

# The Slate

## At Risk Grassfire School

Our school has been identified as a school at high bushfire or grassfire risk. In the future, when a Code Red day is called, our school site will be closed. Attached to this newsletter is further information in regards to this.

### Dentist

Last week you received a pack in regards to our dentist visit. If you would like your child to be seen by the dentist, please return the relevant documentation. The first visit is planned for 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday to Elera (9), Harley (6) and Sam (12). We hope you have a fabulous day. Hip, hip, hoorah!!



### School Council

We have 2 parent vacancies. Have a think about nominating - it is a very rewarding job. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of our council members. Nomination forms can be found at the office.

### Welcome back BBQ – New Date



Due to COVID 19 restrictions, our welcome back BBQ has been postponed to occur on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet our new families and reacquaint ourselves with old. We will supply all the food but ask you to byo drinks. Hope to see you there.



As a part of our eSmart registration, over the next couple of weeks, we will be publishing some hints about your children staying safe.

### Types of Bullying

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through **repeated** verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). More information in our next newsletter.



The girls pick a couple of badges to work on during the term and some interesting and fun activities to go with them.

### Breakfast Club –

We still need volunteers for Breakfast Club. If you can help out, please let me know.

### Kid's Council News

A slight increase to our zooper doopers this year. They will now be 50cents. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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### FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### Term Dates 2021

Term 1: 27 Jan – 1 Apr  
Term 2: 19 Apr – 25 Jun  
Term 3: 12 Jul – 17 Sep  
Term 4: 4 Oct – 17 Dec

**School Council Meeting**  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar @ 5.30pm

#### Curriculum Day

Friday 6 Mar

#### Labour Day Holiday

Monday 8 Mar

#### Welcome Back BBQ

3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 5.30pm

Remember  
Hats for  
Term 1

## Sporting Schools

Thank you to all those families who have returned their permission notices for Bowling. Our first session is next Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. We will leave school at 10.30 and our lesson will be from 11 – 12. Following bowling, we thought we might have lunch in at King George Gardens. Socks are required.

## Foundation/One

We have been very busy learning the new routines of school life. The Foundation students continue to have each Wednesday at home during the month of February, as this enables them to have a little break mid-week ready to learn for the rest of the week.

In maths Foundation students have been learning our numbers to 5 – to recognise, write and make the numbers. In English we have already learnt a number of words and sounds.

In maths, grade one students have been learning to count on using a number line. In English we are learning the trigraph 'tch', the writing structure of a recount and literal comprehension skills.

Please check your child's bag for their reader cover each night. They will have 5 books each week which are changed every Monday. Please make a routine so that every night there is some time to read a book or two. These books will be listed in their new Home Reading Log – one for each night. It is hoped they read one book each night – if they would like to practise reading more than one, it is most welcome. It is great if you can chat about the story, ask your child to predict what might happen next, or what is their favourite part, or if they can make "links" to their own personal experience. This helps them to really get absorbed in the story line and improves their comprehension. Some ideas you will find at the front of the reading log. Make sure that reading is an enjoyable activity and that is a part of your child's daily routine. Practise every day makes a huge difference to their learning!

A routine at night helps them with their learning – a regular bedtime (usually around 7.30 – 8.00pm) is ideal for this age group.

Wendy

## Grade 3 – 6

We've joyfully emerged from another lockdown and the students have coped extremely well once again. A massive thanks to all parents and family members who helped the students with their small work packs.

Now that we are back to normality you will notice that there will be homework coming weekly. Students are encouraged to get it back early in the week to avoid any stresses.

The classroom discussions this fortnight have been focused on respectful relationships in and around the school. All students have been encouraged to use the *Gold Box* to report all excellent behaviour, whilst the *Black Box* will be used for students to report any behaviour they're concerned about, in a discreet way.

Number facts have been the main focus in mathematics this term and students are beginning to gain a greater understanding about breaking down written number problems and sentences. Students have also tried their hand at some complex division and multiplication. Lots of interesting insights and learnings have come from this which has been fantastic.

During English lessons, students have been focussing on recounts and narratives. Students have been able to create a more meaningful understanding on these topics.

Ten Pin Bowling will commence next Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents and guardians are reminded to return all notes. Please note that there is NO cost associated with these four sessions. Students will leave school at 10.30am each Friday and return to school around 1pm.

Mr S

## Parent Payments

Jan sent out invoices with our last newsletter. If you could pay school fees by the end of the term, this would be fabulous. If you hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card, you should be entitled to claim the Camps, Sports & Excursions Funds (CSEF). If you could please provide a copy of your card to Wendy or Jan if you have claimed for this in the past. If you are applying for this for the first time, please pop into the office on a Thursday and Jan will have a form to fill out, or email her and she can send one to you. [Janine.cashen@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Janine.cashen@education.vic.gov.au)

If cards and applications could be finalised by the end of February please.

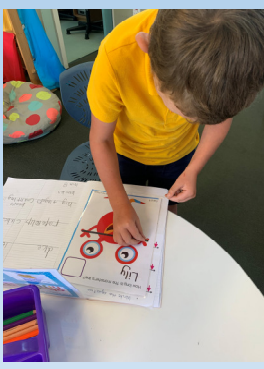


## February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17 Breakfast Club	18 Library	19	20
21	22	23	24 Breakfast Club	25 ART	26 SS Bowling	27

## March

28	1	2 Hockey Clinic	3 Breakfast Club Welcome Back BBQ 5.30pm	4 Library	5 Curriculum Day	6
7	8 Labour Day Holiday	9 School Council @ 5.30pm Dentist	10 Breakfast Club	11 ART	12 SS Bowling	13
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Maths in  
the Junior  
Room