

Term 1 2020 Issue 1

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4th

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Breakfast Club

Canteen

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5/6 Interschool Sport v Chirnside Park AWAY 9-11am

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5/6 Interschool Sport v Kilsyth AWAY 9-11am

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Newsletter Issue 1 on Sentral

5/6 Interschool Sport v Lilydale HOME 9-11am

Breakfast Club

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5/6 Interschool Sport v Billanook & Glades AWAY 9-11am

Yarra Division Swimming Championships

Breakfast Club

Teacher-Student-Parent Conferences 3.45pm – 5.30pm

Canteen

5/6 Interschool Sport v Manchester HOME 9-11am

Teacher-Parent-Student Conferences 3.45pm-7pm

LABOUR DAY - no school!

Breakfast Club

Canteen

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5/6 Interschool Sport v Oxley AWAY 9-11am

Foundation Information Night 7pm-8pm

Breakfast Club

Canteen

House Athletics Carnival Years 3-6

Newsletter Issue 2 on Sentral

5/6 Interschool Sport v BYE Prep for Winter Season 9-11am

Year 6 Leadership Badge Presentation at Assembly

Breakfast Club

Asian Celebration Day

Last Day of Term 1

From the Principal

Welcome to the 2020 school year at Victoria Road Primary School. We have had a wonderful start to the year with the children settling in well to their classrooms and with their teachers and peers. It was great to see all of their smiling faces on day one and that they were eager to learn. A special welcome goes out to our new Preps and their families. We have a photo board in the office corridor introducing the children to our community so that our teachers and students in Grades 1 – 6 can get to know who these little people are and make them feel welcome in our school.

Welcome also to Brian Clarke and Melissa Frogley who joined our teacher team this term, they have already connected with our Grade 1 and 2 students and are forming great teacher/ student relationships.

This year we are continuing our in depth work on creating and building a thinking culture. We began this work after my study visit to Harvard University in the states last year. This year our professional learning will continue with all teachers attending the Harvard Project Zero conference in Melbourne on a weekend in May. Alongside this, we have 14 teachers in total completing 7 week online study units in Thinking Culture beginning in March and September. Our staff are very enthusiastic about this work and seeing development in our students use of thinking routines and language already.

Our building programs are continuing in 2020 as we see the development of a new Prep learning space and redevelopment of the school library. The builders will be beginning this exciting new project shortly after we receive some paperwork from the Department of Education and Training. We will keep you posted on the progress of these works.

Congratulations to Doug Shannon-Palfreyman and Mark Stewart for securing the two positions on School Council this year. Mark is a returning member who is looking forward to continuing his contribution. This will be Doug's first term on our School Council and we are looking forward to welcoming him at our monthly meetings.

Before I sign off on this newsletter, I would like to mention how proud we are of the students in our school. Each morning I am greeted by lots of smiling faces, children saying hello and wishing me a nice day, I know this happens for other adults in our school too. They are engaged and thoughtful individuals who love their school and learning. They care for others and believe in our school values of showing respect to others, themselves and their learning. I love my job!

Kindest regards,

Lisa

From the Assistant Principal

Welcome back to the 2020 year! We are now in the full swing of things. It's wonderful to walk through the school and see groups who are establishing new routines, forming new friendships and are engaged in their learning. We are lucky to also have some new volunteers in our school including members of the Gardening Friends who provide a range of supports in keeping our school beautiful!

I have been grateful for the opportunity to step into the role of Assistant Principal and am enjoying the variety that the day brings! I have worked in a number of schools including primary, secondary, independent and government and I am proud to now be here and working alongside our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students. I believe that we have a uniquely special learning culture and environment here and am rapt to now be working in this position.

I was lucky to go to interschool sport last week and was proud of our students who not only won the game I was watching but won in a way that demonstrated respect and good sportsmanship. Go Vics!

This year we began a new program across the school called Connect and Reflect. This program is running in each classroom 2-3 times per week from 3.00-3.30. In this program children are engaging in a range of mindfulness activities, games and reflection. These activities are designed to help them connect to their peers, build emotional intelligence, develop problem solving skills and reflect on their day, their relationships and their learning. Thank you to Sian Chambers who supported us in getting this program up and running.

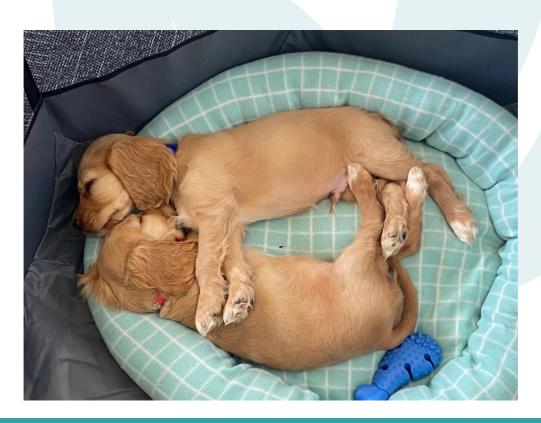
Kind regards,

Jane Searle

From the Principal & Assistant Principal

Welcome to our new pups Hudson and Sadie. The children have been excited to meet them and help to take care of them. We are all looking forward to watching them grow up and become a part of our community.





Office News:

School Canteen:

Our school canteen operates on Wednesday's and Friday's.

Online ordering is available, our menu and online procedure can be found at the end of the newsletter and is also available outside the office.

If you can help out please let us know at the office!

OSHClub:

For all bookings and enquiries: 1300 395 735. To contact Alison directly: 0476 802 866

The school office does not take messages or bookings regarding OSHClub.

School Banking:

Our school banking day is Tuesday.

Breakfast Club:

Tuesday mornings at 8.45am in the Community Room (opposite the office). Everyone welcome!

Breakfast Club provides a healthy breakfast and is run by volunteers.

Please let us know if you have allergies.

School Uniforms:

Uniforms can be bought from the Community Room (opposite the office) at the following times:

Tuesday: 8:30-9:00 & 3:00-4:00 Friday: 8:30-9:00 & 3:00-4:00

Prices are as follows:

Short sleeve polo \$30 Jacket \$37

Hat \$15 (compulsory for Term 4 & Term 1)

School Bag \$42 Summer Dress \$36

Please remember that Hats are compulsory to wear in Term 4 & Term 1 of each year!

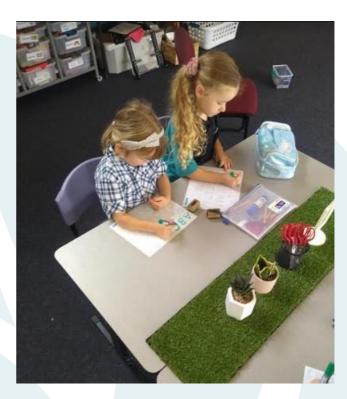
At this stage the uniforms are only for sale during the above stated times. If you are unable to make these times please call the office to make alternative arrangements. A big thank you to all the parents who have been helping out and volunteering their time sell our new school uniforms! You are a wonderful support to our school.

Foundation:

Welcome to 2020 Foundation!

All students have made a great start to the school year. It has been lovely getting to know each of them and their families as they start their learning journey here at VRPS. We have been practising writing our names and learning the importance of routines and our school values of respectfulness.









Year 1&2:

What a great start to the 1/2 school year!

The students have enjoyed a range of experiences so far: exploring their new environment, getting to know their classmates and settling into their school routine. They have particularly enjoyed the times spent engaging in group activities; developing their cooperative skills, building respectful relationships and sharing ideas. In 1/2 this year, we are going on a journey in our boat. Students have been asked to consider where they would like to go, what they would like to see, and how they feel about the journey. Opportunities to share and discuss these ideas have been provided and encouraged. Students wrote their ideas onto paper, created a scroll and placed this into our class box, which we will soon put it into hiding! At the end of the year, we will retrieve the box, open it and look back at all our ideas, which will provide us with the opportunity to reflect and discuss all that we have experienced.

Here are just some of the things the 1/2 classes have been up to:











Year 3/4:

The Year 3s and 4s have had a great start to the year getting to know each other. We have worked on the expectations for the year and how we will operate as a successful team of learners. Here are some highlights from the upcoming term:

Literacy & Numeracy

Our programs are underway. Our focus for READING this term is 'Establishing a Reading Community'. As part of this we are working with students on what a successful reading session will look like, choosing 'just right' books and completing activities to think more deeply about texts. In Writing we are looking at the 6+1 Traits of writing. The traits are a set of areas that students work on to improve their writing skills. We will focus on each of these throughout the year.

In Numeracy, our first topic is Place Value. We are focusing on what the columns for place value mean and being able to read, write and order numbers of different sizes. Students are welcome to practise their skills at home too, using Essential Assessment activities (my Numeracy and Sunset Maths).

Sport

The 3/4 Sports program has started. Last week we found out our teams and chose our names (2 teams each for Albert, Victoria, Wilson and Bowen). This week the teams will be playing the first matches. Points are awarded for a win and a loss, but also for showing our school values around respect.

Inquiry

This Term our focus is 'Interaction'. We are researching aspects of the lives and culture of Indigenous Australians. Groups will collaborating on a project to discover more about different aspects such as: Food, clothing, shelter, transport, tools, art and music. The projects will be presented to grades near the end of the term

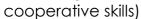
Home Learning

A notice will be coming home regarding Home Learning. This year the 3/4s will be completing Home Learning through Google Classrooms. This will allow for 'anytime' access to the tasks. We are excited about the significant reduction in paper needed for Home Learning this year.

Year 3/4 cont:

Here are some pictures of the activities we enjoyed in the first two weeks of the term:

- Art with Lisa to learn how to effectively use water colours
- working with a group to decide what to take (and how to survive) on a tropical island.
- Building a tower with cups using rubber bands and string (requiring excellent















Year 5/6:

Year 5/6 students have settled back well into their school year.

We have been polishing our school holiday recounts with the help of the 6+1 Traits of Writing.

Our classroom library is set up and ready to go - we've got many books by Anthony Horowtiz all the way through to Shakespeare!







Year 5/6:



Important Information Relating to Phys Ed & Sport @ V.R.P.S

CLOTHING

It would be a great help if the children wear runners to school on the days they have Phys Ed or Sport, or bring them to school in their bag and put them on prior to attending the lesson. (Apart from Foundation children at this stage) The surface in the Gym is polished boards, therefore leather dress shoes can be quite slippery. Additionally, runners generally provide support and cushioning to enable the child to perform to the best of their ability, as well as reduce the chance of injury to the foot, ankle and knee. It is important to note that children WILL NOT be barred from participating if they do not wear runners.

Shorts are the most ideal attire for the warmer periods of the year. The sporty/basketball type of navy blue shorts are fantastic for physical activity, and are most certainly a 'school uniform' item, and can be worn on non-sport days. These are potentially available to purchase from retail outlets such as K-mart, Target, Big W and Best & Less, for a reasonable price. If dresses or skirts are worn by the girls, it is very important that they wear bike shorts underneath to ensure that they feel comfortable and are able to participate in all activities.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The children are more than welcome to bring along sports equipment from home to use during recess and lunchtime. i.e. basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, cricket gear, etc. They have access to a number of electric ball pumps within the classroom areas, if required. Please ensure that the items are very clearly labelled with the child's name. The children are responsible for looking after the equipment they bring along. If balls go on a roof, our handyman Mike retrieves them most Monday's. If named, it makes it possible to get them back to their owners.

PHYS ED & SPORT TIMETABLE

Tuesday – 3/4A, 3/4C, 3/4D, 1/2B, 1/2C, 5/6A Wednesday – Year 3/4 Sport Program, Year 1/2 Sport Program Thursday – 5/6B, 5/6C, 3/4B Friday – 1/2A, 0A, 0B

*The Foundation Sport Program will start in Term 2.



SPORT EVENTS IN 2020

Foundation - Year 2: Junior Cross Country, Swimming Program, SEDA Basketball Morning (F-1) Hooptime Minis Day (Year 2), Vic Road Olympics, Tennis Coaching Program, Footy Day + more.

Year 3 - Year 6: House Athletics, Interschool Sport (5-6), Tennis Coaching Program, Hooptime Basketball Program, Vic Road Olympics, Cross Country Trials and Training Program, District Cross Country, District Athletics, Athletics Training Program, Footy Day, AFLW Gala Day (5-6 Girls) Swimming Program + more.

REMINDERS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Permission Form/Payment Due Dates

- → Year 5-6 Interschool Sport payment due Friday 6th March
- → Year 5-6 Hot Shots Tennis Team Training Program – overdue
- → Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival payment and forum - due Wednesday 4th March

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Congratulations to our Year 5-6 Students who started the Summer Interschool Sport Season with a very strong performance against Chirnside Park Primary School last Friday. Our Boys Basketball Team, Girls Basketball Team, Cricket Team and Hot Shots Tennis Team all had victories, with our T-Ball Team putting in a commendable performance but were defeated. Don't forget that you can access the results and ladders via the link below.

Visual Arts

It has been great to see all the enthusiastic artists back this year.

The Foundation students have been learning about colours and having a go at drawing.

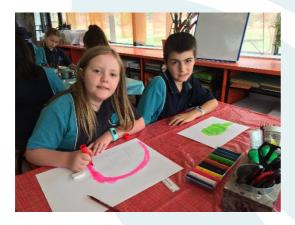
Years 1 and 2 have explored the different types of lines and shapes and are now creating an art piece that combines the two.

Years 3 to 6 have been working on collaborative projects. These have taken a while to complete but will be great to see when they are displayed.















Gardening Friends Group

An invitation to join us!

This volunteer team has been meeting at the school on Wednesday mornings for the past year and they have:

- ✓ re-established some of the garden areas
- ✓ improved the composting system
- ✓ taken part in weeding, clearing, pruning, mulching and general maintenance
- ✓ been involved in propagating and planting.
- ✓ participated in sourcing materials

This year, the name changed from the Grand-friends Group to the **Gardening Friends Group** to better reflect who we are looking for and the current makeup of the group. If you are <u>available and interested</u> in working outside in the school's gardens or in any other activity listed above, that is **all** that is required.

You can learn new skills along the way and of course share your knowledge with the team. We operate on a shoe string budget and do much of our own propagating and resourcing. That is all part of the fun!

Gardening Friends team is keen but small in number and the long term vision for the grounds very large!

Calling parents, grandparents, friends - male, female, retirees, locals - in fact anyone who would like to commit to this team - regularly or from time to time.....

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please leave your name and contact details at the office. You will be contacted by Sue Chambers from the Gardening Friends Group.







Community Notices



School Crossings Victoria Inc.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2019/2020 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.



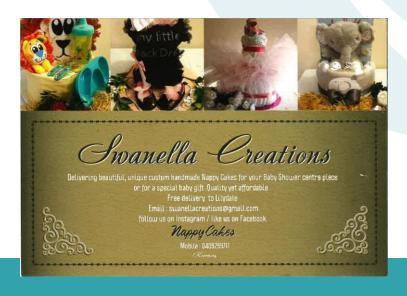






I am offering 10% off to all families of Victoria Road PS. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in natural therapies and massage. I can help with sleep, anxiety, depression, weight loss, fatigue, skin concerns, immune systems, children's health, and more.

Check out my Face Book page for more information @liftnaturopathy or call/text Toni on 0438 168 887.







VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CANDLEBARK COMMUNITY NURSERY Cnr Hull & Taylor Roads, Mooroolbark

Are you a parent, grandparent or carer who could volunteer half a day or a full day a week at our nursery?

There are many jobs to do. These include pricking out plants, watering or gardening. *No experience necessary.*

It's a great way to meet new people and contribute to the community.

Please call or email Candlebark on:

9727 0594 info@candlebark.org.au

Are you or your child keen to join a netball club that is focused on FUN and TEAMWORK with low player fees!? Then Kilsyth East Netball Club is for

We are looking for players aged 6 (prior to end of year) all the way through to Open age group. We welcome players of all ages and abilities who are keen to make new friends and enjoy a team sport at a great family orientated club. We train and play at Pinks Reserve in Kilsyth.

All players are welcome to come down to a training session to have a trial and see if they would like to join! We are also keen for coaches, umpires and volunteers to help out.

Trainings are Thursday evenings and matches are on Saturdays – both at Pink's Reserve, Kilsyth.

To register, head to our website http://kenc.vic.netball.com.au and select the relevant age

For more information, contact Club President Blair McKerley on 0415 711 713 or Club Secretary Jade Hutchinson on 0422 625 001 or email us at <u>kilsytheastnetballclub@gmail.com</u>





NEW PLAYERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES WANTED

HEAD TO HTTP://KENC.VIC.NETBALL.COM.AU

FOLLOW THE LINK FOR YOUR AGE GROUP TO

REGISTER FOR THE 2020 WINTER SEASON.

FEES:

UNDER 9'S (NETSETGO) - \$200.00 JUNIORS - \$200.00



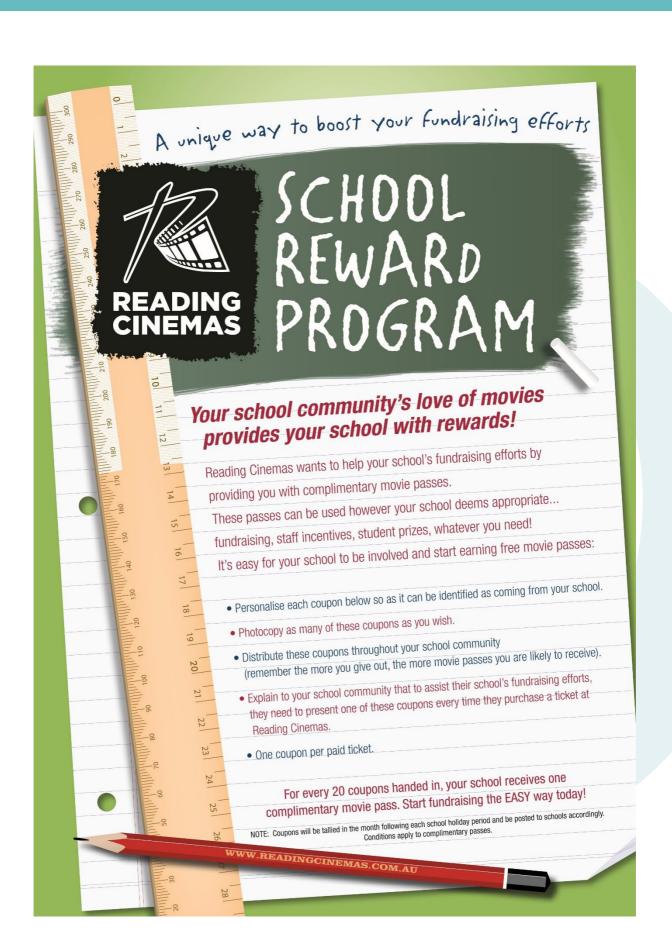
Play for Bimbadeen Blaze Netball Club

We are looking for players of all abilities - U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's, U17's and Open



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Canteen Menu 2020

In your Eco Lunch Wallet or on a paper bag, please write your child's **name** and **class**, the **food** they wish to order, the **total cost** of the order, and the amount you have **enclosed**. Add 5c for a paper bag if required.

Alternatively, you can order online at www.quickcliq.com.au

RED: Eat Least Amber: Eat Carefully GREEN: Eat Most

Bread Options Include:

High Fibre White Bread, Wholemeal Bread,

Wrap, White & Wholemeal Rolls

Tomato Sauce: .20c

Sandwiches

Cheese	\$2.00
Chicken	\$2.50
Egg	\$2.00
Ham	\$2.00
Plain Roll	\$1.00
Tomato	\$2.00
Tuna	\$2.50
Vegemite	\$2.00
Salad	\$3.00
Lettuce, cheese, tomato, cucumber	
& carrot	
Salad with meat:	\$3.50
Please specify Chicken, ham or	
tuna	
Chicken Wrap	\$3.50
with salad in wrap	\$4.50

Salads/Fruit

Garden Salads – 440ml tub Lettuce, Cheese, tomato, cucumber & carrot	\$2.00
Garden Salad with Chicken or Egg – Students: Tubs Teachers: Plate	\$3.00
Apple Rings	\$1.00
Fruit Salad (Term 1 & 4)	\$3.00

Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	\$0.60
Lasagne	\$4.00
Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.00
Pizza Slice – Hawaiian	\$2.50
Dim Sims	\$1.00
Party Pies	\$1.20
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Sausage Roll – Large	\$2.80
Noodles – Beef or Chicken	\$2.50
Cheese/Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$2.50
Fish Fingers	\$0.60

Drinks

Low Fat Milk – Chocolate or	\$2.00
Strawberry	
Juice (no added sugar) – Orange,	\$2.00
Apple or Tropical	

Snack Items







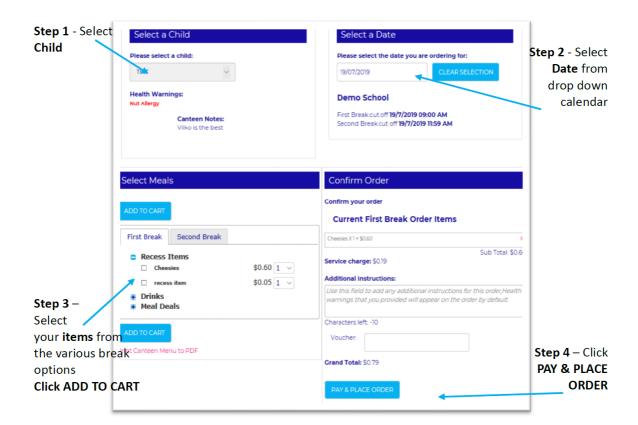
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