



OLW NEWS 2021

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Dear Parents & Families,

Last Friday we were able to hold a belated celebration of our 100 Days of Prep. We had originally planned to undertake the celebrations onsite, but the extension of the lockdown meant that it was held online. Despite this change to plans, many students from across the school were able to join in and try and make this celebration a great one for the students. Thanks to all the parents who helped their children get dressed up in costume for the day, it was great seeing so many mini grandmas and grandpas online! Make sure that you check out the video that will be released later today with the link made available through our school app.

NAPLAN 2021 REPORTS

The Naplan 2021 Student Reports were posted out to families last Tuesday. As we informed families last week, Victoria was the number 1 performing state across all assessment areas in Naplan in the primary sector and OLW continues to perform well above the Victorian average in all areas. In fact, 2021 saw our students rise to a new level by achieving the school's best performance in Naplan since its inception in 2008 and placing the school on average almost 3 school terms ahead of the State average!

SCHOOL FEES

School Fee Accounts are normally due to be settled by September. Please note that the due date has been extended again this year until November for families that may require additional time to settle their account. We are aware that some activities may not be able to go ahead when onsite schooling resumes and therefore accounts will need to be adjusted. We will have to wait for government guidelines on what activities schools can undertake once onsite schooling resumes, based on the level of restrictions for activities.

For families that have already settled their account, they will receive a credit or refund for any activities not undertaken, depending on their year level.

In the transition to the new MACS model of finance and governance for all Catholic Schools, there has been a couple of occasions where payments made by parents during the transition phase did not appear as credits on school fee accounts. Therefore, I would strongly encourage all families to check their account statement and contact the school office if there is a discrepancy so that it can be rectified.

TEAM COLOURS DAY

Due to the current lockdown, this year we will be holding an ISO Team Colours Day on Thursday September 16. Instead of asking our students to bring a gold coin donation, the school will make a donation for every child who dresses up for their Google Meet in their team colours. Money raised is used by the Fight Cancer Foundation to support Aussie Kids living with cancer.

The students are invited to wear their favourite sports team colours from any code (e.g. Collingwood - black and white, Melbourne City - blue and white, etc). Children can also wear their own sporting club uniform. We are asking as many families as possible to photograph their child, or even their whole family, in their Team Colours and send in the photo on the day.

AFLW Western Bulldogs player Jess Fitzgerald will be joining our online afternoon sessions to chat with the students, so make sure that you are dressed up and ready for the session!

After the success of last year's staff video, this year we are also compiling a 'Student Pass the Ball Challenge' with 4 students selected last week from each class to complete their part of the challenge. The video will hopefully be ready for release on Thursday through our school app and Learning Channel.

MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES

Matthew Jones, our School Counsellor, is running two online sessions each Monday to support families during this lockdown. These sessions are group

sessions for parents to join in dialogue with Matthew as he presents strategies around some particular aspects that may be affecting families at the moment. These sessions are not structured as individual counselling sessions or group therapy, they are designed to provide strategies, advice to support the great work of our families.

Session Times are:

10.30am – Year 3 – 6 Parents

11.30am – Year Prep – 2 Parents

September 13 Topic

Communicating with your child(ren)

Meeting Link:

<https://meet.google.com/jib-yhyo-hbt>

Sessions will be about 30 minutes in duration with time split between a presentation of information and discussion. We have structured the sessions around the junior school and the senior school as the content and discussion may be slightly different between the two levels, but you are welcome to attend either of the sessions, and no pre-registration is required. Login details for the Sessions with Matthew are included in this newsletter and are the same for each session, each week.

Families who are not able make either of the session times due to work commitments will be able to access a pre-recorded version of the content from our OLW Learning Channel each Wednesday, by following the link which will be forwarded through SkoolBag.

Any families that would like to access previous sessions can also follow the link below to view a pre-recorded copy of the content presentation for each session.

August 23 Topic:

Strategies to assist with managing the household during lockdown

<https://youtu.be/0qFxmP1yVG0>

August 30 Topic:

Keeping things 'normal' for children during lockdown

<https://youtu.be/Zimm1xS7B4A>

September 6 Topic:

Managing anxiety and low mood during lockdown

<https://youtu.be/nnO8qRBtMyg>

WEEKLY PHOTOS

Don't forget to keep sending through some photos of your children engaging in their learning or activities over the week to be compiled into our weekly video. Last week we had some great shots of students engaged in activities outside and in the local parks thanks to the fantastic weather. Our videos are compiled each Friday morning, so if you can send your pictures through to either the classroom teacher or directly to me before Thursday evening, then they will appear in the that week's video compilation. Otherwise, they will be held over to the following week. Thank you to those who sent through some photos last week, we hope you enjoyed seeing our students having fun!

END OF TERM

Term 3 concludes this Friday at 1.00pm. Term 4 resumes on Monday October 4.

At this stage we have not been advised as to whether we will remain in Learning from Home mode or whether some or all students will be able to return to onsite learning. As soon as any information comes through to the school, we will let families know through our SkoolBag app.

Stay safe and enjoy the holidays!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that centuple means 'to multiply by a hundred or by a very large amount'.

Our word for this week is:

INTEGRITY

Find out it's meaning and origin and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week!



Week 9 – Students @ Work & Play



We're wearing our
FOOTY COLOURS

on: Thursday September 16



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Google Meet

Sessions with Matthew

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/jib-yhyo-hbt>

Meeting code for iPad & tablet users: [jibbyhyohbt](#)

Years 3 - 6	10:30am - 11:00am
Years P - 2	11:30am - 12:00pm

Summer Baseball

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

With ongoing restrictions and the inability to attend an in person Come & Try Day to learn about Summer Baseball at the Preston Pirates Baseball Club, the Club is holding an online information session.

Sunday 12 September 2021
1:00pm – 2:00pm

Register now via QR Code

ALL GENDERS • ALL AGES
T-BALL • JUNIORS • SENIORS
Summer Season to commence as soon as restrictions allow.

Register before Sunday 5 September to be mailed a free Preston Pirates Baseball Club Stress Ball to be used as part of an interactive exercise during the Come & Try Day.

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