

Principal's Report from Mr Coffey

Back to School

We were all excited when we had all students return to school this Tuesday. There was lots of chatter, laughter and fun. We are all looking forward to a return to something that looks and feels a bit like normal.



Semester 2 Changes

There is one thing we are getting very familiar with at the moment and that is change! Due to the return and departure of some school staff, we are undertaking some changes to the classes assigned to some teachers. Every year we aim to provide as much consistency for our students in regards to who their teachers are. Sometimes however, changes are necessary.

Upon the return of Miss Fiona Appledore from Parental Leave we will be sadly saying farewell to Mr Benjamin Phillips. We thank Benjamin for his work during his time at the College and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Mrs Joan Solly will be teaching the Year 4 class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, in partnership with Miss Newton, who currently has the class on Thursday and Fridays.

Miss Teasdale's senior experience, will be put to good use, as she will teach Mathematics in the Year 7 to 9 group and will take Year 7 Humanities as well. She will continue to teach English in the Year 7 to 9 group and the junior classes for Music. This will allow Miss Schumann to have all of the junior P.E. classes so she can continue to develop a comprehensive Physical Education program at the school.

Mobile Phone Policy

In accordance with the Department's Mobile Phone Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at school during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, from the start of term 1 2020.

Our school procedure to support the Student Mobile Phone Policy requires that students switch off their mobile phone immediately on arrival at school and lock their phone in one of the YONDR pouches. Students may keep the pouch with them or store them in the pouch holder and collect their phone at the end of the school day.

In order to model the appropriate use of mobile phones all staff have been instructed not to use mobile phones for any reason during their classes and to use them only in either the social staff room or the staff work area when they are not on duty.

A Uniform Approach

It is always great to see our students well prepared for the day, in correct school uniforms that are clean and tidy.

The wearing of school uniform by students is about more than following school rules.

There are numerous benefits for your child when they wear the correct uniform:

- They wear value for money, hard wearing and comfortable clothing.
- They don't have to decide what to wear.
- They feel more connected with their peers and to the school.
- They see themselves as part of a group/team and feel a sense of belonging.
- They "fit in" and don't feel as if they don't "fit in".
- It reflects their pride in the school, staff and other students.
- It display respect for rules and regulations.
- It reduces the 'one upmanship' that comes with wearing brands or labels.
- They are learning the discipline of wearing the required appropriate clothing before they enter the workforce.

The School Council and Parents and Friends have made a financial commitment to set-up a uniform store that can provide families with readily accessible, correct uniform at almost cost price!

Principal's report continued.....

Newsletters

The Newsletter will now be emailed to each family, if you would prefer a printed copy, please contact the office.

School Council

The next School Council Meeting will be on Monday the 10th of August at 7:30pm.

Stay Informed

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

I encourage all parents and students to continue to access the Department of Health and Human Services website for the latest public health information.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

Important Canteen Notice

Until further notice the canteen orders
will be provided from the Bow Bakery.

Lunch order days are Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Below is what is available. Students are to order in the same way.

All orders will need to be in by 9.20 am.

NO LATE ORDERS

The orders will be taken to the bakery and picked up just before lunchtime.
The canteen will **not** be operating at lunch times, but senior students will have
access to the sandwich toasters and the microwave.

Sandwiches

Vegemite	3.50
Cheese	3.50
Cheese & vegemite	4.00
Meat	4.80
Meat & Cheese	5.00
Meat, Cheese & Salad	6.00
Chicken, cheese & salad sandwich	6.50

Rolls

Meat, Cheese & Salad	6.00
Chicken, Cheese & Salad	6.50
Cheese & Bacon Roll (Fri)	1.50
Dinner Roll	.70
Plain Roll	1.00

Wraps

Ham, cheese & tomato, mayo	6.00
Chicken, lettuce, cheese & mayo	6.00

Other

Pink Biscuits	2.30
Lemon or Jam Tarts	2.20
Apple Cakes	2.80
Eclairs	3.40
Matchstick	3.40

Lamington/ Jelly cakes- no cream (M/W/F)	2.80
with cream (M/W/F)	3.40
Hedgehog	2.80
Jam Donuts (M/W/F)	2.80
Large Iced Donuts—(M/W/F)	3.20
Yeast buns	1.70

Hot Food

Pizzas - Hawaiian, Supreme, BBQ	3.00
Chicken Pie	5.00
Bushman's Pie	5.00
Plain Pie	4.50
Curry Pie	4.60
Pizza Pie	4.60
Potato Pie	4.60
Steak & Mushroom	5.00
Steak & Bacon	4.60
Steak & Onion	4.60
Pastie	4.50
Sausage Roll	3.50
Party pasties	1.70
Party Pie	1.70
Sauce	.40



Message from Jenny Atta -Secretary Department of Education and Training

Dear parents and carers,

Term 2 in 2020 has been like no other school term in Victoria's history, and so I am writing to thank you for your support.

As you know, this week Grade 3 to Year 10 students joined Prep to Grade 2, VCE and specialist school students in face to face learning. It is great to see our school communities come together again.

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic over the past few months, the Department of Education and Training has asked a lot of our teachers and schools, and we have also required your support as parents and carers.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you have all made in working in partnership with your teachers and schools to support your children while they have been learning from home.

When I wrote to you a few months ago as we transitioned to remote and flexible learning, I acknowledged that it would be a challenging time for everyone, but that it was important to work closely together to provide the best possible support for students.

Many of you have since told me that there have been difficult, rewarding and challenging experiences during this unique and uncertain time that we have been through together. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

But despite difficulties, I've been impressed to hear inspiring stories of education innovation. The innovative and creative approaches adopted during remote and flexible learning have been outstanding, and many schools will bring new approaches with them to on-site schooling.

Many school communities have forged even stronger relationships and partnerships — with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contributions to school education.

Our schools now have a range of precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, teachers and staff, and your local community.

I hope these measures, along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning, have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The changes at your school are consistent with health advice, including enhanced cleaning in schools and frequent handwashing. Your school has also asked you to practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up times.

Your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Reassure your child that it's safe for them to go back to school and reinforce what they've been practicing at home around hand hygiene and coughing and sneezing. Reassure them that extensive cleaning is being carried out in schools and public transport to keep them safe.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child is unwell, please stay at home. This is vital to ensuring the effective management of the pandemic.

Information about how to speak to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

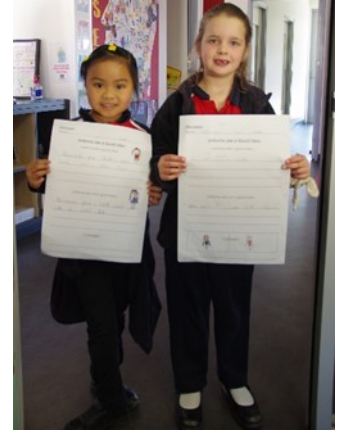
Thank you once again for working with your schools to support your children while they were learning at home and for your patience during the staged return to on-site schooling.



The week in the life of Rainbow P-12 College



The Great Debate about uniforms! Miss Appledore's team v Mrs Huff's team



Lane & Emma very proud of their work



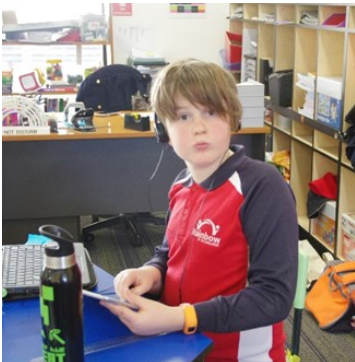
Big smiles from Annika



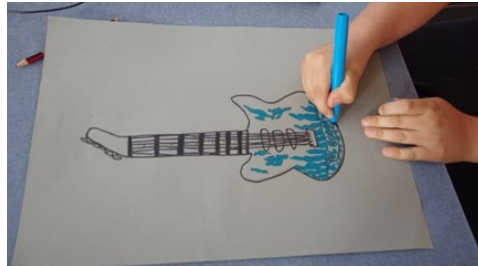
Giaan in creative mode



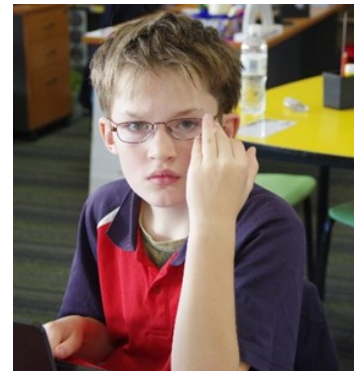
Eliza with her "did you just take a photo" look!



A very surprised Jacob



Evan's fantastic guitar



Jasper concentrating hard!



What is Addison doing??



Double trouble..Giaan & Amaya with their movie poster



The lads at work...Riley, Jasper & Kane



Grade 4s busy at the Lego table



Evan working hard on his poster



VCAL INNOVATORS

SENSORY ROOM

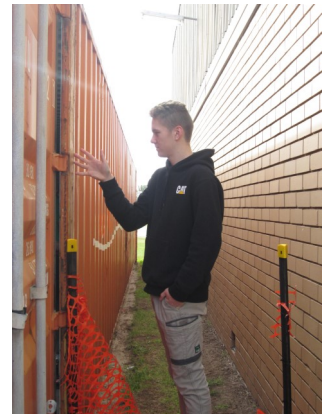
After a period of inaction due to remote learning the whole VCAL team got into construction mode in relation to the sensory room.

We were able to install the ventilation spinaways and started cutting the wood ready for the internal wall framework.

We also finalised the design & paint colours.



Installing the air vents



Measuring the wood for the framework



Inside the container



RAINBOW VCAL



Choosing the colours

