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## PRINCIPAL REPORT...

### Last Weeks of Term 3:

Unfortunately, the extension of our current lockdown has led to the cancellation of our Father's Day Stall on Friday 3 September. Whilst we hadn't put a huge amount of effort into making necessary arrangements given the lockdown announcement was made early in our preparations, we will miss the opportunity to watch our students eagerly purchase gifts for a special person in their life. I encourage our students to instead put their energy into a creative Father's Day activity we have included into our Feel Good Friday event for this week, which will hopefully go some way towards filling this gap.

Statements in the media regarding lockdown end dates are a little murky, with some conflicting information from different sources regarding how schools will be managed should restrictions ease in regional areas from next week. We will manage these specifics once they are made apparent, but in the interim, all the information I have available to me at present indicates all schools in Victoria will continue with remote and flexible learning for the remainder of Term 3.

### Remote and Flexible Learning:

As highlighted in my Principal report last week, we have continued to adapt and evolve our approach to remote and flexible learning in the previous 18 months based on feedback and shared experiences. During this current lockdown, we are providing small group support to students involved in our Tutor Learning Initiative, conducting additional WebEx sessions for students requesting some extra explanations of task requirements and/or learning support, printing Learn At Home packages, and providing contactless pick-up/drop-offs of various learning resources. Please do not hesitate to reach out if our standard program is not quite hitting the mark for you or your child, as we are very keen to make as many modifications you might individually require so we can provide the best support we can.

Moving into the coming weeks, like many other areas in our society at present, life in education continues to remain uncertain. Personally, I love to be organised and enjoy a reasonably regular routine, and our current situation provides a level of unfamiliarity that creates some personal discomfort. In the past week I have been fortunate to have a parent within our school community share a resource with me that talks about the importance of focussing on what can be

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controlled and putting energy and motivation into those elements in our life, and letting go of those aspects that cannot be controlled. This is much easier said than done but practising this has made a positive difference to my mindset in recent weeks. I encourage you to spend some time looking at the following video, as it suggests many great ways to look after yourself and those around you from experts in their field:

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=266941898337228&ref=watch\\_permalink](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=266941898337228&ref=watch_permalink)

Next week, we will also put some further thought towards our Student Led Conferences, and whether restrictions will limit any element essential for their success (such as lockdown end dates, and if schools re-open early, whether parents are permitted to be on-site). Details surrounding these, in addition to ICAS tests and the Life Education programs for two remaining grades will be shared as soon as we can.

Take care

Joel Blythman

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

<b>17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Friday	Student Free Day (Last day of Term 3)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Monday	First day of Term 4
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Monday	Student Free Day

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## RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



<b>Grade P/1</b>	Lily F	For displaying all the RIPPER values in our live check ins each day.
<b>Grade 1/2</b>	Rachelle P Kaine P & Family	For showing RIPPER values in posting their work, attending Webex check ins and overcoming technical difficulties.
<b>Grade 2/3</b>	Liam B	For dedication shown to his learning and for making an excellent Power Point presentation for his MAPPEN enquiry.
<b>Grade 4/5</b>	Layla N	For showing outstanding independence in her efforts and persistence with home learning.
<b>Grade 5/6</b>	Declan K	For putting in a big effort this week during remote learning in completing everything to a high standard.
<b>Music</b>	William V	For being such a RIPPER student, always showing respect, independence and for being persistent.

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## In 2 Learning Holiday Program:

In 2 Learning, our before and after school care providers, are offering this holiday program which is run in our Multi Purpose room. This holiday program is for all children – you do not have to be enrolled at our school. Please share this program if you know of anyone who may benefit from it.











The program can only run if there are enough enrolments and is also dependent on lockdown restrictions. Please contact Juliana for all details and bookings.



## In 2 Learning

Vacation Care Program  
Bookings until the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021

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VACATION CARE PROGRAM IN 2 LEARNING	Monday 20/09/2021	Tuesday 21/09/2021	Wednesday 22/09/2021	Thursday 23/09/2021	Friday 24/09/2021
	<b>THE HONEY BEE</b>	<b>CLAY SCULPTING DAY</b>	<b>DRESS UP DAY</b>	<b>SCIENCE DAY</b>	<b>CRAZY HAIR DAY</b>
	Today we honour the wonderful bees. You will create a beehive to take home and explore how bees collect pollen.	Today is all about experimenting with clay! Create your own 3D design that you will be able to take home at the end of the day.	We are excited to see your best costume! Today is the chance to be anyone you want to be, wear costumes or come in something crazy!	Unleash your inner Scientist with some fun and creative experiments. Over the day we will undertake 4 fun filled experiments.	Greater Kids hair stylists will be available to style every child's hair today with colour hairspray, braids, and spikes! You choose your style.
					
	Monday 27/09/2021	Tuesday 28/09/2021	Wednesday 29/09/2021	Thursday 30/09/2021	Friday 01/10/2021
	<b>TREASURE BOXES</b>	<b>TIE DYE TUESDAY</b>	<b>BIKE &amp; SCOOTER DAY</b>	<b>BOARD GAME &amp; DEVICE DAY</b>	<b>MOVIE &amp; PJ DAY</b>
	Today we will make our own Treasure boxes for you to add your own unique style to it and then take home!	Bring in something white and transform it with some wonderful colours.	Bring your wheelle today to participate in a ride around school. We will be learning about rode safety on our ride. As always, remember to bring your helmet!	Chess or scrabble? We will have a wide variety of board games on offer that you can play with your friend's. Today you can also bring a device if you like.	Join us for the last day of School Holidays dressed in your favourite PJ's and we can all enjoy our favourite films together!  ALL FILMS WILL BE GRATED.
					

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