

Dear Families,

15th July, 2020

Welcome back to Term 3

It has been great to see students back at school, engaged in their learning and enjoying time with their friends. As you would be aware, we will be continuing to implement the health and safety practices we had in place last term. It is very important that any students who are unwell stay home. Please let the school know if your child is going to be away. This can be done via Compass, email or a phone call to the school office.

This term we will be continuing with our current specialist program which I know students enjoy. Performing Arts with Miss Moir will continue on Tuesdays, PE with Mr O'Loughlin on Thursdays and Visual Arts with Mrs Glanville on Fridays.

Our Integrated Curriculum theme for this term is 'Me, as a Scientist'. Each class will be exploring chemistry, materials and design. We are looking forward to using our new STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics) facility which is next to the art room in our Specialist Pavilion, for some engaging Science activities.



Learning Meetings

On Wednesday 29th July we will be conducting Learning Meetings where parents will have the opportunity to meet online with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's learning. Due to the current restrictions, these meetings will be held via Webex similar to the way conferences and class meetings were conducted with teachers during remote learning.

Learning meetings will need to be booked via Compass. Meetings for students in grades 3/4 and 5/6 will be held between 1pm and 6pm. Meetings for students in grades Prep and 1/2 will be held between 1pm and 7pm.

Pupil Free Day - Monday 17th August

Each year, schools are able to take four pupil free days to enable staff to participate in professional learning and planning together. So far we have had one pupil free day at the start of the year. This term we will be having a pupil free day on Monday 17th August so staff can participate in training related to the Respectful Relationships program. We will be having two pupil free days in Term 4. One will be the last day of school (Friday 18th December) and the other date has not been confirmed yet.



Assemblies this Term

Due to the current restrictions, we are still not able to have assemblies onsite with parents attending. We will continue to present awards related to our values each fortnight in the classroom and these will be featured in the newsletter. There will be no assembly videos this term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back onsite later in the year and commencing our assemblies again as these are an important way that we can celebrate learning and achievements together as a school community.



WHAT'S ON?



Term 3

Wednesday 29th July

Online Learning Meetings with Parents

Monday 17th August

Pupil Free Day - No school for students
School Council Meeting 6pm

Term 4

Thursday 5th November

School Photos



OUR SCHOOL LOGO



Do you know what our logo means?

The logo concept is based on our school's focus on maximising learning growth for all students. The tree symbolises growth in learning and the growth of our school and our community. It also recognises the significant contribution made by the Lucas Girls in planting trees for the Ballarat Avenue of Honour. The lines represent the growing branches and trunk of a tree.

In combination with the three outlined egg shapes, the tree branches can be seen as stylised children learning, playing and growing together. The figures also represent the child, parent and teacher working together to support growth.





Pirate Day - Term 2

