



THE RIPPER TIMES

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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Welcome Back to Term 3:

Given the second wave of COVID-19 cases recorded in Victoria over the school holiday period, we are very fortunate to find ourselves on-site for a face-to-face teaching and learning program, at least for the foreseeable future anyhow! Our teachers spent the final week of Term 2 planning their Term 3 programs and are looking forward to a solid uninterrupted run-up of instruction and lesson delivery, and I am sure the regular routine of school will provide a level of normality for many students and their families. Advice from the Department of Education and Training (DET) and various health authorities has not changed a great deal for regional and rural schools, so we will be approaching Term 3 with many of the hygiene and adult social distancing measures our school community adhered to so well during the latter stages of Term 2. Please continue to support us with these as maintaining confidence in our collective attitude and approach will allow us to experience as much normality in our lives as possible. As always, if you have any questions or clarifications, please do not hesitate to ask.

The Launch of 'The RIPPER Times':

By now hopefully you have noticed our refreshed and rebranded weekly school newsletter, aptly titled 'The RIPPER Times'. This is a piece of work linked to the improvement of our visual and digital footprint, with many of our school documents, policies, email signatures, Facebook page, and our website undergoing improvements over the previous 6-12 months. We would love to hear your feedback on this newsletter, or any element associated with your experiences relating to your engagement with our various platforms, so we can continue to adapt and evolve based on the needs of our school community.

School Review:

As highlighted at the end of Term 2, throughout this term we will be undergoing our school review. This is a rigorous process undertaken by schools every four years, providing us a great opportunity to reflect on gains made over the previous four-year period, identify areas for improvement, and develop a new strategic plan for 2021-2024. Our review was originally slated for Term 2 and was then rescheduled to Term 3 due to COVID-19. The review team will consist of our School Council President (Duncan McAllister), DET Senior Education Improvement Leader (Kevin Mealing), two Principals chosen as Challenge Partners (Tamina Taylor – Yinnar Primary School, and Julie Skee – Newborough

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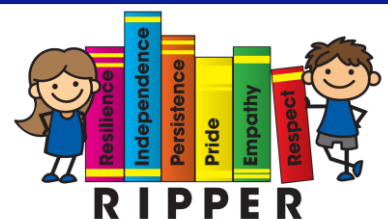
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East Primary School) our reviewer (Karen Patten) and myself, Our first of three days is scheduled for Monday 20 July, and further along the way, opportunities will be made available to our staff, students, parents and community members to contribute to this process. I will update our school community about the specifics surrounding these opportunities once they are confirmed.

Thanks:

A special shout-out and thank you to Ross Game for his willingness to volunteer his time over the school holidays to prune our fruit trees behind the main school building. Your support is very much appreciated!

Design A Beanie Fundraiser:

We concluded Term 2 with this student-driven fundraiser, and after exactly 100 entries, the winners were as follows:

- 1st place:** Sophie Wilhelm (\$40 Toyworld Voucher)
2nd place: Malachi Dutton (\$30 Smiggle Voucher)
3rd place: Heath Kamphuis (\$10 Jump & Climb Voucher)

Congratulations to these students and well done to everyone for your efforts. \$289 was raised through this event, and a total of \$562.70 was donated to the 'Beanies 4 Brain Cancer' initiative. A lovely feature story was also published in the 6 July edition of the LV Express, showcasing our amazing school to the wider community.

Take care

Joel Blythman

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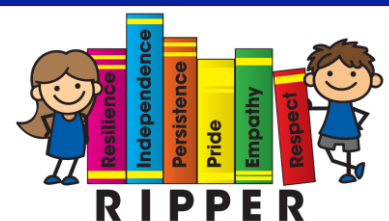
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Prep/1	Toby Ciuciu	For always demonstrating the RIPPER values and trying his best with his learning.
Grade 1/2	Zach Beaty	For taking pride in his work and the classroom.
Grade 2/3	Josie Ruyg	For demonstrating RIPPER values in initiating and conducting the Beanie competition with JSC.
Grade 3/4	Layla Nicholls	For independently creating a very humorous narrative.
Grade 5/6	Sophie Porigneaux	For her consistent display of our RIPPER values. She works hard and is always striving to do her best.
Art/Music	Nathaniel Rhue	For his persistence and pride shown in his paper mache work
PE	3/4 Grade	For displaying all the RIPPER values.

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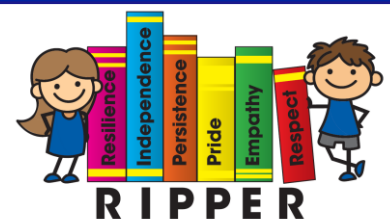
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DATES TO REMEMBER...

26th July	Sunday	ICAS competition online entries close - Years 2 to 6 only
28th July	Tuesday	School Photos
4th August - 5th August	Tuesday & Wednesday	Life Education Sessions

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