

From the Principal

Dear families and friends,

I hope you were all able to enjoy the extra-long weekend. I had heard that some of our families were heading away for a few days and I'm keen to hear of these adventures this week. It's been a difficult week here for staff and some students. I have been incredibly proud of our amazing staff, but also with the maturity of our students under challenging circumstances. Thank you to all the families who have been in contact.

Student Free Day

As you know, Tuesday this week was a student free day, allowing staff to become the learners. We were lucky enough to have organised author, educator and presenter, Alan Wright to speak with our teachers and education support staff about engaging our students using a writer's notebook. Staff were also provided time to plan the implementation of this tool with Alan. Hopefully your child comes home talking about their writer's notebook very soon. Improving student outcomes in writing has been a major focus for our school this year.



Indigenous Outreach Project

I'm sure your child/ren came home with some new dance moves after our Indigenous Outreach Project visit last Thursday. The performance and workshops were such a fun experience and a different First Nation People's perspective for our students. And WOW could they dance! I've been working very hard on my robot dance all weekend.

Regional Cross Country

This Wednesday, Milla and Fletcher from Grade 5 competed at the Regional Cross Country trials in Hastings. Making it to this level of competition puts these two in the top ten fastest runners from Frankston to Portsea, which is quite the achievement. Both of these superstars competed against the fastest runners in our Region which spans from the West Gate Bridge to Phillip Island. Although neither progressed to the State competition, we can all be very proud of Milla and Fletcher. Well done!



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WHAT'S ON Dates to Note

Friday 16th June

Yr. 5 & 6 Winter Lightening
Premierships

Friday 23rd June

Last day of Term –
3.30pm Finish

Monday 10th July

First Day of Term 3.

Monday 21st August –

Friday 25th August

Book Week

Friday 25th August

Wear it Purple Day

School Council Dates

Tuesday 20th June

Term Dates

Term 2, 2023

24th April – 23rd June

Term 3, 2023

10th July – 15th Sept

Term 4, 2023

2nd October – 20th December

Boys Netball/Girls Football



Also last week, our Grade 6 Boys Netball and Girls Football teams competed against all other schools in the Southern Peninsula School Network. This is always an enjoyable day for our senior students and a chance for many to experience a new sport. Our Boys Netball Team finished first on the day, which qualifies them for the next level of competition. A big shout out and thank you to all of our staff and parent coaches for their support on the day.

Term 3 Staffing

With Term 3 fast approaching, we do have a number of staffing changes and announcements. Next term we will be welcoming Glynn Campbell, who has been appointed to replace Molly Clark in 4C while she is on family leave. Many of our students will know Mr Campbell as a regular and wonderful replacement teacher. Mariah Mold will be returning in Term 3, this time replacing Mrs Whipp and Mrs Smart in Grade 2WS while they both take leave. And we welcome back Meredith Hyams who will be spending the first few weeks in 2AB, then she will be taking over our Sustainability Specialist Program, replacing Alissa Worboys who is also off on family leave. We feel very fortunate to be welcoming such amazing teachers to our school next term.

Important Bus Changes

All bus travellers received an email last week seeking volunteers to move to the Point Leo Service. We would love to hear from families willing to shift services if convenient. Please call the office on 59892321 if you are able to assist.

Our Point Leo AM service times will change slightly starting next term. All stops will move 5 minutes later. If your child uses the Point Leo service, please be aware of this change in times.



Please also be aware of your child's eligibility for bus travel, which was made clear in your annual application. In particular, conditional travellers (those who live within 4.8km of the school) may only access bus travel if there is a seat available. Priority is given to eligible travellers. This means that conditional travellers may be required to relinquish their seat in some situations. Unfortunately, this was the case last week on our Shoreham Bus service. Rest assured, we do our very best to avoid these circumstances and have worked hard on an alternative for these travellers to continue to use a bus service. If you did receive this communication last week, we would appreciate a reply to confirm your child's travel arrangements for next term.

Upcoming Important Dates

With just one full week of school remaining, please be aware of a few important dates. Firstly, students will be dismissed on Friday the 23rd of June at normal 3:30pm finishing time. Buses and TheirCare will run as normal on the last day of term. Students return for Term 3 on Monday the 10th of July. Our Grade 3s are off on their first camp next term, heading to Golden Valley on the 11th and 12th of September.

And that's a wrap for an incredibly busy and exciting Term 2. Please enjoy the holidays with your children at home and we look forward to their return in Term 3.

Kind regards,

Gus Wettenhall

Wellbeing Newsletter June 2023

No-Go-Tell Create-A-Poster Activity

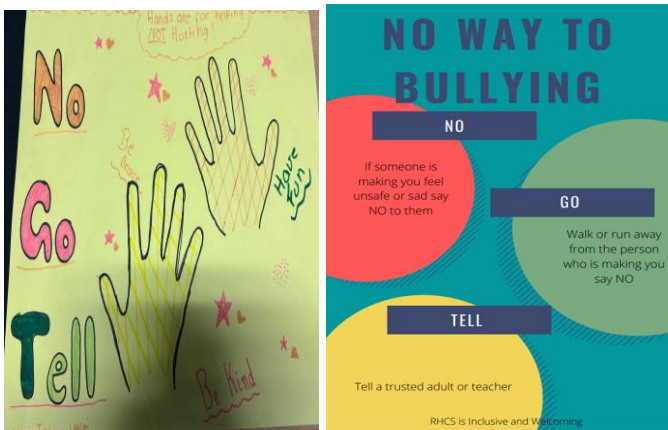
The wellbeing team would like to invite all our students to create a NO GO TELL A4 or A3 poster to be displayed in our school. These can be drawn, painted, created on computer or collaged- we can't wait to see some fantastic ideas.

No- Ask the person to stop what they are doing. Let them know you don't like it!

Go- If it continues, leave the person or place and go to a different place to play.

Tell- Tell a teacher or a trusted adult if the behaviour continues.

Please encourage your children to use and also practice these words and strategies in a safe environment, giving them a chance to feel more confident with this approach when in an uncomfortable or disrespectful space. If there is repeated teasing or disrespectful behaviour, please encourage your child to let a teacher know or contact their classroom teacher directly. Disrespectful actions and bullying behaviour has no place in our school and we all need to work together to educate our students and stop these incidents. The school has a bullying policy which can be found under the policies tab on our website.



School Holiday Fun

Mornington Peninsula Shire- Youth Centres <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Community-Services/Youth-Services/Youth-Programs/Youth-Services-School-Holiday-Program>

If you haven't got a trip planned these holidays, you might want to have a look at what is on offer from the Mornington Peninsula Shire. The school holiday program is free for all 10 – 17 year olds. Join fun activities led by qualified youth workers in each of our three youth centres. Hang out in a safe relaxing space and enjoy free wifi, video games, pool tables, art supplies, games and food!

You don't need to book for activities held in the centres each day, although you need to register your child's details with the shire. You will need to register your interest for excursions as they have limited numbers

Winter School Holiday Program 2023 at the Library <https://ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Kids-Teen/Winter-School-Holiday-Program-2023>



Join us for Animals of All Sizes these Winter School Holidays. FREE, bookings essential. Ticketing opens 10am, Tuesday 13 June.

For other events and activities on offer over the school holidays- please have a look at the **Peninsula Kids** website. There is lots of activities for children of all ages. <https://peninsulakids.com.au/school-holiday-guide-2/>

Wishing you a truly wonderful holiday with your families and friends. See you in Term 3.

Louise Kusel – Wellbeing Coordinator.



[Online Resources and Support Agencies](#)

Head to Health: <https://headtohealth.gov.au> Head to Health is a great starting point to find help, either for yourself or for a loved one. You will find online resources, lists of phone and email contacts for immediate support and a tool called Sam the Chatbot if you don't know where to begin.

Youth Mental Health & Support

LIFELINE – lifeline.org.au or 13 11 14
KIDS HELP LINE – kidshelpline.com.au or 1800 55 1800
Youth beyondblue: www.youthbeyondblue.com
ReachOut: www.au.reachout.com
Headspace: headspace.org.au or (03) 9027 0100
Orygen Youth Health: www.oyh.org.au
Lifeline: 13 11 14

Bullying

Bullying No Way!: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au
Alannah & Madeline Foundation: www.esmart.org.au
Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
Bravehearts: www.bravehearts.org.au

Body Image & Eating Disorders

The Butterfly Foundation: www.thebutterflyfoundation.org.au

Depression & Anxiety

Beyondblue: www.beyondblue.org.au
Black Dog Institute: www.blackdoginstitute.org.au
Headspace: headspace.org.au or (03) 9027 0100
Brave online program: www.brave-online.com

LAST CHANCE!

CSEF (Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund)

APPLICATIONS CLOSING

FRIDAY 23rd JUNE 2023

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2023) or term two (24th April 2023).

HOW TO APPLY

If you applied for the CSEF at Red Hill Consolidated school in 2022, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2023 or you did not apply in 2022.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, **or new siblings commencing at the school in 2023.**

If you require an application form, please call the school office on 5989 2321. Application forms must be returned by **Friday 23rd June, 2023.**

VICTORIAN
2023
INTERSCHOOLS
SNOWSPORT
CHAMPIONSHIPS



SNOW AUSTRALIA
INTERSCHOOLS

If your child interested in competing for RHCS at the Victorian Interschools:
21/08/23 – 27/08/23 @ Mt Buller. Contact: Matt: matt@merfield@hotmail.com / 0417821067 prior to the 01/06/2023

EVENTS & DATES
Mogul Ski World VIC Cross Country Championships 6 August | Mt Buller
Mogul Ski World VIC State Championships 21 to 27 August | Mt Buller
Mogul Ski World AUSTRALIAN Championships 5 to 10 September | Mt Buller

www.vicinterschools.com.au



MORNINGTON PENINSULA LIBRARIES
- June Edition -
STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.

NEW! Childrens Interactive Story Telling App



iVOX is a revolutionary read-along experience, using state-of-the-art story-telling technology to bring stories to life!

Available with your library card online or download the free iVOX app to try it now!

Attention Budding Scientists!

National Geographic Kids is available through our Library website. Broaden horizons and research topics of interest with bright, authoritative and fun content!

premier's reading challenge

Participating in this years Premiers Reading Challenge? You can search, reserve and borrow PRC books through our library catalogue home page. ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/browse

CONNECT WITH US

Follow us on Socials so you don't miss the upcoming Winter School Holiday Program

FREE! Bookings required for all events. Tickets available from 10am, Tuesday 13 June.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
June 26 – July 7, 2023

Fun, free activities at our three youth centres for ages 10-17. Drop in Monday-Friday, 11am – 5.30pm. No bookings required.

Register for an excursion!

- Tue 27 June Hoyts Cinema**
- Thu 29 June Go Karting + Laser Tag**
- Tue 4 July Ice Skating**
- Wed 5 July All centres Closed** CLOSED
- Thu 6 July Melbourne Aquarium**

Please note: Our youth centres operate as a drop in service where young people are free to come and go. All activities are partially supervised.

Proud to be a Child Safe Organisation

YOUTH SERVICES
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MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

JOIN THE FLINDERS PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY

BOOK A TOUR

Enrolments for 2024 close on Sunday 17th July, visit us to meet our educators, explore, play with toys and learn more about our upcoming garden transformation which has a focus on connecting with nature through play. Flinders Preschool is a part of the FREE kinder program which means your child can have a wonderful experience with NO FEES.

62 Bass St, Flinders (03) 5989 0622

WHY FAMILIES LOVE FLINDERS KINDER

- It is FULLY FUNDED for all families – not means tested
- Great educational team & program
- Beach kinder program in the 4yo group
- Extensive outdoor play area
- Play based learning
- Our kinder values
- Great social events for families to build strong relationships
- Great hours
- Fun incursions & excursions

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE GREAT HOURS?

2024 timetable:
3 year old program
Tuesdays & Fridays 9am – 3pm
4 year old program
Mondays & Thursdays 9am – 3pm
Wednesdays 9am – 12pm (beach kinder)

If you have any queries please call us for a chat on 5989 0622 or email: flinders.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au