking

I am pleased to announce that School Banking will commence again next term. School Banking day is Friday, however students may bring in their banking on any day before Friday. Students must bring their bank books with their money to the front office.

Student Mid- Year Reports

Student reports were sent out to all parents / carers via Compass several weeks ago. Thank you to those of you who have accessed and read your child's report (in some cases more than only once). Currently, there are still 95 students who have not had a parent/ carer look at their report to show how they are going at school. This is worrying, as a lot of effort goes into writing these from our teachers. If you are experiencing any trouble opening Compass or reading mid- year reports please contact the office so we can assist. Sorry to have high expectations, but schools do expect that ALL parents will take an interest in their child's development at school and read school reports and hopefully discuss the content with your child/ren. We have the ability to see who does (or doesn't) access these.

Winter Uniforms

Now that the weather has been very cold, we have had a lot of students losing their tops. So please ensure items of clothing are named so that we can re-unite it with its correct owner. We do not have many spare uniforms, as those we sometimes hand out to students are not always returned. During the holiday break, please ensure you have all your uniforms sorted and named in readiness for term 3.

Covid 19 Update

I was hoping I may have an update from the Education Department by the end of term. At this stage, with the high cases in Victoria (mainly in Melbourne) I am not expecting any restrictions to be relaxed relating to schools. Therefore, until further notice, Parents / carers must stay off school premises (including the school car park). We have been placing physical barriers across the entrances to remind people, however, if the barriers are not there, people still know by now they do not have permission to enter to either drop off or collect students. This is strictly being enforced for both school and Kinder parents. No excuses (as believe me, we have heard them all!)

Long Service Leave

I will be taking the first week of term 3 as Long Service Leave. During this time, Britt Hartley will be Acting Principal, and Sharon Mawby will be assisting her. Have a great break everyone, and stay safe!

Lock Down Drill

This week we practiced our lockdown procedures. the purpose of this drill is to keep the students safe from any danger outside or inside the building. I am pleased to say that all our classes were excellent during our drill. Special mention to our Kinder students who managed to stay very quiet and still.



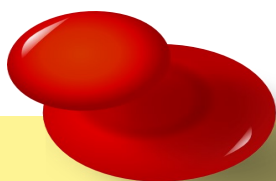
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

As you are aware the SAKG program we run at our school is highly regarded and valued by our school community as it is a big part of our school. We are pleased to announce that we will be running the program once again in term 3, however, we are still not permitted to have any parents or volunteers assist. We have made some other arrangements to have staff help out as required. Therefore, if you paid for SAKG during term 2 (when it did not operate due to remote learning) you will not need to pay \$ 25 per student for term 3 as that money will carry over for term 3.

Also, at the beginning of the year we trialed giving families the option of paying for Terms 1, 2 and 3 of SAKG and they would then receive Term 4 for free. Due to Remote Learning occurring in Term 2 it was hard to deliver the full SAKG program for students. Therefore we have needed to alter how this will now work. There will be no charge for term 2. If you have paid for Term 1 and will be paying for Term 3 (or your term 2 money will be carried forward for term 3) then Term 4 SAKG will still be free for those families. For those families that have paid for all three terms already this money (\$25 per student for term 2) will be credited off other outstanding items. If your account was paid in full, the credit can be allocated to 2021 fees.

Regards

Jocelyn Owen



Important Dates

26.06.2020	Last day of term 2:15pm Dismissal A-L Families 2:30pm Dismissal M-Z Families
13.07.2020	Term 3 commences
31.07.2020	Pupil free day



Wellbeing Report

Breakfast Packs

For anyone requiring a breakfast pack, there are still a couple available. Please phone and speak with Mrs Potter who will be able to arrange one for you.

If anyone requires further support please speak with Melissa Potter the Primary Wellbeing Officer. Other organisations who you may like to access include

Lifeline – PH: 13 11 14

Available 24 hours/7 days a week

Free and confidential counselling and referral service

Kids Helpline – PH: 1800 55 1800

Available 24 hours/7 days a week

Free and confidential counselling for 5-25 year olds

Headspace – PH: 6055 9555

155 High Street Wodonga

Mental health support



100 nights of reading

On Monday during our Webex assembly, some of our students were presented with their 100 Nights of Reading Certificate and a book for all of their hard work. Congratulations to:

Zoe Barber

Jessica O'Brien

Chloe Constable

George Compton

Angel Taylor

Willow Barber

Chelsea Pollard

Luca Pinder

Justin Matthias

Sean Graham

Juliette Matthias

Indi Goldspink Perinoni

Aiden Stern

Elliot Grant

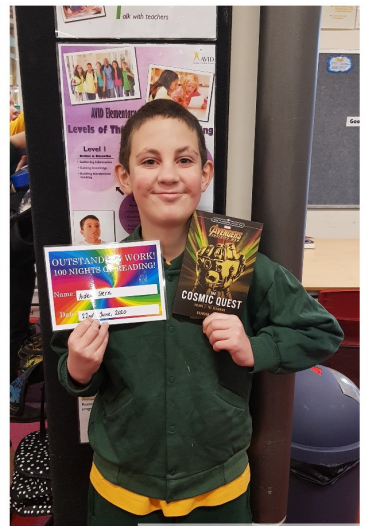
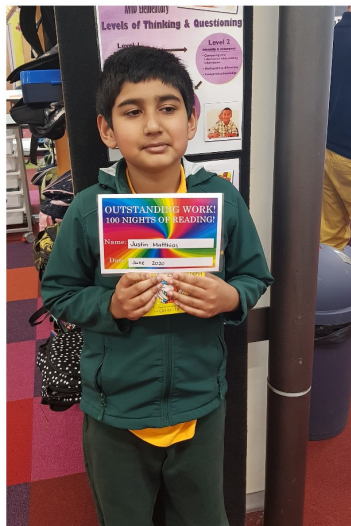
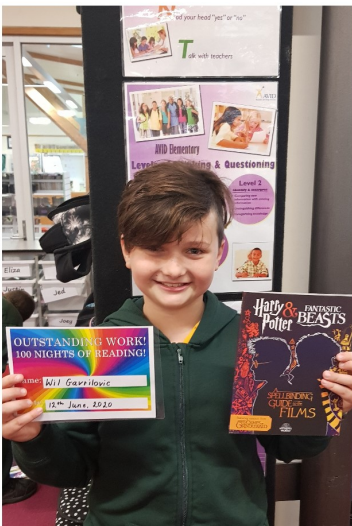
Rhiana Evangelista

Mahalia Barnes

Wil Gavrilovic

It was wonderful to see a number of students continue with reading during Remote Learning. I am looking forward to handing out more awards and books next term!

Mrs Connors





RAINBOW COLOURS DAY!!!



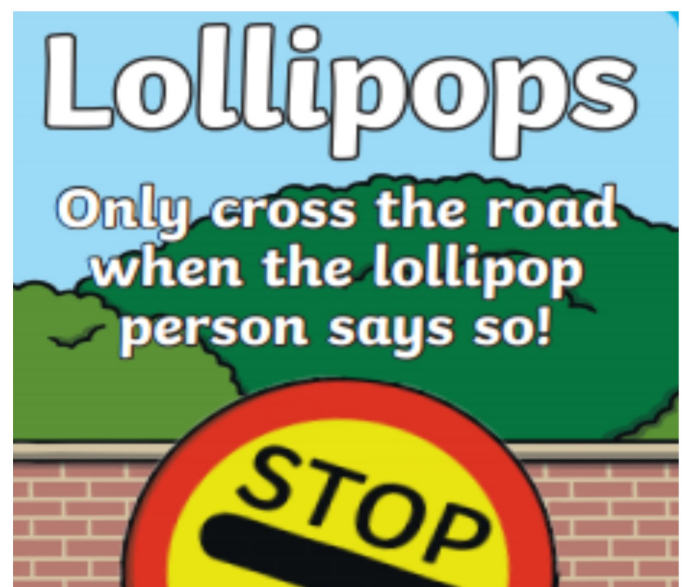
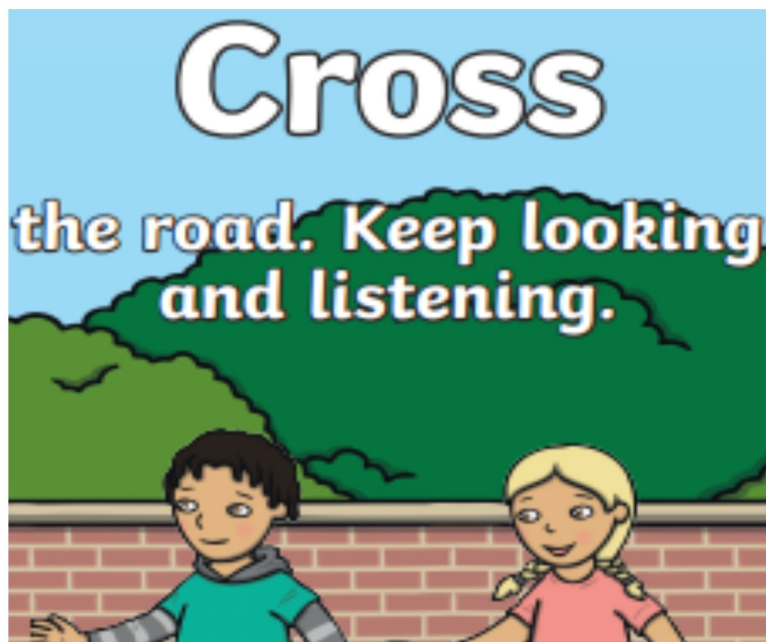
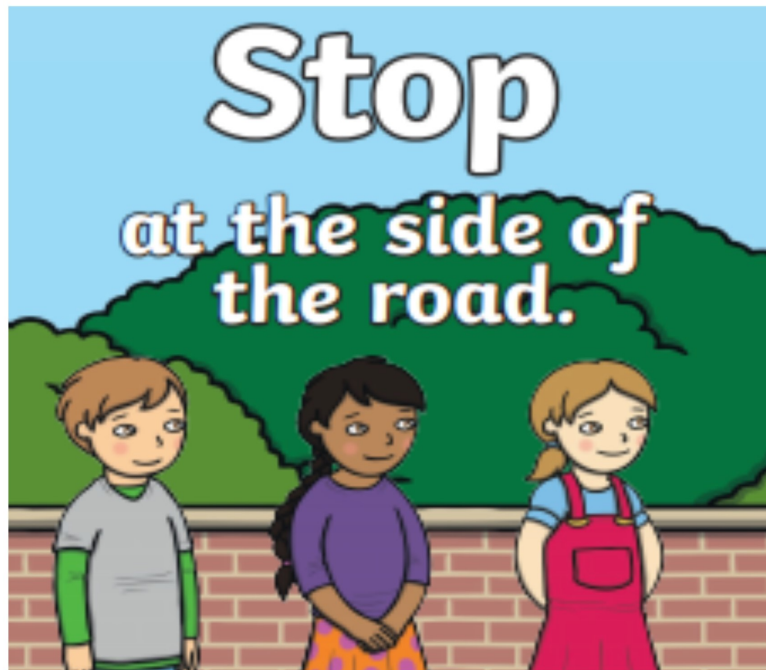
\$191.50 raised



Thank you everyone



We have been notified by a concerned member of the public that students have not been acting safely on the road. It is important for all families to review road safety with your child/ren and remind them to use our school crossings.



Kinder News

After all the rain, the kinder children discovered worms in the tyres and around the playground. After finding so many we thought we would find them a home. The children collected the worms and made a new home for them in the planter box. The children worked together to find the worms and watched them as they wiggled into the dirt in the planter box.



We ventured out to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen garden. On our walk we collected some succulent off cuts from Mrs Kenny. We took them back to kinder and planted them along our big rocks to form a little garden. Now its time to watch them grow.



Our Kinder children enjoyed a trip to our school library this week as part of the Kinder's library program. They participated in a mother goose session, listened to a story and enjoyed sharing books together. These visits are part of our school readiness program and allow children to become familiar with the school environment and routines whilst also promoting their literacy skills.





Library Request

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to ask for your assistance with the following.

As students are currently required to bring their own personal water bottle to and from school for the foreseeable future, could I ask Parents/Carers/Guardians to discuss with students the importance of carrying their water bottle separate from their Reader folder/Library bag within their back pack.

We are currently experiencing a large volume of water damage to our Library books, returned by students, due to leakage within their school bags.

Our school has a Library Bag that is available for purchase at the main office for a cost of \$10. This bag has a Velcro seal and is insulated.

This type of Library Bag has taken many a student throughout their entire Primary Schooling.



Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Many Thanks,

Denise Donehue

Library



Dear School Community,

We are writing to inform you that we will be closing our retail stores for the first week of the school holidays. We will also be reducing hours in the lead up to the holidays. Please see below for specific details on our changes to operation:

- **Friday 26th of June** – all stores will close early at **2pm**.
- **Saturday 27th of June** to **Saturday 4th of July** – all stores will be **closed**.

Regular trading hours will resume in the second week of school holidays, from **Monday 6th of July**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these closures, but look forward to helping you prepare for term 3 once we re-open.

All the best,

Beleza School Uniforms

REMINDERS



Wearing a helmet is compulsory when riding a bike or scooter.

“NO HELMET NO RIDE”



Please remember that the school carpark is for the vehicles of staff, authorised parents/visitors and Disabled Permit holders only. This is not a drop off/pick up zone.



COMPASS
School Manager

Our school uses Compass School Manager for ALL communication. If you require log in details, assistance or have any questions relating to Compass please see office staff.