

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – June 4th 2020

Return to School Next Tuesday for Year 3 to Year 6 Students

We are all looking forward to the return of our Year 3 to year 6 students next week. Please remember we have staggered drop-off and pick up times for the seniors and juniors. Seniors start at 8:45am and juniors start at 9:00am.

Children Online

During remote teaching, the internet has enabled our students to continue with their learning from home. The benefits that have come from technology are many, and as I said last week in this newsletter, some will be incorporated into future teaching and learning at Birrale.

However, during this period, we have discovered several instances of unsafe practices from students relating to their use of online media. Where we have discovered problems, parents have been contacted.

It is disturbing to find that a number of our senior students have accounts such as Instagram, Facebook, Tik Tok, Snap Chat, YouTube etc. Please note, no child of primary school age is permitted to have these accounts. Every one of these platforms requires the account holder to be at least 13 years of age.

Please monitor what your children are doing online. There should be very simple family rules such as internet connected devices only to be used in common family areas and definitely no computers iPads etc. in bedrooms.

Covid-19 Restrictions relating to schools

Thank you to our parents who have largely followed our advice regarding access to school grounds. I understand our current protocols are extremely different compared to those we have been used to in the past, but they are in place to minimise the risk of Covid-19 being spread, in particular, between adults.

DET has been very direct and definitive – students and staff members are permitted on site, but all others, apart from delivery people and maintenance workers such as plumbers and electricians etc., are to be very limited.

We have made allowances for Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 parents to come on site in designated separate areas at pick-up time only, but a distance of at least 1.5 metres must be maintained. I have noticed that this distance is frequently breached, so I am asking that you redouble your efforts to ensure this distance is maintained. (If you use a tape measure to see how far apart you should be, many will be surprised at the distance required).

Pick-up is the only time some parents (of P-2 students) are permitted on site. Parents of grade 3-6 parents are not permitted on site at pickup.

Late drop off and early pickup -

If you are dropping your child off late or picking them up early please call from the gate and a member of staff will come down so that there is a safe handover. Do not come up to the office.

Each time a student arrives late or has to leave early causes an interruption to teaching therefore it would be greatly appreciated if appointments could be made outside of school hours.

Independence

During this time of remote learning, there have been many positive outcomes. Another new positive we discovered this week, is the new-found independence of our Prep, 1 & 2 students. We now know that our junior students are completely and utterly capable of carrying their own bags and making their own way to their respective line-up areas all by themselves! We need encourage this independence moving into the future as it will help develop resilience in our students - something we all hope for.

Ashley Ryan
Principal

Quote of the Week

"The great French Marshall Lyautey once asked his gardener to plant a tree. The gardener objected that the tree was slow growing and would not reach maturity for 100 years. The Marshall replied, 'In that case, there is no time to lose; plant it this afternoon!'" John F Kennedy

Word of the Week

Nostalgic (adjective) unhappy about being away and longing for familiar things

Book Club

Book Club orders for this term can be placed online via the LOOP platform. Online orders can be placed at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Orders placed online will be shipped direct to your house for a flat fee of \$5.99 instead of being sent to the school.

School Banking

There will be no school banking for the remainder of term.

Entertainment Book

To order your 2020/2021 Entertainment Book go to <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/1890w64>

See Community News for more info.

Virtual Cross Country

Term two is usually CROSS COUNTRY time. Unfortunately, Grade 3-6 students were unable to take part in not only our house cross country event this term, but also the follow on district and division events.

That's why I'm really excited to let you all know about this new event launched by School Sport Victoria (SSV) and supported by our Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR).

This virtual event is open to ALL BIRRALEE STUDENTS, both junior and senior. What a great chance for the junior students to get a taste of cross country before they enter the senior school.

This link below will take you to the Virtual Cross Country page on the School Sport Victoria website. It will detail everything you need to know about this event:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/VirtualCrossCountry.aspx>

Basically, there are four steps to get involved:

Run/Walk the distance outlined for your age.

Fill out the necessary form for each separate run. You can do multiple runs, if you like!

(Optional) Print out a participation certificate to show off your proud sporting moment.

(Optional) Post a photo and description with your time included and submit it via the SSV website.

Remember to select **Eastern Metropolitan Primary** on the form.

The EMR event will close on Friday 26th June, however the SSV event may continue after this date.

Parents – please note that by taking part in this virtual event, your child's name, school, age group & performance (distance & time) will be displayed on the *Virtual Cross Country Standings* and will be updated periodically on <https://ssv.vic.edu.au/state/Pages/StateResults.aspx> - Cross Country/Virtual in accordance with the *SSV Privacy Policy*.

The EMR will send me weekly updates showing how many of our Birralee students are participating compared to other schools in our region. And, just for some fun only, they'll also update me on the leader boards for all ages and genders.

Even though there is an option to record times, the main focus of this virtual event is on fun and participation. Good luck everyone and happy running or walking!

Deb Richards

Physical Education Teacher.

Return of Laptops

As there is prior preparation that needs to be completed before students will be able to use them again, please **return all laptops and charging cords by this Friday (5th June) 1:30pm**, so that they can be made ready for the students' return on Tuesday, 9th.

Please deliver the items to the school admin office so that the serial numbers can be checked. Some students have their last WebEx session on Friday with a little class fun planned, so the laptops can be returned after their morning sessions. At this time, senior students will not be able to 'visit' the classrooms or grounds on Friday, as access will still be limited to the admin area only. They will have full access from next Tuesday.

Many thanks to everyone who has taken such good care of the ICT equipment over the past few weeks. We will clean all items before they are re-used by other students.

Jac Clement

Assistant Principal

OSHC Camp Australia News

Why It's Important to Collect Your Child on Time At OSHC

When it comes to collecting your child from OSHC, we want to make sure they get home safely, and on time collection is key to that. So, we thought we'd remind all families of the importance of our on-time collection policy.

If you know you will be running late, we recommend you arrange for someone else who is authorised to collect your child.

We understand unforeseen circumstances may arise. In such instances, we ask that you please inform us of the situation promptly. As per our Late/Non-Collection of Children Policy, we will call you if you are five minutes late. That way, we can all ensure any necessary measures may be implemented to protect your child's safety and wellbeing.

If you are unsure of our hours of service, they are displayed at our service. Otherwise please ask our friendly educators at your school. A late fee may be charged for children remaining in care after the advertised closing time.

Please Note

For OSHC drop off and pick up – we have a change in procedure due to COVID-19, when arrived at the school can you please walk to the basketball courts and call (0404 482 254), as at this current time families will need to wait outside and we need to ensure we have line of sight of yourself and your child. To ensure the safety of all children and educators, we will be signing the children in and out on the tablet.

Program Details

To find out more about our OSHC program, fees and times visit www.campastralia.com.au and use the school finder on our homepage to search for your school.

Alternatively, you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – except National Public Holidays.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

Our Time in Quarantine – Literacy Task

By Davina, Sym and Ricky (Grade 5)

Davina: Today we have Ricky and Sym here and we are going to be talking about Quarantine. I am going to be asking them a few questions and we will be seeing what they think about it.

Davina: What do you think about the corona virus outbreak?

Sym: I think it is scary and dangerous.

Ricky: I think it is very scary and bad timing.

Davina: Why do you think it is bad timing?

Ricky: Because we are still in primary school and we miss out on a lot of learning.

Davina: What type of exercise did you do?

Sym: Bike riding.

Ricky: A lot of basketball

Davina: What do you really want to do when quarantine ends?

Sym: I want to see my friends and everyone.

Ricky: I want to see my friends and have big gatherings.

Davina: What have you learnt in quarantine?

Sym: I have learnt that I am a bad cook.

Ricky: I have learnt how to do basic beatboxing.

Davina: What did you cook to make you think you were a bad cook?

Sym: I made a cake but I forgot to put in sugar.

Davina: Do you like remote learning and why?

Sym: No, because you don't finish much.

Ricky: Yes, because there is 1 hour less of school.

Davina: Do you feel like you have used more money or less?

Sym: More, because we use a lot of the internet.

Ricky: More money, because we had to buy a lot of things

Davina: How does quarantine make you feel?

Sym: Quarantine makes me feel trapped.

Ricky: Quarantine makes me feel bad because it feels like I am a caged animal.

Davina: Why do you think it is important to have good hygiene?

Sym: I think it is important to have good hygiene so the virus will not spread because when you wash your hands you are washing the germs away.

Ricky: I think it is important to have good hygiene because otherwise the virus could kill me.

Davina: What are you eating during this time?

Sym: I am eating a lot of junk food. Also, what my Grandma cooks, and normal dinner.

Ricky: Curry, Lambchops, Steak, Pizza.

Davina: Do you think this current virus has prevented your usual diet or is it just the same diet that you had before?

Sym: Usual diet.

Davina: What are you doing during quarantine?

Sym: I am sleeping in and watching YouTube a lot.

Ricky: I am sleeping a lot during quarantine

Davina: Thank you for your time today and see you next time.

Sym: This has been a pleasure. Thank you.

Ricky: Thank you.

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29 MONDAY



ICE MAGIC & WOODEN PROPELLER CARS

We wish for snow today with Ice Magic! This winter-themed day will see us create white Snowy Owls, knit scarves & play some very cool team games. Later, we'll construct Wooden Propeller Cars to take home.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$7.00
Daily Total	\$74.50

After Max CCS* \$11.18

30 TUESDAY



MAGIC TRICKS & ILLUSIONS AND RAINBOW WEAVING

Abracadabra! We'll be amazed in a day of Magic Tricks & Illusions! We'll create Endless Folding Cubes, dazzle our friends with our impressive card skills & so much more. After, we'll do some Rainbow Weaving.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$7.00
Daily Total	\$74.50

After Max CCS* \$11.18

1 WEDNESDAY



THE BACKWARDS DAY & CONSTRUCTION STRAWS

Imagine if EVERYTHING is topsy-turvy! How about sleeping in the morning, eating dinner for breakfast & walking on the clouds. Ewhat will we get up to on Backwards Day? Then, we'll play with Construction Straws.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$16.00
Daily Total	\$83.50

After Max CCS* \$12.53

2 THURSDAY



YOUNG ENGINEERS & BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Are you ready for stacks of fun? Today, we'll stretch our imaginations as we construct & play with mechanical LEGO figures. Then, we'll make funky Birds of a Feather to take home.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$17.00
Daily Total	\$84.50

After Max CCS* \$12.68

3 FRIDAY



EXTREME PAPER CRAFTERS & DIY BIRDHOUSES

We're on a roll with Extreme Paper Crafters! We'll fold our own Powerful Paper Planes, fly some DIY Spinning Helicopters & create colourful Tessellation Art. Then, we'll make DIY Birdhouses to take home.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$7.00
Daily Total	\$74.50

After Max CCS* \$11.18

6 JULY - 10 JULY

6 MONDAY



WILD, WILD WEST & ANIMAL BAG TAGS

Yeehaw! We're in for a great time with Wild, Wild West! We'll make a Horseshoe Toss, create Pony Pals & play a range of giddy team games. Later, we'll make Animal Bag Tags to take home.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$7.00
Daily Total	\$74.50

After Max CCS* \$11.18

7 TUESDAY



BUGS ALIVE & DIY SQUISH BALLS

Do butterflies have hairy legs? How many eyes does a fly have? We'll find out the answers & more as we explore life on a micro-scale in Bugs Alive! Later, we'll make DIY Squish Balls to take home.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$16.00
Daily Total	\$83.50

After Max CCS* \$12.53

8 WEDNESDAY



MEDIEVAL KNIGHTS, CASTLES & DRAGONS & DIY MOOSE HEADS

We're embarking on a journey of mythical proportions! We'll create Flying Dragons, build a Medieval Castle & emerge victorious together as we play enchanting games. Then, we'll make a wooden Moose Head to take home.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$7.00
Daily Total	\$74.50

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9 THURSDAY



HOOP SPARK & CARDBOARD ALPACAS

It's time to work it with Hoop Spark! This fast-paced hoopercise class includes team games, hoop relays & world record-breaking attempts! Then, we'll make Cardboard Alpacas to take home with us.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$17.00
Daily Total	\$84.50

After Max CCS* \$12.68

10 FRIDAY



TIME TRAVEL TO THE YEAR 3000 & MAGNETIC CARS

Have you ever wanted to visit the future? Today, we're blasting off to the Year 3000! We'll create our own Gliding Robots & Spinning Cyborgs. Later, we'll make cool Magnetic Cars to take home.

Base Fee	\$67.50
Exp Fee**	\$7.00
Daily Total	\$74.50

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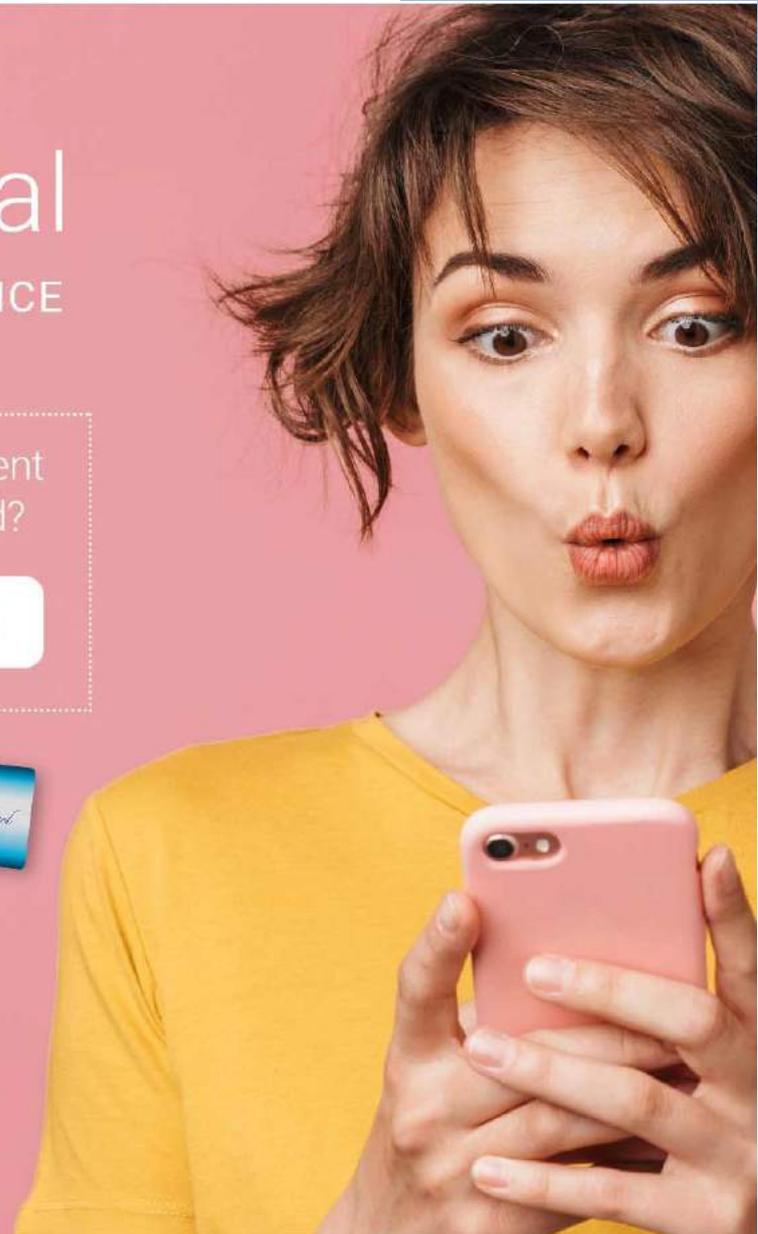
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