



Ripplebrook Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Issue: 3 Date: Monday 22nd June 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2020

Friday 26th Last day of Term 2
Early Dismissal – 1:30pm

July 2020

Monday 13th First day of Term 3
Friday 17th Expression of Interest
regarding School Camp due

August 2020

Friday 14th Student Free Day
Staff Professional Learning

From the Principal ...

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to Week 11 of Term 2. It has been so great to see all of our children back in the classrooms and settling in so well, rekindling friendships, smiling and buzzing with the hum of learning.

MEET OUR NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

We would like to extend a big welcome to our new Physical Education teacher Mr Braydan Moscript.



Mr Moscript has recently been employed on a 6 month contract that will see him teaching P.E. at Ripplebrook PS through to the end of the 2020 school year.

He has made an enthusiastic start to his time at Ripplebrook PS and if you see him around, please make sure you stop and say hello.

REPORTING

Reports will be made available to all families via Compass from Tuesday 23rd of June. Please note, there will be **no paper copies** made available.

In keeping with Department of Education and Training directives, reports have been simplified and streamlined as a result of the move to remote learning due to COVID-19. These reports will feature general curriculum descriptors and comments about the student's achievements and work habits, however there will be no progression points documented due to the lack of accurate assessment available.

Progression points will again be featured in the Semester 2 reporting schedule.



STUDENT FREE CURRICULUM DAYS

Please take note of the following dates for the Term 3 & 4 Curriculum Days;

Term 3: Friday 14 August

Term 4: Monday 2 November

These dates will be **STUDENT FREE**

BUILDING WORKS

The last few weeks have been very productive at school, with quite a few small projects taking place;

ART ROOM

New windows have been installed on the external wall to the art room, making a great difference to the amount of natural light it lets in. The next course of action for this room will be adding insulation and lining the external wall to help make it much more comfortable in dealing with the winter cold and summer heat.

GRADE 3/4 Building

The Grade 3/4 classroom has had a new air conditioning unit installed, making for a much more comfortable environment.

SHED SLAB

The next stage of works for the new storage shed was recently completed with the concrete slab poured before the winter muck had a chance to halt progress.

SCHOOL TOURS AND THE FLYING START PROGRAM

In keeping with the DET directives, we are currently unable to host any school tours or Flying Start transition sessions for at least the duration of Term 2.

We are waiting for further directives from DET, but hope that School Tours will be able to resume at some stage in Term 3, as well as our Flying Start transition program for potential 2021 Prep enrolments. We shall inform the community of this as soon as we are made aware of the change to DET's directives.

Cheers,

Jack Hughes



SCHOOL CAMP (Oct 2020) – FOREST LODGE

School camp this year has been booked for the second week of term 4 (Monday 12th October – Friday 16th October). Department of Education directive is that school camps can re-commence, under strict hygiene requirements of course. I have been in touch with the camp today to discuss potential outcomes surrounding this situation and they have assured me that they currently have the go ahead to run and that their cleaning schedule and regime have been stepped up to accommodate the current climate. This in mind, we are hoping that school camp is likely to run and we will in the first week of term 3 send home to families a commitment to camp notice, with the request for an initial deposit of \$50 per student.

School Camp: Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October (week 2 of Term 4)
Camp location: Forest Lodge School Camp located in Jack River
Camp Costs: \$435 per student
Deposit by: Friday 17th July
Paid in full by: Monday 5th October, no exceptions.

If in the event that the department of education again ‘pulls the pin’ on school camps we will at this point cancel the camp for 2020 and credit all money back to family accounts, or refund the amount to families if required. We would love to know for certain what the outcome for school camps will be, but in the current climate, we unfortunately are unable to know this for sure. We are putting out this ‘heads up’ as we are aware that school camp is quite a financial commitment for families and we would, of course, like all students to have the opportunity to attend.

COMPASS PARENT PORTAL


A reminder to parents that school reports will be available this week via the Compass Platform.

If you are having concerns logging on to the portal for the first time, please contact Melissa in the office for assistance.

The Compass Parent Portal can be accessed by the following link:

<https://ripplebrookps-vic.compass.education/login.aspx>

THUMBS UP

 To all parents, carers and families for their support through this term. It certainly has been a bit different!

