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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet today, the Gunai Kurnai land and pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging as well as any Aboriginal people here with us today"

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7	8	9	10 RUOK Day wear yellow	11
14	15	16	17	18 End Term 3 1.15pm
Holidays				
TERM 4 commences Monday 5 th October				
5 Term 4 Remote learning All year levels	6	7	8	9
12 ALL students return	13	14	15	16

in prior to the end of this term. All other students will be working remotely in the first week.

A photo of the new outdoor table created by Mr Collin Morris out of the stump of one of our trees that had to be removed.



A word from Mrs Skee

Hi there everyone! As we approach the final week of term 3 I wanted to acknowledge what an amazing job you have all done in what has proven to be a very different (and at times challenging) term 3. With today being R U OK day I wanted to continue to encourage you all to make contact with us at the school if there is anything that you require support with (even if it is just someone to talk to and to listen). Next term **ALL** students and staff will return to onsite learning on Monday the 12th of October. This is traditionally the second week of term 4. Whilst we will continue to support those students who are eligible for onsite supervision in the first week of term 4 (Monday the 5th of October to Friday the 9th of October) all request forms will need to be emailed to me.

(Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au) or handed



A photo of our newly mulched "formal" garden near the BER complete with Weeping Cherry.

R U OK? Day 2020



R U OK? Day is today Thursday 10th September 2020. It's our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" if someone in your world is struggling with life's ups and downs. The theme for this year is "there's more to say after are you okay?" Keep an eye out for the NEPS video that supports this theme, with some phrases that you might use after you ask if someone is ok.

You may see some activities in the remote learning packs connecting to this day. Our recent Respectful Relationships work also has a direct link with a focus on skills for seeking help. We encourage you to reach out and check in with friends, family and colleagues. **We invite you to wear yellow on Thursday 10th** for R U Ok Day, *even if you're attending onsite*. Visit www.ruok.org.au for more information and resources.



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

Remote Learning/Hard Copy Packs

Remote learning packs will be ready for Week 1 Term 4 on Friday 18th September. This is the last day of Term 3.

Student Surname A – F: 10:00am – 10:30am
Student Surname G – L: 10:30am – 11:00am
Student Surname M – R: 11:30am – 12:00pm
Student Surname S – Z: 12:00pm – 12:30pm

Parents while we understand that the times allocated aren't always convenient, if you need to collect a pack at another time, please call the office to make another time, then when you are at the library call the office so that a staff member can meet you. We have a limited number of staff on site a daily basis, so we ask for your patience with this process.

Please ensure you maintain 1.5m physical distancing and wear face masks at all times.

Attendance

Students working remotely will be marked present on our attendance system. Students attending for on-site supervision will be marked on our rolls accordingly.

If a student has not accessed/collected/submitted any work over a one week period, and there has also been no contact with the family, they will be marked as absent (unexplained) for the week. The process will be as follows:

1. Did the student/family collect a hard copy pack? Yes/No
2. Did the student/family login to Compass this week? Yes/No
3. Did the student/family submit any work? Yes/No
4. Has there been any communication from/to the family during the week? Yes/No

If there answer to all of these 4 questions is "No", your child will be marked as an unexplained absence. If your child is unwell and will not be completing any school work for the day, please notify the office on 51261399 to ensure that we record this accurately in our records.

If you require support from the school with remote learning, implementing routines at home, logging in to Compass or any other reasons, please contact us via phone, email or Compass and we will endeavour to support you in any way we can.

Nick Walsh

Assistant Principal