

Leadership Report and Weekly Roundup

SENSORY ROOM GRAND OPENING

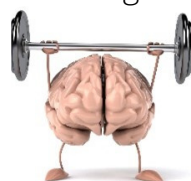
A big THANK YOU to all who attended the Sensory Room Grand Opening. This included Charlee from the Argus, Yaapect Primary School, Rainbow Kinder, all of our students, and on Monday the Shake, Rattle and Read crew.

Congratulations to all the VCAL students who contributed to the planning and building of the room. You should all be very proud of the finished product!

Please check out the photo page in this newsletter.

STUDENT WELLBEING

As part of the DET Mental Health Practitioner Initiative Rainbow P-12 College has joined with Dimboola Memorial Secondary College, Nhill College and Kaniva College to pool our funding. We have been very fortunate in appointing Kate Kearn to this position. Kate is a psychologist and will commence work at Rainbow P-12 College next month for one day per week.



YAAPECT PS VISIT

Today (Thursday 25th Nov) Miss Newton, Mrs Solly and myself (Mrs Petschel) took a trip out to Yaapect Primary School to visit the students. We were able to see what they are up to and answer any questions they have about transitioning to Rainbow P-12 College next year. They made us very welcome and even made us a scrumptious morning tea!

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Thanks to all parents/carers that responded to the survey. From this feedback we have scheduled Presentation Night to start at **6:30pm on Thursday 16th December** (doors open at 6:00pm) All adults attending must be double vaccinated.



Calendar

November

Fri 26th Grade Prep/1/2 excursion - Halls Gap

Last official day for Yr 11

Mon 29th Yr 7/8 excursion - Mildura

December

Wed 1st HOL excursion - Horsham

Wed 1st - Fri 3rd Duke of Edinburgh / VCAL Camp - Grampians

Fri 3rd Grade 3/4/5/6 excursion - Horsham

Last official day for Yr 10

Mon 6th - Tue 7th Transition Days (P-9)

Wed 8th - Wed 15th Activities Week

Thu 16th Presentation Night - 6.00pm

Fri 17th Last day of school (2pm dismissal)



Upcoming Meetings

School Council

Monday 6th December at 7.30pm

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COVID CAREFUL...

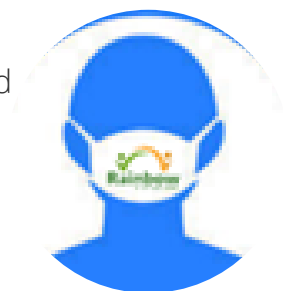
Even though restrictions have relaxed a tad that does not mean that we should let down our guard.

Remember the three key actions...

HAND SANITISING – SOCIAL DISTANCING – MASKS INSIDE

All students in Years 3-12 are required to wear masks inside...and Preps-2 are encouraged to wear masks too!

PLEASE - if you feel unwell stay home and get it checked out!



As cases are getting closer to home please read the letter attached in regards to the updated process involved in how COVID-19 cases are managed.



BUILDING WORKS UPDATE... On Thursday we had a meeting to finalise the Master Plan. Hopefully next week we will have this plan approved and then it will be full speed ahead! Next week we will also be visited by the Project Managers.



Evie and her coloured words



Kolby, Zach and Kobe with their MultiLit certificates

Reports

Semester 2 Student Reports

Once again we will be placing student reports on Compass.

If you wish to receive a paper copy of your student's report as well, please return the form sent home with your eldest child to the front office by Friday 3rd December, 2021.

If you haven't received a form please contact Mrs Gregory.

Icypoles!!

The Junior SRC will be selling icypoles on Wednesdays and Fridays at lunchtime

50c each

All money raised will be going towards new playground equipment.

Junior School Presentation Concert Costumes

Could the parents and carers of Junior school students please provide the following costumes:

Grade 5/6 - White t-shirt, runners and any coloured shorts

Grade 3/4 - Girls – Black t-shirt, runners, any coloured tutu and shorts

Boys - Black t-shirt, runners and shorts

Prep/1/2 - Girls – White t-shirt, runners, grass skirt, lei and any coloured shorts

Boys - White t-shirt, runners, lei and any coloured shorts

Reading Achievements Week 6



Reading every night is a focus in the Primary area this year.



This week we congratulate the following students:

75 Nights

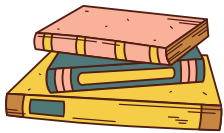
Year 3/4: Hugo

100 Nights

Prep: Noah
Year 3/4: Odin

150 Nights

Year 1/2: Tyler

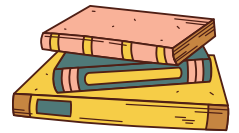


175 Nights

Prep: Yosha
Year 1/2: Lane, Murphy

200 Nights

Year 5/6: James



Debating



A huge congratulations to our 10 students from years 7 and 8 for their excellent debating on Wednesday. These students have been learning about debating for the past semester, all culminating in an online competition held between six teams from four different schools. The other teams we competed against were from Ballarat College, Kilvington College in Melbourne and Alice Miller School in Macedon.

Our students did a fantastic job, and the adjudicators praised their arguments and presentation.

"The debating competition was really fun. We came second in the majority of our debates, but overall we learnt a lot of helpful information and how to improve. We also made some new friends with one of the teams, which was amazing!"



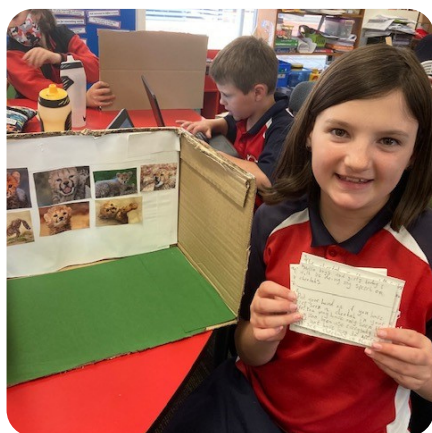
Team 1 - Nekeisha, Will, Phoebe, Lilly and Dustin



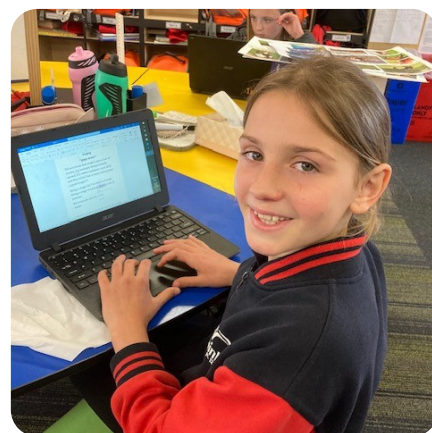
Team 2 - Cooper, Sally, Holly, Amelie and Zander

What's been going on in and around our school?

Junior School prepares for Public Speaking Competition



Ruby busy preparing her diorama and cue cards



Pippa typing up her cue cards



Taylor displaying her support materials on her topic



Clancy working on his poster



William working on a poster



Lane with her diorama



Haylee shows us her diorama on snow leopards



Emma very proud of her work



Sensory Room

Grand Opening

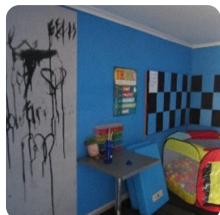
Friday 19th November 2021

Nearly a year to the day of when it was supposed to be open the VCAL Sensory Room was officially opened last Friday!

The VCAL students showed the junior kids a PowerPoint presentation and then opened the room for each year level to have a look through.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Yaapeet PS & The Kinder as well!

At recess there was a morning tea for the junior students to celebrate the opening!





COVID-19 MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, some significant changes have been made to how cases of COVID-19 and contacts of cases are managed in schools as we reach the 90% double dose milestone for eligible people in the coming days.

Schools will continue the process of identifying contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at schools; contacts will no longer be contacted by the Department of Health with quarantine requirements. If your child is identified as a contact the school will contact you directly.

Contacts will be required to complete a standard (PCR) test within 24 hours from when they are identified by the school as a contact.

If the PCR test returns a negative result, the student can immediately return to school, with evidence of the negative result provided to the school.

It is strongly recommended that contacts complete five days of rapid antigen tests in the morning before they attend school.

You will be able to obtain these testing kits from testing centres from Monday 22 November if your child is required to complete a standard PCR test.

Where students are currently in quarantine due to an existing school exposure, they will be able to provide evidence of a negative standard PCR test and return to school following the instructions above.

In exceptional circumstances the Department of Health may determine that contacts in significant school outbreaks are still required to quarantine for seven days. In this scenario, students will be notified directly of any additional quarantine arrangements.

Face masks will now only be required by staff, visitors and Grades 3 to 6 students in an indoor space within a primary school (or schools which have primary students such as P-12 school).

The wearing of masks remains recommended elsewhere where physically distancing cannot be maintained.

As we head into the final few weeks of the school year, please continue to care for yourself and those around you.

Thank you,

Colleen Petschel
Acting Principal