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Dear Parents and Families,

COVID UPDATE

- Three positive cases have been identified in Shepparton. These are linked to the Chadstone outbreak.
- The high-risk locations in Shepparton residents and visitors should be aware of are:
 - Central Tyre Service, Welsford Street Shepparton from Wednesday 30 September 2020 to Tuesday 13 October 2020.
 - Mooroopna Golf Club Members Bar, Sunday 4 October and Sunday 11 October
 - Shepparton Market Place Medical Centre, Midland Highway Shepparton Thursday 8 October 2020 9:15am – 10:15am.
 - Thai Orchid Restaurant, Nixon Street Shepparton on Wednesday 7 October 2020 from 7:00pm
 - Bombshell Hairdressing, Fryers Street Shepparton on Wednesday 7 October 2020 after 9:30am
- If you visited one of these sites during the exposure times, you are a close contact, you need to be tested and quarantine. We ask also those also in your household quarantine with you. Please call the GV Health hotline on 1800 313 070 between 8am and 8pm for further instructions.
- You may be a casual contact if you visited any of the following locations. If you visited one of these locations during these times you should get tested and stay at home while you wait for your results. Please call the GV Health hotline on 1800 313 070 between 8am and 8pm for further instructions.
 - Bunnings Warehouse, Midland Highway Shepparton Wednesday 30 September 2020
 - McDonalds Shepparton North, 169-175 Numurkah Road Shepparton Saturday 3 October 2020
 - Lemon Tree Café, Fryers Street Shepparton 7 to 12 October 2020
 - Mooroopna Golf Club Pro Shop Sunday 11 October 2020
- Contact tracing has already begun and will continue into tonight and throughout tomorrow by Goulburn Valley Health. Further high-risk locations may be added.

We would like to reassure you that no cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) have been detected on our school site and that our school remains **open**. However, we have three staff members awaiting results and many families have been impacted upon. It is important we all continue to follow the health advice from the experts. Our school will continue to work closely with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Education and Training (DET) should any cases in our school community arise. Please refer to the below information from DHHS and follow the

instructions. For more information visit the [DHHS website](#).

TERM 4 FOCUS

Term 4 will be an important time for the re-engagement of our children, the re-establishment of school routines and undertaking the steps necessary to prepare for and complete successful transitions into 2021.

This term our focus is on providing continuity in learning and support for every child to the fullest extent possible and prioritising both their wellbeing and academic needs. Staff have focussed their efforts into ensuring that gaps in essential curriculum areas will be covered over the remainder of this year, while making sure their classrooms are safe, supportive and positive learning spaces for all children. This will make sure that every child in our care is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday 23rd October is a Public Holiday.

Monday 2nd November is a proposed Curriculum Day.

Tuesday 3rd November is a Public Holiday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Regards Heather

1/2 Learning

Miss Larcombe

During remote learning, I shared my personal phone number with parents/families, to enable timely communication. Now we have returned to Onsite Learning, parents/families MUST contact via the school phone-58265212. My personal number is no longer in use and messages are not received in the classroom. Again, please contact classroom teachers using the school phone for all communication.

Last term we began to start our reading time at 9am, straight after the bell. As this was a huge success we are continuing this routine in Term 4. This means that the teacher modelled session begins at 9am. This is one of the most important lessons we have during the day, therefore it is vital that students are arriving at school on time. At present, students come straight in the classroom and read on the floor, our wonderful collection of Julia Donaldson books. When the music starts, students know to pack up, have their desks ready for reading and be on the floor by the time the bell goes. This has helped our classroom routines, time management as well as maximising the use of our reading time.

Coming back to school can be exhausting both physically and mentally. Sleep routine is very important as we move through the term and get closer to the end of what has been a long year. Chill out time before bed is always a great idea, without technology, as it helps the mind to switch off. Doing some independent reading or browsing of picture story books may help or even some mediation music. Smiling Minds and Peace Out are two great guided meditations that can be used to help calm and switch off at the end of the day.

Coming up we have a week about various sports as it comes into finals season, some 'groups of' as well as skip counting in Numeracy and many very excited students preparing for our Halloween dress up day. Many things happening and some great learning to come.

GRADE 3 / 4

All of the students are really starting to settle back into the routines of the classroom.

In reading, we are currently focusing on monitoring. Students have been working with a reading Buddy to practise the strategies when we make an error in our reading. Prompts students have been using on their Buddies when we lose meaning include 'Does it look right?', 'Does it sound right?' and 'Does it make sense?' We would love if you could use these when reading with your child at home!

In maths we have begun Fractions and all the children loved getting hands on and making their very own fraction wall.


Tomorrow (16/10) we will be having some individual photos taken by Mrs Lardner in replace of this year's school photos. Children who are away will have their photo taken when they return.

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Physiotherapist, Sophie Woodhouse enjoys treating a mix of sports and spinal injuries.
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CALENDAR

Mon 19th Oct	School Council
Fri 23rd Oct	Public Holiday
Mon 2nd Nov	Curriculum Day
Tue 3rd Nov	Cup Day
Wed 4th-Fri 6th Oct	Grade 3 / 4 Camp
Fri 20th Nov	Grade ½ Meal/Sleep Over – tentative date.
Thur 26th Nov	School Council
Mon 30th	} Grade 5 / 6 Camp
Nov - Fri 4th Dec	