



# From the Principal

13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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Dear Parents,

## **Mothers' Day Afternoon**

I have heard many positive comments regarding our Mothers' Day afternoon tea held last Friday. It is pleasing to be able to put on such an event that allows our families to share these wonderful experiences together. Thank you to all of the mums and grandparents who were able to make it on the day. I would also like to acknowledge and thank all of the staff who assisted prior to the event with the preparation and to those who assisted on the day. The contribution of the school team goes a long way to making events such as this a success.

A huge thankyou to the parents that assisted with the Mother's Day stall during the day. All of our students were able to get something and we hope all of our mums had a great day.

## **School Open Morning**

The school will be having an open morning on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. If you know of any families moving into our area or families with children entering their first year of schooling please invite them along or let them know that they can also book a tour with me at any time.

## **Prep Enrolments 2022**

If you have a child who will be attending Lower Plenty Primary School in Prep next year, you are most welcome to enrol at any time. Early enrolments assist us to put in place staffing, grade structures and allocate resources for next year.

When enrolling your child, you will need to provide with the enrolment form:

1. A copy of the birth certificate (we can make copies of originals if necessary) and
2. A school entry immunisation certificate obtained from The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). Phone 1800653809. The 2022 Enrolment Pack is now available for collection from the office.

## **Curriculum Day 11<sup>th</sup> May**

During the curriculum day we had 61 visitors from 5 schools all working together learning and sharing different ways to teach reading strategies to students.

It was a great opportunity for all of our teachers to be able to work with colleagues from other schools and share ideas. We understand that curriculum days can be difficult for parents, but they are a valuable part of our teachers professional learning and help ensure that your children get the best education possible.

### **Picking Up and Dropping Off Children**

If you are dropping off or picking up children I would encourage you to come down the stairs and wait for your children outside of their classrooms. While it is important to be covid safe, it is important for us that everyone feels they are welcome and come into the school.

### **Next Curriculum Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

We have arranged our next and final curriculum day for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. This coincides with the Queens Birthday Public Holiday on the Monday. Hopefully this minimises disruption and allows for our families to have an extended break.

During the curriculum day the school will be working with Education Changemakers to develop a new direction, vision, mission and values for the school. We are hoping to get community involvement in this.

During the morning, our staff and educators from our kindergartens will be working together to frame our direction. In the afternoon we will then be engaging with selected families and community members for input.

After this has occurred we will then be running a series of focus groups with families and parents to seek more input and ensure that the school has a clear direction and path forward.

### **Grounds and Facilities**

Kate and Katrina have been working hard on the grounds and facilities committee to develop and maintain areas of the school. In particular over the last couple of weeks:

- Our maintenance person is having an impact and is here 3-4 hours a week looking after mowing and general garden care
- Katrina has added many new plants to the front and side of the school
- We have replaced the blown lights in the classrooms
- We will be repainting the wall in the P1 classroom and have a lot of art work to put up
- The gutters and pits have all been cleaned and removed of rubbish
- Marlena from [www.playhealthandfitness.com](http://www.playhealthandfitness.com) has had the floors in the hall cleaned and resurfaced
- We are waiting for an engineers report to see what can be done with the Basketball rings in the hall
- Katrina and Amelia have set up the fifth classroom as a STEM and Japanese room for students and teachers to use
- Lauren and Mary have arranged for notice boards at the front of the school as well as flyer distribution
- Kate and James are washing and painting the arbour to the entrance of the school over the weekend
- We are getting some quotes to render the concrete wall in front of the school. Once it has been rendered then we will look at painting it.

### **School Photos**

School photos are on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. We will start first thing in the morning so please try to be on time.

## **SPORTS**

The grade 56 students played against Briar Hill and then against Montmorency PS in District Interschool. Our netballers have led the way with two wins, while our soccer players are continuing to work on their game.

## **CHESS**

Our chess club runs every Friday during lunch. If you would like your child to enrol please contact the school

## **School Jumpers**

It is that time of year that many of our students will be wearing jumpers when they come to school. In many cases the children will take them off and then leave them in different places around the school. If you haven't already please check and make sure that your child's jumper is labelled. This way when we pick them up we can give them back to them.

## **DATES**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Interschool Sports vs Sherbourne PS Matt – Professional Learning (Write to Read)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photos
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bunnings BBQ
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Chelsea – Professional Learning (Graduate Conference)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Matt – Professional Learning (Write to Read) Interschool Sports – BYE
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Education Week Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Morning
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Interschool Sports – Monty South PS
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Curriculum Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	P-6 Edendale Farm excursion
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Banyule Council Waste Wise Van visit
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Banyule Council Waste Wise Van visit
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term – 2:30pm finish