

# LOCKWOOD

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NEWSLETTER #37

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### Dates To Remember

25th November	2021 Foundation Student Transition #2
2nd December	2021 Foundation Student Transition #3
3rd December	Grade 5/6 Production-Alice The Musical
4th December	Term 4 Uniform Orders Due Back Chinese Competition Entries due
10th December	Grade 5/6 Camp Experience
14th December	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
16th December	Grade 6 Big Day Out
18 <sup>th</sup> December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR

### SCHOOL DROP OFF / PICK UP ZONES

After school pick up is always a busy time, especially right on 3:30pm. Just a reminder for parents picking up students at Gate B. VIC Roads is reminding us that the drop off zone directly in front of the gate is for a quick drop off and pick up only, parking is not permitted due to safety reasons. Also, only three cars can be waiting in the pickup zone at any one time. If there are more than 3 cars waiting, please park in the car park in front of the staff car park instead.



Families who drop off/pick up at Gate C, I am requesting that you park at the car park in front of the oval, this will ensure families at Gate B are able to secure a parking spot. Alternatively, families can park at the car park adjacent to the Calder Alternative Hwy (down near the old church) and ask your children to meet you down there. The aim is to keep all students safe and avoid any/all traffic congestion. Thank you all for your co-operation with this.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK ...

Here we are, another week almost over. Week 7 has brought with it much warmer weather and it seems it will continue well into next week. It has been great to see many students remembering their hats – well done everyone!



### 2021 CLASS FORMATIONS

The process of allocating students to classes is complex, with teachers spending considerable time developing class groups based on strong educational factors. Students also have the opportunity to nominate three (3) of their friends who they believe they would work well with. We endeavour to place students with at least one (1) of their nominated friends. We also consider the following factors when determining grades:

- Even distribution of academic ability within grades
- Separation of children who do not work well together
- Gender balance
- Interpersonal development
- Friendship groups
- Attitude & maturity
- Individual needs and behaviour.

Due to current DET guidelines re: COVID-safe, at this stage students will not participate in a transition session with their new class this year. If guidelines change, we will modify accordingly. You will be advised in writing of your child's allocated grade for 2021 on Friday, December 11th.

### ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS FOR 2021

Consistent with DET policy, parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are provided with essential education items that their children use in a range of school activities. Lockwood Primary School Council makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased to a minimum.

To assist parents, we provide an "Essential Education Items Package" (stationery pack) for each child. This ensures your child is provided with all the necessary items as listed in 'essential items'. This is not only extremely economical, it ensures each child has access to the same resources, that the materials provided are correct for that age level and that they are in the classroom when they are needed. Other components of payments for 2021 are the 'optional extras' and the 'voluntary payments'.

Notes will be emailed to each family tonight outlining the parent payments for 2021. Payments are not required this year, it is being provided as information only. Please contact Fiona if you have any questions about the 2021 payments or if you do not receive the email with the documents attached.

'Learning, Caring, Laughing, Sharing'

## **FOUNDATION TRANSITION SESSIONS**

The first of our 2021 Foundation (Prep) transition sessions happened yesterday. Our new students and their parents enjoyed a visit to the school and completed a fun activity with Miss Hannah. Sessions happened in three groups (COVID-safe requirements) and we definitely had some excited little people very keen to start school. There are two more sessions to come over the next two weeks.

**Stay Well – Stay Happy.**

*Carmen* 😊

## **CURRENT NEWS**

### **ARE YOU MOVING?**

If your child/children will not be attending Lockwood PS in 2021, could you please let us know as soon as possible.

### **SUNSCREEN IN CLASSROOMS**

As the weather starts to warm up, it is a timely reminder to let families know that every classroom has sunscreen available for students to apply prior to going outside for lunch, PE and afternoon recess. New bottles have been provided this week. The school uses the Cancer Council Sport variety of sunscreen. If your child has an allergy to sunscreen (or this particular brand), please ensure you provide your child with their own sunscreen for use at school over our Sunsmart period (September - April) and let us know so a note can be made on our medical files.

### **TERM 4 UNIFORM-ORDER DUE 4TH DECEMBER**

Enclosed with today's newsletter is a Term 4 Uniform order form. Orders and money are due back to the office by Friday 4th of December. Please note that this order will not be back at school until late in Term 1, so if you need winter items for next year, please consider ordering your items with this order. Our Term 3 order should be back shortly and will be sent home with students as soon as it arrives.

### **GRADE 5/6 URBAN BUSH CAMP EXPERIENCE**

Our date for the grade 5 & 6 Urban Bush Camp has now been re-scheduled for Thursday 10th of December.

This day will follow the same format as previously advised, with the students participating in a full day of camp style activities, then staying after school for a combined Bike Ed/Energy Breakthrough experience. Students will be provided with dinner and can be collected at 7:00pm.

Students will need to bring their bikes and bike helmets for the after school activity.

Please contact Brad or Helen with any queries.

### **CHINESE LANGUAGE PARTICIPATION WEEK**

Information was sent home with students last Friday about a series of Online Chinese Language Competitions for students' participation. It aims to encourage, celebrate and showcase Bendigo students' language learning.

Learning a different language and culture plays a very important role in developing our students' intercultural understanding and capability that will empower them to be global citizens who contribute to the problem-solving of the challenges that concern the world we share. These competitions will also provide a great opportunity for students to learn from their peers at other schools where they are learning the same language.

Participation is voluntary and we would like to thank our

parents' support and students participation in advance. Students can participate in one or more of the following competitions based on their year levels.

To participate, students will need to submit their completed work in a required format to our online platform which can be accessed via the following link and QR code (provided on original form) by 4th December.

Link: <https://padlet.com/learnchinesebendigo/2020>

Permission forms should be returned to school by Friday 4th December.

## **Reminders & Repeat Items:**

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

The DET (Department of Education & Training) wishes to remind parents that personal items brought to school by students are not covered by insurance. Items brought to school are at the student's own risk. Please discourage your children from bringing valuable or items that are precious to school.

### **2020 SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

Last chance to order a 2020 School Magazine. Please contact Fiona tomorrow if you would like to order one. Extra magazines are unable to be printed so correct numbers must be known now. Cost is \$8.00 per magazine. Please contact Fiona if you are unsure if you have ordered one and you would like to.

A reminder that payment for the magazine must be made by Friday 27th November (if it wasn't paid at the start of the year).

### **GRADE 6 PRODUCTION 'ALICE THE MUSICAL'**

Our grade 5 & 6 students are working hard on their production of 'Alice The Musical'.

Their performance will be filmed by a videographer on Thursday 3rd of December at 12:30pm.

DVD's of the performance will be available for families to purchase. Price and order forms will be sent home shortly.

### **BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7 & 8 ORDER**

We have been contacted by Scholastic to advise that there was a delay in sending out our order from Issue 7. This order has now been dispatched and will be at school either tomorrow or Monday.

Issue 8 is being sent home with students today. Orders can be placed online through the LOOP ordering system and must be placed by Friday 27th November to ensure arrival prior to Christmas.

### **DRINK BOTTLES**

A reminder to all families that the student bubble taps are not permitted to be used during COVID-19 restrictions and we therefore remind everyone to ensure all students bring a reusable bottle to school every day, clearly labelled with the student's name.

### **SENTRAL FOR PARENTS APP**

Have you downloaded the Sentral for Parents App now or if you have it already, make sure to update it. ALL school notices and information are distributed using the Portal and App. It's as easy as a quick push notification and you will have information, including newsletters readily accessible.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OSHC NEXT WEEK:

Date: 23/11/20	Afternoon tea	Activity
Monday	Fruit Custard	String Painting
Tuesday	Fruit Salad Wraps	Rainbow Foam
Wednesday	Fruit Yoghurt	Puffy Paint
Thursday	Fruit Milo & Biscuits	Rainbow milk Experiment
Friday	Fruit Raisin Toast	Basketball Challenge

### OSHC Reminders:

A reminder that we are in term 4 and hats are compulsory when playing outside. **Due to Covid we are no longer providing spare hats for use.** *Could children please bring a spare sunsmart hat to keep in their bags for after school care.*

Our OSHC Team would like to welcome Cleo Luvara. Cleo is a third-year education student and has Joined our staff down at OSHC. She is excited to bring some fun and exciting ideas to our service and get to know everyone. Please stop and say hello if you see her around the school.

*Statements for October are now overdue. Please pay any outstanding amounts as a matter of urgency.*

### 2021 BENDIGO SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL REMINDER

A reminder to families that applications for bus travel for new and existing travellers for 2021 are now open. Students cannot travel on a rural country bus in 2021 if their travel has not been approved. **Please ensure you login and complete your 2021 application before the 27th of November.**

Applications are processed online via the School Bus Management System (SBMS). The SBMS system has now been updated and there is a new website address to access the system:

WEBSITE: [Schoolbus.educationapps.vic.gov.au](http://Schoolbus.educationapps.vic.gov.au)  
 CUSTOMER HELP: 1800 800 007 (no change)  
 EMAIL: [schoolbus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:schoolbus@education.vic.gov.au)

Applications will be processed during December. Families should login to their SBMS account again towards the end of December to finalise bus travel arrangements by accepting the travel offer to be eligible for travel in 2021.

If you have any queries regarding the process or are new travellers for our bus route and would like to apply for bus travel, please contact Fiona for eligibility and further information.

## Reading Nights

50 Nights

Aiden H

125 Nights

Lily B

200 Nights

Hannah W

75 Nights

Ella M

150 Nights

Maddie G

275 Nights

Meagan R

100 Nights

Mikayla T

Anna J

Alyssa B

Toby P



## Happy Birthday

Jake M



## Students Of The Week

Prep -Orrick T (Learning)  
 for always putting in his very best effort with all class tasks.  
 Great effort Orrick!



1/2B- Joshua O (Laughing)  
 for always being so cheerful and for making our classroom a fun and happy place to learn.  
 1/2M -Jimmy M (Learning)  
 for approaching all of his work with confidence.

3/4B- Seth D (Laughing)  
 for being a great friend and always showing kindness towards others. Well done Seth, keep u the great work.

4/5H Ally R (Laughing)  
 for participating in all activities with enthusiasm, motivation and drive. She takes on feedback to challenge herself in all areas and has shown great improvement with her work. Well done Ally.

5/6W - Isabella O (Learning)  
 for improving her writing skills, putting in a lot of effort with her writing and setting realistic goals.

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