



**September 17th**  
**2021**

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# Principal's Report

## **Remote Learning**

Once again, I'd like to thank our entire school community for their approach to Remote Learning throughout this term. What is a very challenging situation to navigate has been made easier by our willingness to work together and look after the academic and wellbeing needs of the young people in our community.

I sincerely hope we are at the end of Remote Learning, and there are certainly some positives we can take out of it regarding our communication, setting homework and using technology to engage in school remotely.

## **Start of Term 4**

Term 4 is due to start on October 4, and it will be a busy time for our school community trying to fit things in. We have plenty of decisions to make regarding what can and can't be done with restrictions, and we certainly won't be able to fit everything in.

Please contact me at school if you have any questions about programs running, particularly if they have already been paid for. We will do our best to keep you informed as decisions are made.

I'll be taking a few days away in the first week of the term break, and with the impending announcements about school for Term 4, I'll be in touch during the second week.

## **Pupil Free Days**

We have two pupil free days scheduled for Term 4. While I understand we want to see the students as much as possible throughout the term, we still have some very important work to complete as a staff to reflect on this year, improve our practice and begin preparing for 2022. With this in mind, I have scheduled the following student free days:

**Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (day before Melbourne Cup)**

**Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (last day of scheduled school)**

Hopefully I have given our school community enough notice to make any necessary arrangements.

## **Uniform**

Our uniform stocks at school have arrived, and I'm pleased to say that most items on our new uniform policy are available at school. It has been a massive undertaking, from designing the policy to ensuring access for our families. My expectation is now that all students in Year 5-12 will be in correct school uniform from Term 4, and that F-4 students try to adhere as closely as possible.

Please contact the office for further information about purchasing uniform.

## **School Photos**

We have rescheduled our school photo day for **Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**, although this is subject to restrictions.

Have a great break and I hope you see you all soon,

Fel Cua

Principal

## Ouyen P-12 College Council

College Council met this week, remotely. The process for preparing the 2022 budget is well underway. Council approved a Pupil Free day for mid-term 4, spending on new library books for 2022 and the use of the ovals for cricket over the upcoming season. We were pleased to note a new cleaning contract has been completed with Geoff Amos. We are very happy to retain such wonderful servants of our school. We also approved a one-year extension of the Cleanaway contract for the cardboard/paper recyclables.

Several maintenance tasks will be actioned over coming week, including maintenance of the synthetic play surfaces, gutter cleaning, air-con servicing, checking of emergency/exit signs, and spider and termite treatment among others. Council continued to consider priorities around Buildings and Grounds with extra shade high on the list.

Health and well-being are high on Council's radar. Council supports the schools approach over the remote/flexible learning period.

Mr. Cua updated us on plans for 2022 noting curriculum and staffing adjustments, along with anticipated enrolments. The DET is flagging changes on a regular basis as it constantly reviews the delivery of education. The school is a pilot school for future state school bus service operations. Council is preparing to review the Parent Payment policy in light of DET changes, as well as some other policies.

Have a refreshing term, break. We hope to be a little more 'out-and-about' active in a hectic term 4.

**Raelene Vine—President**

### Parents and Friends

#### **Sheep Sale Roster**

Sales are scheduled weekly as the spring flush of lambs arrives. However, some sales may be cancelled due to insufficient supply. You will be notified asap if your sale is cancelled.

**September 23rd Workers** Megan Hastings

**Cooks** Lyndal/ Deane Munro Piers Farnsworth Lin/ Andrew Clarke

**September 30th Worker** Raelene Vine/ Renae Hulland

**Cooks** Bernie/ Terry Fidge Liz/ Adam O'Callaghan Leah/ Jason McGlynn

**October 7th Workers** Brooke Smith/ Belinda O'Brien

**Cooks** Megan/ Dean Jardine Debbie Arnold Sara/ Daniel Pryse



#### **Catering**

Thank you to all who helped with the provision of sublime food for Judy Dowsley's wake on Monday. Alec and the family were most appreciative. Thanks, also, to Lauren Wills, Janeece Hahnel, and Donna Nihill for plating up, serving, and cleaning up under COVID rules.

Mallee Track Health & Community Service Position Vacant

Hotel Services – Junior Attendant

MTHCS are seeking a student over the age of 15 who would like to join the Hotel Services department. This position includes cleaning, preparation and delivery of meals, and setting the kitchen up for the next day. The applicant must be enthusiastic, willing to learn and relate easily to residents.

Shifts are for 2 hours in the evening, Monday –Friday, not including Public Holidays (average 3 shifts a fortnight).

May also get weekend shifts

For more information about the position please contact:

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Closing date 5pm, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2021