

Merrijig Primary School No. 1379

Newsletter 5



THANK YOU

To all parents who have adhered to the COVID social distancing rules.

Thank you also to our COVID cleaners, Ruth and Alicia. You have done a sterling job, spraying and wiping surfaces, cleaning toilets, disinfecting sporting and playground equipment. Well done.

Thank you also to Mrs Brown and Mrs Findlay who have been holding the fort teaching wise during the later part of this torrid term.

COVID-19

Please ensure that your children have their own named drink bottles each day. Water only, no cordial etc.

END OF TERM 2

School for Term 2 will finish this Friday at 2.30pm. Buses will run one hour earlier than normal. Children can be collected from 1.30pm.

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Thanks to those who have been logging in, and for putting your child's absences on. If you have any dramas, please don't hesitate to come in and see me on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (morning only).

NO SKIING FOR TERM 3

School Council decided some time ago, that due to the current health conditions our school will not be taking part in a skiing program in Term 3.

There would be concerns re the lack of social distancing on the public bus trip, lunch at the ABOM, lifts etc. etc. We hope that you understand, the welfare of our students and staff is paramount.

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PLEASE READ

As we have students and staff who have nut allergies, **ALL NUT PRODUCTS ARE BANNED HERE AND AT ANY SCHOOL FUNCTIONS.** 'Nutella' is allowed

Term 2/3 Important Dates

Monday July 13	First day of Term 3
Wednesday August 12	Life Education Day—No van
Term 4	Years 3-6 Camp

Pie Day will be on Monday August 12. No pie/pastie/sauces. No warmer. NO Mondays open on a school day. Please be here before you walk to school.

WELCOME

A belated welcome to Ewan Rogan, who has joined us for Term 3. The Rogan's have had property in Merrijig for some 20 years, and this year have decided to bring their son to the high country. Ewan joins us from Camberwell. Welcome also to his parents Peter and Helen.



FINANCE

Parents with outstanding accounts are able to pay off your invoices through Bpay. Our reference code is on your invoice.

HOODIES

I've just spoken to the printers, the hoodies should be ready for collection the first week of July, so they'll be here for you on the first day of Term 3.

The charge for each hoodie will be \$40. If you ordered a hoodie, this amount will be added to your account.



School banking day at Merrijig is Monday.

PARENT PIGEON HOLES—

Sometimes we have things that don't fit into the newsletter, all parents please check your pigeon holes—in the foyer outside the office door.

MARC VAN: The Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC) is based at Merrijig Primary School. Students will have a MARC session once a fortnight, this year it will be a Wednesday. Darcy Smith (MARC teacher) takes all students for a library class and the children are allowed to borrow books. Please ensure that all books are returned by the due date. All children require a library bag to be able to borrow. (A supermarket bag is fine).



Respect for Self, Others
and the Environment.

PARENTS/FRIENDS

Please remember to put your points at Marks' IGA towards Merrijig PS

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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>

Visit the Department's website for the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.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.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Atta

Secretary

Department of Education and Training



STAGE ONE – RETURNING TO FOOTBALL

Football Training

Under 10 and Under 13 Resumption of training

Dear Parents,

As per recent instructions from both the Victorian Government and AFL VIC we are in a position to resume training. This is not a green light to resume playing games and has a strict set of criteria that must be followed

The criteria in short form are as follows:

1. Training is to be in groups of no more than 20 (not including Coaches and limited support staff)
2. We can have 2 lots of 20 on the ground at any one time but they must not intermingle.
3. Training drills will be skills based with no tackling or match simulation.
4. Parents are to stay in cars if watching training and not to be in contact with fence or boundary
5. We will be employing the use of sanitizer for both hands and footballs.

Additional Information:

1. Training will be for 1 hour between 4pm (must be on time) and 5pm (pick up straight away).
2. You are under no pressure from us for your child to attend. If you feel uneasy about the program or just simply would prefer your child not to attend we respect that decision.
3. This return to training does NOT guarantee that there will be a season of games to follow.
4. We are offering this program to assist with your child's physical and mental wellbeing.

Decision:

1. If you want your child to attend training you **MUST** notify us by email with their details ie name and what age group they are in. If you don't your child will not be able to train as we have to submit our training lists.
2. If your child comes to training they must come dressed in their training attire.
3. They must bring their own drink bottles
4. EMAIL DETAILS TO

Under 10's (kids Born 2010 and 2011)

Kym Killeen kym.killeen@gmail.com

Under 13's (kids born 2009,2008,2007)

Kerryn Friday kerrynfriday@hotmail.com

Please don't register your child if you haven't yet. We will let you know when to do it as to when we know we can play games.

The Mansfield Respond Project presents



The Mansfield Respond Project has partnered with food technology students from Mansfield Secondary College to provide soup to local, participating primary schools during Term 3, 2020.

A pot of soup will be delivered to one school per week, on a rotating roster, to be provided as a healthy and delicious lunch meal for students. Make sure you listen out for when its your turn, as you will be asked to bring your own spoon and cup to school that day.

You will also receive a recipe card featuring the soup that was provided for your lunch meal. We encourage you to go home and re-create the soup with your family/friends and let us know how you go - tag us on Facebook!



MDH Mansfield Respond

Soup will come to Merrijig Week 4 Term 3

Good Afternoon,

I am the owner of the local business Simple Snacks- Lunchboxes with Love. Which is an online store supplying bulk fresh snacks to place in lunchboxes for adults or children, whilst being freezer friendly.

This is a great help to time poor parents or parents who may not get the time however would like their families to eat wholesome and nutritious foods.

The online store opens next Monday June 22 for one week only closing on the last day of term- Friday June 26th. All orders will then be baked fresh in the second week of the school holidays ready for collection and commencement of Term 3.

	<p>Simple Snacks - Lunchboxes with Love</p> <p>Simple Snacks - Lunchboxes with Love www.simplesnacks.com.au</p>
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Pie Day will return for Term 3. Bring along a wrapped pie/pastie/sausage roll and it will be put in the pie warmer. **NO NAME, NO PIE.**

Mondays only. Just a little tip, you can't use marker pen on a cold wrapped pie. Write on the foil before you wrap it!



Have a safe and happy holiday. Keep washing those hands and sanitising, plus stay 1.5 away from all except your family. See you on July 13.