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# WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2020



# PRINCIPAL TEAM NEWS



Respect, Resilience, Achievement & Community

## Welcome

We welcome Mr Tom Williamson to our staff for the remainder of this term. Mr Williamson is teaching what was Mrs Hollingsworth's class on Monday through to Thursday. Mrs Waterworth is still teaching the children on the Friday. Mrs Hollingsworth is still at our school but has moved into the role of Mental Health Coordinator as part of our involvement in the Mental Health in Primary Schools pilot.

#### Student Attitudes towards School Survey

The annual Student Attitudes towards School survey is still going ahead this year albeit later than usual. Children in Grades 4, 5 and 6 participate in this survey. The Department has requested that a letter be sent to the families of those students involved and this will be sent via Compass. Please keep an eye out for this communication. The survey will be held between the dates of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Learning Focus**

As was requested in the feedback from our previous round of remote and flexible learning, teachers are now providing explicit teaching sessions in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. In our Professional Learning session on Monday, teachers discussed the various ways that they are providing feedback to the children in order to progress their learning. The individual conferences that occur weekly are an important method of doing this and we thank you all for participating so readily in this session with your child.

Many of you came to the school last Friday to pick up your child's new learning pack and to drop in your child's completed work from the fortnight previous. Teachers are looking at this work and will use this also to help guide your child's learning.

### Premiers Announcements on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

As you are most likely aware, the Premier will be making some important announcements this coming Sunday. We are not informed of what these will be in advance but hope that there is some news about education and what Term 4 may look like for us.

We also hope that we are closer to being able to be with family members from outside our home. We have had to face many challenges and this is the one that has been the hardest for me. The positive has been very obvious with our school community working together for the benefit of the children.

#### Free Resources to Help Build Resilient Families

There are two helpful new resources to help you support your children during remote and flexible learning.

#### **Raising Learners podcast**

The Department of Education and Training has funded a 10-episode podcast series through the Raising Children Network called 'Raising Learners'. It features parenting experts from organisations including the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Career Education Association Victoria, as well as the Australian eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman-Grant.

Raising Learners provides parents with practical advice, tips and ideas for supporting children's health, wellbeing and engagement at school and at home. Topics include how to connect with your child's school and community, how to best support your child's learning, what to expect for VCE and VCAL students and how to keep your child safe online. These topics were drawn from common questions that parents raised with the Department's coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline and Parentline.

The first three episodes will be available on 1 September, and the rest throughout terms 3 and 4. Raising Learners can be accessed via podcast apps and <u>Raising Children Network</u> <u>website</u>.

#### Managing the Coronacoaster webinar

Renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is back by popular demand to repeat his Coronacoaster webinar.

On 15 September, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will again present Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era. His first webinar in August booked out in three days, with more than 12,000 registrations. In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown period and remote learning. Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- More resources and where to get help.

Webinar details
When: 7.30pm, Tuesday 15 September
Duration: 45-minute presentation, followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session
Format: online via live stream
Cost: free
Register for the Managing the Coronacoaster webinar via Eventbrite

#### **On-Site Supervision for the week starting 31st August.**

Messages have been sent via Compass that provides you with links to the on-site supervision booking form. The closing date and time is Thursday at 3:00 pm. <u>Click here</u> to access the form for next week.

To the following Students Declan D Abbie I Kai M Will B Levi G Abbey C Charlie C Danielle P Charlotte M Hannah P Paige F MacKenzie P Jax A Chloe J Abby C Z achary G	Kind	AMBULANCE COVER Occasionally children have falls or accidents at school that require staff to ring for an ambulance. Without ambulance assistance it is very expensive and falls on the students parent/carer unless you hold ambulance membership. Ambulance membership fees are currently: 96.70/year for family cover, quarterly payments are available 9.848.35/year for single 9. Health Care Card holders are free We encourage all families to check if they have ambulance cover. To find out more information please visit: https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au.

#### SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES DURING REMOTE LEARNING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

This week we will have a closer look at the information you can find on the eSafety website in terms of apps that our young people may or may not be accessing on their digital devices.

You can find all of these apps and many more at: https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents



Website: facebook.com

Facebook also has a private messaging service called Facebook Messenger.

Website: animaliam.com

for mobile devices called Animal Jam Play Wild.

Also on the above website, there is a section for parents/carers that has lots of different information to support you in keeping your child/ren safe online. The parent section can be found at: <u>https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/cyberbullying</u>

Included here is helpful information about Cyberbullying. There is information under the following headings for families to access:

- A guide to online bullying for parents and carers.
- I am worried my child may be bullying others. It is best to deal with any bullying behaviour as soon as possible, before it gets too serious or becomes a regular pattern. <u>Good habits start young has some useful advice</u>.

I think my child is being bullied - Signs to watch for

- being upset after using the internet or their mobile phone
- changes in personality, such as becoming more withdrawn, anxious, sad or angry
- appearing lonelier or distressed
- unexpected changes in friendship groups
- a decline in their school work
- changes in their sleep patterns
- avoidance of school or clubs
- a decline in their physical health
- becoming secretive about their online activities and mobile phone use

What to do if your child is being cyberbullied:

- Try to resist immediately taking away their device
- Stay calm and open don't panic
- Listen, think, pause
- Act to protect your child if necessary: If your child is being threatened, or if they indicate a wish to harm themselves, you should get professional help. Call Triple Zero (000) immediately, if their physical safety is at risk. Contact a counselling and support service like Kids Helpline.
- Empower your child
- Collect evidence
- Manage contact with others
- Report
- Consider seeking support from your child's school
- Encourage positive connections and coping strategies
- Stay aware

Remember the above are only headings on the website – there is much more detail included under each of these headings if you are looking for further information.

Please also don't hesitate to contact our school's Wellbeing Team: Jo Reid, Kelli Bailey or myself if you feel a need to discuss such issues.

Have a great first week of Spring!

#### **Mrs Hocking**

## **Weekly Recipes**

### Healthy Coco Pop Bars

<u>Ingredients</u> 4 cups (120 g) rice bubbles or any puffed rice ¼ cup (40g) chia seeds 2 cups (200g) dessicated coconut ¼ cup (25g) raw cacao powder ¾ cup (25g) honey ½ cup (110g) melted coconut oil <u>Instructions</u>



- 1. Place the rice bubbles, chia seeds, coconut and cacao powder into a large bowl.
- 2. Pour over the honey and melted coconut oil and mix together really well.
- 3. Place the mixture into a lined 20cm square cake tin and press down firmly.
- 4. Place the tin into the fridge and leave for 2-3 hours or overnight.
- 5. Take out of the fridge and cut into bars immediately.
- 6. Store the bars in an airtight container in the fridge.

#### Note : it is important to press the mixture down firmly (step 3) as this helps stop crumbling when sliced.

### Bacon & Vegie Noodle Slice

- Ingredients 2 teaspoons vegetable oil 2 middle bacon rashers, trimmed, chopped 1/2 x 440 g packet shelf-fresh thin hokkien noodles 2 medium zucchini, grated 2 medium carrots, peeled and grated 125g can corn kernels, drained 1/2 cup frozen peas 4 green onions, thinly sliced 1 cup self raising flour 1/2 cup grated tasty cheese 4 eggs  $1/2 \, \text{cup milk}$ 1/4 cup vegetable oil, extra Instructions 1. Preheat oven to 180/C.
- 2. Grease a 20cm x 30cm lamington pan. Line base and sides with baking paper.
- *3.* Heat oil in a frying pan over medium-high heat. Add bacon. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 4 to 5 minutes or until just golden. Remove from heat.
- 4. Separate noodles with you hands. Using kitchen scissors, cut into 5cm lengths.
- 5. Squeeze excess liquid from zucchini and carrot.
- 6. Combine noodles, bacon, zucchini, carrot, corn, peas, onion, flour and cheese in a bowl.
- 7. Place eggs milk and extra oil in a jug. Whisk to combine.
- 8. Stir through noodle mixture and season with salt and pepper.
- 9. Spread into the prepared pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes until golden.
- 10. Stand for 15 minutes to set.

Note: This is great served with a salad.





#### SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

#### Goal 1

To improve the learning growth and achievement of all students with a rigorous focus on literacy. **Key Improvement Strategies** 

- 1.1 To develop, document and implement a guaranteed and viable curriculum.
- 1.2 To develop the pedagogical practices of staff and leaders using an embedded PLC approach.
- 1.3 To develop staff capabilities in understanding data and consistent collection, use and evaluation of data to inform student learning growth and achievement.

#### Goal 2

All students are engaged and connected to their learning.

#### **Key Improvement Strategies**

- 2.1 To develop and implement student agency in their learning.
- 2.2 To develop and implement a distributed leadership model in the school to ensure engagement, wellbeing and achievement goals are addressed and enacted.

#### Goal 3

To improve student health, wellbeing and inclusion.

#### Key Improvement Strategies

- 3.1 Establish and implement with fidelity the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support framework and Respectful Relationships throughout the school community.
- 3.2 Further develop and strengthen authentic, collaborative and inclusive partnerships between the school and its stakeholders.

# Get your entries in for The Golden Gundrys 2020!

You have until the end of Term 3 to submit your Mr. Fry inspired art work.

Cut out Mr. Fry and draw him in a new adventure!

Get creative and have fun!!



If you would like to enter, cut out the entry form below and send it with your art work to school to enter the contest. You can post it or email it through your teacher.

Mr. Fry will announce the winners in Term 4!

# Golden Gundrys Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade:

What is Mr. Fry getting up to in your art work?