



NOVEMBER

From the Principal

Prep Transition Session 2 9.15-10.30am	Fri 17
Interschool Sports Away Panton Hill 5-6	Fri 17
Bike Ed 3/4	Tue 21
Swimming Prep—2	Tue 21
Y5's to Warrandyte High	Wed 22
Swimming Prep—2	Wed 22
Bike Ed 5/6	Thu 23
Bike Ed 3/4	Fri 24
Prep Transition Session 3	Fri 24
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner	Tue 28
Swimming Prep—2	Tue 28
Swimming Prep—2	Wed 29
Chess Tournament	Thu 30
DECEMBER	
Grade 6 Big Day Out -Fun Fields	Wed 6
Meet the Teacher (Prep 2024)	Wed 13
Meet the Teacher (current P-5)	Thur 14
EOY Colour Fun Run/Picnic	Fri 15
Last day for students Final assembly-G6 farewell 12.30pm Dismissal 1.30pm	Mon 18

2024 CLASS PLACEMENTS AND SCHOOL STRUCTURE

Next year we will operate with a twelve grade school structure. At this stage we expect to have approximately 250 students in 2024. Since the beginning of 2019, this represents an increase of approximately 40 children across the school. I remind everyone that we still have a ceiling of 275 children and we do not anticipate growing beyond that number.

Twelve classes will maintain numbers in classes to two Prep classes of 17 children and approximately 20 to 23 in all other grades. This is an ideal number for our student to teacher ratio.

The grade structure will be as follows: Prep, Prep, Grade 1/2A, Grade 1/2B, Grade 1/2C, Grade 3/4A, Grade 3/4B, Grade 3/4C, Grade 3/4D, Grade 5/6A and Grade 5/6B.

As in previous years, parents have the opportunity to make requests for their child's placement, based on academic need. Requests need to be made on social or educational grounds and, as is the case in other schools, requests cannot be made to have or not to have a particular teacher. Requests need to be sent to me by next Friday 24th November. Children are always given the opportunity to identify friends to be placed with next year and our teachers will make every effort to accommodate those wishes, however it must be remembered that it is not always possible to fit every request into any given grade structure.

GRADE 5 LITTLE ANGLER KITS

Grade 5 primary school students and all students at specialist schools have been offered a free Little Angler Kit. Our kits are at school and will be distributed tomorrow.

The following is an outline of the program. A parent's Q&A sheet has been attached to this week's newsletter.

'The State Government is keen to get more children outside and active, connecting with nature and enjoying time in the great outdoors. Fishing is a great way to do that, which is why the State Government is investing \$96m to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture. Little Angler Kits are the perfect way for primary school aged children to try fishing. They include a rod, reel with line, tackle box, some tackle (including hooks) and information on how to use them all.'

2024 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

Our 2023 Prep children will meet their buddies at the final transition session on Friday 24th November. The session finishes with a sausage sizzle at our school barbeque. This is always a great way for our new Preps to begin their relationship with their new buddies for next year. The special relationship makes it easier for the Preps to settle into life at KG. As they develop their independence the Preps play on their own more and more but the unique relationship remains for the year and beyond for both the older and younger buddies.

PREP 1/2 SWIMMING

Our Prep to grade 2 six session swimming program began on Tuesday at the Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool. Providing thongs, crocs or slip-on shoes helped save considerable time at the pool so thanks for taking the time to send children with these.

Please also remember to name everything as we always seem to wind up with a few towels, bathers, goggles, etc. after the swimming program.

HEALTHABILITY

Healthability is offering parent support seminars that parents and carers may be interested in accessing. A flyer/link has been included in today's newsletter.

GRADE TWO SLEEPOVER, GRADE 1 DINNER AND PREP BREAKFAST

The Prep to grade two children all enjoyed their part of last Thursday's sleepover, dinner and breakfast. The weather was pleasant for each of the activities and we had plenty of helpers for the morning breakfast. Thanks also to the teachers who managed to get some sleep and the children who thoroughly enjoyed the experience, something they confidently spoke about at Monday's school assembly.

Laurie Murray
Principal

VALUES OF THE WEEK



Back - Greta, Sienna, Harry, Kahlan, Indigo and Lia

Front - Mila, Blair, Vivienne, Elena, Finya, Riley and Jai



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 www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet

Callback and webchat functions are also available via the website.

 Translating and Interpreting Services are available.

GRADE 1 DINNER

Mila

Last Thursday, Grade 1 students came back to school for our dinner and activities night.

The activities were kangaroo relay, giant soccer ball and the parachute.

My favourite one was the giant soccer ball because we got to kick the soccer ball and it bounced around everywhere. I bounced over it. It was so much fun. Thank you to Mrs. Fitzgerald for helping us.

Jai

We had yummy pizza for tea and had zooper doopers for dessert.

We finished with a big play on the playground.

I had so much fun with my friends.

GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER

Harrison

After the Grade 1s left, we had our Grade 2 Sleepover.

We set up our beds and then had a disco! I did some break dancing and everyone loved the music.

Mr. Chenhall played his guitar for us and we had a sing along.

When it got dark, the girls' room watched Cinderella and the boys' room watched Oddball from our beds.

This is when the teachers thought we would go to sleep... Some of us had other ideas!

Lizzy

It was a bit strange to be sleeping at school with our classmates, it took me a LONG time to go to sleep.

A big thank you to Mr. Chenhall for taking the late crew out for some stargazing.

In the morning, we had breakfast. The options were toast with jam, vegemite or honey and rice bubbles, corn flakes or weet bix and orange or apple juice.

We had a fantastic time and enjoyed a big sleep at home.

YEAR ONE
DINNER

YEAR TWO
SLEEPOVER



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DINNER

YEAR TWO
SLEEPOVER



Remembrance Day 2023

Well done to our Leaders Jack, Heidi and Ella who heartfully read the poem,

'We Shall Keep the Faith'

by Moina Michael.

at the Remembrance Day Service at Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park on Sunday.

You did an amazing job and certainly did our school and community proud.



Lest We Forget

3/4 INQUIRY

CFA

THANK YOU



FUN



YAY!



STAY SAFE



Prep-2 Bee Incursion!

We all
LOVED
learning
about bees
with Bron,
Rupert &
Clancy!



Little Angler Kit

Frequently Asked Questions - Parents

Q. What are Little Angler Kits?

A. Little Angler Kits are the perfect way for primary school aged children to try fishing. They include a rod, reel with line, tackle box, some tackle (including hooks) and information on how to use them all.

Grade 5 primary school students and all students at specialist schools will be offered a free Little Angler Kit.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) will deliver the kits to primary and specialist schools between 16 October and 4 December 2023, unless schools opt out of the program.

Q. Why is the government giving away free fishing rods for kids?

A. The State Government is keen to get more children outside and active, connecting with nature and enjoying time in the great outdoors. Fishing is a great way to do that, which is why the State Government is investing \$96m to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture.

Q. Do I have to accept one?

A. No. Grade 5 primary school students and all students at specialist schools will be offered a free Little Angler Kit to bring home unless parents and carers opt out.

Each school will run a parent opt out process, providing parents and carers with the option to choose to opt out of receiving a kit.

If you do not wish to accept the offer for any reason, the school will not provide your child with a kit.

Q. When will my child's school get their kits?

The roll out of kits will occur through the second half of 2023 (16 October – 4 December) as suppliers provide kits to the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA). It's not possible to distribute all the kits across the State in one go however they will be in the hands of those who want one by the summer school holidays.

Q. What size are the kits and what do they contain?

A. Little Angler Kits include a fishing rod, tackle tray, some tackle and a kids guide to fishing. The kits are approximately 3 foot long.

Please note that the tackle tray does include fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket, inside the kit bag, which will be cable tied to discourage students from opening their kits until they are under the supervision of a parent or carer. Teachers will also tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer.

Q. Are the kits safe?

A. Please note that the tackle tray does include fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket, inside the kit bag, which will be cable tied to discourage students from opening their kits until they are under the supervision of a parent or carer. Teachers will also tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer.

You can request for an adult to pick up the kit from the school by contacting the school.

If you do not wish your child to receive a kit for any reason, you can choose to opt out of receiving a Little Angler Kit.

[The VFA will create a Little Angler hub on their website, which will be live from 10 October 2023. It will contain useful information, instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish. Check it out from 10 October 2023 at \[www.vfa.vic.gov.au/littleanglerkit\]\(http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/littleanglerkit\).](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/littleanglerkit) Please refer to the information provided on how to use the kit safely with your child.

Q. Where do I learn more about how to use the Little Angler Kit?

A. The VFA will create a Little Angler hub on their website, which will be live from

10 October 2023. It will contain useful information, instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish. Check it out from 10 October 2023 at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/littleanglerkit. Please refer to the information provided on how to use the kit safely with your child.

Q. We've run out of hooks that came with the Little Angler Kit. Where can I buy more?

Bait and tackle shops are a great place to top up on bits and pieces if you run out. Kmart, Big W, Anaconda, BCF, TackleWorld, Complete Angler and Trellys are just a few to try or you can shop online.

Q. How do I contact a local fishing club now that my child is keen on fishing?

A. The VFA has a directory of fishing clubs on their website at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingclubs

Q. Are there events my child can attend to learn more from experts about fishing?

A. Yes, the VFA runs several free VicFishKids events through the year, as does Fishcare Victoria. Kids can learn new skills, talk to experts and try to catch a fish knowing help is on hand.

Q. We've fished from the pier a few times now and would like to try boat fishing with the kids. What's the best way to do that?

A. Jumping aboard a charter boat is one way or you can hire boats from some seaside townships, including in Port Phillip Bay.

Q. We caught a fish but couldn't identify it. How should we do that?

A. The Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide contains colour illustrations and photos of fish you're likely to encounter in saltwater and freshwater. It also outlines size and bag limits to ensure our fisheries remain healthy. Hard copy printed Guides are free and available from most tackle shops, by calling 136186, or by visiting the VFA customer service desk at 1 Spring St, Melbourne. The VFA can also post them out. The Guide is also available online at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide or by downloading the free VicFishing app to your smartphone.

Find out more

For further enquiries contact Chris Padovani, Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Victorian Fisheries Authority:

- phone 0427 353 233

email: chris.padovani@vfa.vic.gov.au
visit [Little Angler Kits - VFA](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/littleanglerkit)

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Parent Support Seminars

Term 4 2023



Family wellbeing: ways to reduce family conflict

- How to make the most of family time
- Using routines to support wellbeing
- Communication tips for building positive relationships
- Managing sibling flights and family conflict

When: Wednesday 25 October 2023

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession

Bookings: Essential via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLQJS>

Helping your child with their emotions

Developing emotional intelligence

- Understand why feelings matter
- Help children identify and manage their feelings
- Learn ways to develop your child's emotional skills

When: Wednesday 1 November 2023

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession

Bookings: Essential via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLQKJ>



Helping your anxious child

- Learn how anxiety can affect children
- What you can do to support your anxious child
- Helpful and unhelpful responses to your child's anxiety
- Where to go for further help

When: Wednesday 8 November 2023

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession

Bookings: Essential via

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What will be covered:

- Why self-care is so important
- Tips for mental wellness
- Strategies for boosting mood
- Other support available

Please note seminars will not be recorded.

For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker at
joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au
or phone **9430 9100**



When: Wednesday 22 November 2023

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

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