

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – November 19th

### Swimming Charges for 2020 and 2021

In last week's newsletter I spoke about the Activities and Excursions levy being used within school to provide for activities that students had missed out on for much of this year. We already have a wonderful 'Camp' week occurring this week for the Year 4 students, and the Year 5 & 6 students will take part in theirs next week. We also have a number of other excursions and school visits under way. It's so lovely to see school getting back to some semblance of normality.



Please note we are adhering strictly to Covid-19 hygiene and safety requirements as outlined by DET. I am not averse to calling out any breaches should they occur, so rest assured we are being vigilant.

As you are all aware, our swimming programs were cancelled this year due to Covid-19. As a consequence, the following will occur:

- The monies paid by parents for the 2020 swimming from Prep to Year 5 will be held over to pay for the 2021 swimming program.
- If you paid for swimming this year, the Activities and Excursion levy for 2021 will have the charge for swimming removed.
- If you **did not** pay for swimming this year, you will be charged the full 2021 Excursions and Activities levy, to include swimming.
- New preps for 2021, of course, will pay the full levy to include swimming.
- The swimming levy for our current Year 6 students will be used to fund a water safety program via WebEx, and an excursion in the last week of school to Port Melbourne beach. This excursion will be run by qualified lifesavers who will instruct the students in water safety and other water-based activities.

### Year Books

A number of classes have parents working on some type of a year book for students. Please note that this is an activity organised from outside the school by parents and has not been instigated by the school. We are not against this occurring, but parents who are organising these books must be extremely careful around issues of privacy and permissions to publish photographs and student work.

We also need to be mindful of the impact of having a child's writing seen by others. Imagine if your child struggles with writing and is a long way below the standard of his /her peers – it may be distressing to the student for that work to be published. Whatever is included in the class book must take issues such as these into account. It has come to my notice that teachers are being asked to provide comments from students to include in these books. Teachers also cannot be expected to supervise these activities and should not be asked to provide work samples of any kind.

The only exception we have made this year is for our Year 6 students. Since it has been such a disrupted final year for these students, who usually have many special activities and rituals that only occur in Year 6, we have been assisting with a book that can be used as a memento.

## Parking

Please do not arrive early and 'sit' in the parking bay at the front of the school waiting for your child to be dismissed. This is a 2 minute pick-up and drop-off zone. Drivers will be issued infringement notices if the parking signs are ignored.

**Ashley Ryan,**  
**Principal**

### Quote of the Week

"Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are." – Dale Carnegie

### Word of the Week

Mea culpa (noun) acknowledgement of one's fault or error

## Whole School Webex Assembly

If you would like to join the assembly via Webex tomorrow afternoon at 2:40pm, please follow the link:

<https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/heppner.eloise.e>

Please make sure your microphone is always muted. When moments for applause or cheering occur, the presenter will unmute all microphones and quickly re-mute. Please try to make sure your background noise is relatively quiet so that it doesn't overpower the speakers presenting at assembly.

We look forward to seeing you at assembly tomorrow!

**The Grade 6 Team**

**Birrree Primary School**

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# Calendar

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## 2020

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### November

Thurs 18th—Fri 20th	Grade 4 camp (onsite)
Mon 22nd —Fri 27th	Grade 5/6 camp (onsite)
Tuesday 24th	Prep 2021 Orientation Grade 2 Skaterz excursion Parent Teacher Interviews—Senior School - details to be announced
Thursday 26th	School Photos

### December

Monday 7th	Grade 1 Edendale Farm excursion
Tuesday 8th	Prep 2021 Parent Information Evening 7:00pm Whole School Transition
Wednesday 9th	Fun Day
Thurs 10th—Fri 11th	Grade 3 camp (onsite)
Thursday 10th	PFA Prep 2021 Parent Information Evening 7:00pm
Friday 11th	Grade 6 Farewell
Monday 14th	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 15th	Whole School Transition
Friday 18th	End of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)

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## 2021

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### January

Wednesday 27th	Staff return to school
Thursday 28th	Students return to school

### April

Thursday 1st	End of Term 1 (2:30pm dismissal)
Monday 19th	Start of Term 2

### June

Friday 25th	End of Term 2 (2:30pm dismissal)
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### July

Monday 12th	Start of Term 3
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### September

Friday 17th	End of Term3 (2:30pm dismissal)
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### October

Monday 4th	Start of Term 4
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### December

Friday 17th	End of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)
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## Closure of Camp Australia Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) program at Birralee Primary School.

Dear Families,

We wish to advise you that effective from close of business on Friday, 18th December 2020 Camp Australia will no longer be the service provider of the Before and After School Care Program at Birralee Primary School.

Camp Australia has enjoyed partnering with the Birralee Primary School community, getting to know families and providing a fun environment for your children. We would like to thank all the families for the successful partnership we have enjoyed and the time you have allowed us to spend with your children in Before and After School Care.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their hard work and commitment to the program. There have been many smiling faces; each person has thoroughly enjoyed their time providing a fun, safe environment for your children.

For all queries in relation to the closure of this service please contact our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 or email [oshc@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:oshc@campaustralia.com.au).

Should you require support in finding alternate child care please contact the Child Care Access Hotline on 1800 670 305.

Kind regards,

Meg Hardy

Key Account Manager,

**Camp Australia**

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# 2021

## ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

### About Us

Vista Valley Kindergarten is nestled amongst naturally landscaped gardens. It is an established kindergarten with an atmosphere that promotes individuality in a happy, friendly and secure environment.

We are a community based, not-for-profit kindergarten providing high quality early childhood education.

We endeavour to inspire children's learning through the five learning outcomes of **Identity, Community, Wellbeing, Learning and Communication**. Individualised and group learning programs are guided by 'The Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework', designed and implemented by highly experienced and trained educators.

### Get Involved

Joining the **Committee of Management** is a great opportunity for parents to be a part of the running and decision making at the kindergarten, as well as getting to know other parents in the kinder community.

### Session Times

#### 3 year old program – Caterpillar Group

##### *Term 1 and 2*

Monday & Friday

9:15 am – 12:15 pm [6 hours]

##### *Term 3 and 4*

Monday & Friday

9:15 am – 1:15 pm [8 hours]

#### 4 year old program – Butterfly Group

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:15 am – 2:15 pm [15 hours]

### For more information

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