



Great Western Primary School

Newsletter
October 29th 2020

Principal: Kerri-Ann Harris

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

Can you believe that we are already four weeks into Term 4?

Term 4 is usually unbelievably busy, packed with lots of educational activities. This year, as we all know things are very different.

It seems like each day the rules and regulations that currently govern our schools change. Things that are very much a part of our wonderful school are off the table for this year. Every now and then we get notification of things we can proceed with. So, at this stage!

The NO's:

- Visitors to Schools
- Assemblies
- End of year celebrations; concerts and gatherings

The YES's:

- Swimming programs
- Camps
- Excursions
- School Photos (if we can)

The Modified:

- Graduation (Year 6 and staff only in attendance)
- Transition
- Reporting Process

The Department of Education has also made some changes to its expectations for schools. It has listed three priorities for Term 4.

- Priority 1 – Mental health and wellbeing
- Priority 2 – Learning-English and Math
- Priority 3 – Transition

We are also required to follow some rather strict guidelines in managing unwell students and staff during this time. What does this mean? If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay home. If a child becomes unwell during the school day, they must be collected from school as soon as possible. I ask you to please read the attached document from the Victorian State Government. We ask for your support in managing illness, and understand that we are following the directions of the Victorian State Government. Children will be sent home if they are unwell.

On a positive note, our students have settled back into school and are hard at work, enjoying the routine of school. They are also very pleased to be spending time with friends and are just simply enjoying being kids, doing what kids do. Having said that, if you have any concerns for your child's wellbeing please don't hesitate to make contact with the school.

Continuing with the positive, a three day camp is being planned for all our students. Students in years 4-6 will attend a camp at Norval in Halls Gap. Students in years Prep to 3 will attend day camp, with a range of activities being organised for them on a daily basis. Both programs will be held in the last week of Term. Further information will follow shortly.

Cheers

Kerri-Ann

PUPIL FREE DAYS

TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

MELBOURNE CUP

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

REPORT WRITING DAY

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Breakfast Program

Just a reminder that as a part of the breakfast program, breakfast is available each Thursday morning from 8:25-8:45. Students can enjoy cereal, toast, baked beans, fruit, and are even sometimes lucky enough to have pancakes.

Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Departures

A reminder, if your child is absent from school, arriving late or leaving early we ask that you please send a text message to the school mobile 0458 562 235 prior to 9:30am. We are required by DET to follow up unexplained absences after 9.30am. A text provides us with the written parental consent for an absence.

Prep Transition Days

Yesterday we welcomed three of our new Prep students for 2021. We can't wait to see you all again next Wednesday 4th November for our second transition day. Students will be at school from 11:45am until 12:30pm.



MARC Van

Our MARC program is nearing its annual stocktake. Could all students please ensure they bring along any library books that they may have at home



PREP ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN 2021 PREP ENROLMENTS



Enrolments are currently being taken for
2021 Prep students.

Children turning 5 years of age by April 30th 2021 are eligible to enrol to attend school in 2021.

Please contact the school for further information, or to arrange to collect an enrolment pack for your child.

TERM DATES 2021

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|---------|----------|---|----------|
| TERM 1 | 28/01/21 | – | 01/04/21 |
| TERM 2: | 19/04/21 | – | 25/06/21 |
| TERM 3: | 12/07/21 | – | 17/09/21 |
| TERM 4: | 04/10/21 | – | 17/12/21 |

WE'RE BACK FOR 2020!!!



ARARAT LITTLE ATHLETICS

**More information
coming soon!**

Open for athletes 5+

Little aths will follow all
COVID guidelines

E-mail: ararat@lavic.com.au for more information

Join our Facebook
members page
(Ararat Little Athletics
Club No.51)
to keep updated

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Eli

We hope you had a great day

Please ensure newsletter
envelopes are returned to
school each week.

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Grades Prep - 3
Fabulous Mask Creations



Bike Ed

Last Monday students in the Junior Class participated in the Bike Ed Program. As a part of the program students learn how to be safe, confident bike riders. While also learning the rules when riding your bike on a road. The students made great use of our track around the oval.

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November

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 2 | 3 CUP DAY Public Holiday | 4 Prep Transition 11:45-12:30 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 MARC Van | 13 Report Writing Day Pupil Fee day |
| 16 School Council Meeting | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 MARC Van | 27 |
| 30 | | | | |

December

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 14 Camp Grades 4,5,6 | 15 Camp Grades 4,5,6 | 16 Camp Grades 4,5,6 | 17 Students' Last day | 18 PUPIL FREE DAY |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 28 | HAPPY HOLIDAYS | | | |

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