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Tomorrow we will be holding a Mini Olympics day. Students can come to school dressed in green & gold.

CALENDAR

AUGUST

Fri 6 th	Mini Olympics Day (Postponed)
Wed 18 th	Science Day
Thur 19 th	Marc Van
Thur 19 th	Book week dress up day
19 th – 27 th	Book Week
30 th Aug – 1 st Sept	School Camp – (Grades 3-6)

SEPTEMBER

Thur 3 rd	Marc Van
Tue 8 th	School Council Meeting 6pm
Fri 18 th	Last day of Term 3

REMINDERS/NOTICES:

Tissues - Could all families please send along a box of tissues for class use.

A reminder that parents, carers, and visitors can enter school grounds only if necessary. Everyone must check in using the QR codes and wear a facemask.

Hot Lunches will be available on Wednesdays & Fridays. Students can bring along food that can be heated in the pie warmer. All food must be wrapped in foil with your child's name on it.

Breakfast Club will be held every Monday and Friday morning from 8:25am. Students will need to bring their own bowl, plate, cup, and cutlery.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's hard to believe that we are in August already. It is pleasing to see the days are getting longer, but I am not sure if the weather is actually getting warmer.

Thanks for the continued support in following the Covid restrictions by not entering school and wearing a mask if you do need to enter. Hopefully, restrictions will ease next week so you are allowed back on-site.

The Eureka class had such a special time on Tuesday celebrating 100 days of school. All the students, Meg and Mrs. East went to so much effort to dress up and bring along party food to share with everyone. Check out the photos and writing at the end of the newsletter. It has been amazing to observe how far the prep students have come since entering school. The day was full of all different activities about the number 100.

An exciting opportunity has come up for our school to put in an application for After School Care. If we were successful in the application, we would receive funding to run the program for the initial three years. During this period, we will hopefully establish the program and numbers of students using the service will increase making it viable. To be able to offer this service at school, would be a significant draw card for new enrolments. We have had a number of phone calls from potential enrolments asking if we offer this service. To assist me in the application I need every family to complete the survey so I can determine potential numbers.

School Council was held on the cold and wet Tuesday night. We had a lengthy discussion about the benefits the Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) would have to the school. We also discussed school camp. It is understandable that some parents may feel a little uneasy about going to camp in Melbourne due to Covid, but I would like to reiterate what I said last week. Camp will only go ahead if it is deemed safe. Please, if you have any concerns make sure you come and speak to me.

The link for the Parent Opinion Survey will be sent out today. The survey should take roughly about 20 mins. So, make yourself a coffee or tea, sit down and share your thoughts about the school so that we can only improve.

This year, we are celebrating **Book Week** on Thursday 19th August, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion. Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spends a week celebrating the joy and value of books.

As part of the celebration on the 19th of August teachers will conduct activities relating to a story book to highlight the importance and joy of reading.

The theme for this year's Book Week Celebration is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. On Thursday 19th August we would like to invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, author or as an expression of this year's theme.



The costume can be as simple or as elaborate as you like! You can find some costume ideas on sites such as Pinterest or by doing a Google search.

Yours In Education,
Mrs Siobhan Gosney, Principal

EUREKA CLASS – GRADES P – 3

Our best wishes to Mrs East who is away sick today.

Congratulations to Dahlia for her fantastic work in reading and recognising sounds and words. Also well done to Charlie for 125 nights reading, Chevy for 100 nights reading and Dahlia for 75 nights reading.

By Sam Lancaster

Sam's news letter

On the 3rd of August was the one hundred day's party but I didn't dress up because I don't really like dressing up. The whole class got to eat lots of delicious party food. My favorite food was oreos, strawberries and fairy bread.



Fred was worried in the busy city, though he thought it was beautiful. The rushing shoppers, people out eating their favourite food. Fancy people showing off in purple pearls. Lots of happy people enjoying themselves.

By Patrick

A chandelier hung from the cream white ceiling. Wooden floorboards brought the whole room alive. Three velvet couches were in the lovely room but there was still room for more.

By Clare

Dead trees with no souls just swaying in the breeze. A gloomy little girl walking down the abandoned path holding a hairless cat named Bob. He is as ugly as a rat's tail but the little girl loves him. He is the only thing she loves.

By Lola

I hope you enjoyed these,

Mrs Lyons

Hi everyone,

I hope you all got something from Brene Brown's Parenting Manifesto in the last newsletter. (For those interested you can also find some of Brene's talks on Spotify). There are years of research and experience behind her inspirational piece, so I dare say we'd benefit from picking it up occasionally and reflecting on our own parenting journey. Speaking of which we come now to Tip #6 from the 'Parenting For The Brain' website. View all 10 tips at <https://www.parentingforbrain.com/how-to-be-a-good-parent-10-parenting-tips/>

Parenting Tip #6: Reflecting - Parenting From The Inside Out

Many of us want to parent differently from our parents. Even those who had a happy childhood may want to change some aspects of how they were brought up.

But very often, when we open our mouths, we speak just like our parents did.

Reflecting on our own childhood is a step towards understanding why we parent the way we do.

Make note of things you'd like to change and think of how you'd do it differently in real scenario. Try to be mindful and change your behaviour the next time those issues come up.

Don't give up if you don't succeed at first. It takes practice. Lots of practice!



All the best, Michael Lewis, Chaplain



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL PICS



Stars of the week

Eureka Class

Congratulations to:

Dahlia Cahill for her fantastic work in reading and recognising sounds and words.



Lalor Class

Congratulation to:

Lola Card and Patrick Lewis for their improved descriptive writing.



To those who celebrate their Birthday this week.



Mrs East 12/8

MARC VAN

A friendly reminder that all Marc Van library books should be brought to school each fortnight. Please have a hunt around for any Marc Van books and return to school as soon as possible.

Karí O'Gorman

MARC Teacher- Outer Western Region

Base School: Balliang East Primary School, VIC

