



*A Rich Past,
Present & Future*

NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th October, 2021
Term 4: Week 1



DIARY DATES

Monday 11th October

Finance & Fundraising meeting 6:30pm

School Council meeting 7:15pm

Wednesday 27th October

Prep Information Evening

Monday 1st November

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 2nd November

Melbourne Cup Day

Friday 12th November

150th Celebration dress up

Sunday 14th November

150th Celebration Open Day

Monday 13th December

Graduation

Friday 17th December

Last day of Term 4

XUNO



Principal's Report

Welcome to Term Four! I hope that everyone enjoyed the change of pace over the school break and had a chance to move away from the screens. Congratulations to any Melbourne and Bulldogs supporters—what a great grand final!

We were all a little restricted of course in what we could do over the break. I fitted in lots of local walks - who knew there were so many great paths hidden around our area!

Whilst we are still teaching and learning remotely for the beginning of this term, it is pleasing to have some plans in place for the return of our students in just a couple of weeks—yay!!!

In next week's newsletter I will address what we have in place to support our students as they return — it will be a very considered transition.

The proposed plan of return that DET has provided is shown in the following table:

Year Levels	Tuesday 5 October	From Wednesday 6 October	From Monday 18 October	From Tuesday 26 October	From Friday 5 November
Prep			Monday – Wednesday	Monday – Wednesday	✓
Year 1-2			Thursday – Friday	Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 3-4				Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Year 5-6				Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 7				✓	✓
Year 8-9				Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Year 10				Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 11				✓	✓
Year 12 (VCE units 3/4 and final year VCAA and IB)	GAT only	✓	✓	✓	✓

Key: ✓ return to onsite five days

There is an issue here for our Grade 2/3 class as it is not feasible to have them split in their return. This then flows onto our Grade 3/4 class as we can't have some of our 3's onsite whilst others are still at home. I submitted an alternate plan to DET over the holidays and am still waiting for a reply. I will let you know via Xuno as soon as I hear.

150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Our birthday celebration is something to look forward to! Don't forget to put **Sunday the 14th of November** aside to help us celebrate. This will be discussed at our School Council meeting on Monday. It is difficult to know what the restrictions will be at that stage.

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COMMEMORATIVE PATH

Our commemorative path is well underway and it is looking so good! We are hoping that it will be completed within the next week or so—we are waiting on one last delivery of bricks. A huge thankyou to Marc Lemire who has organised this and to his merry band of volunteers who have put their hands up to help out. Soon, you should be able to skip across the path and spot some familiar names, maybe even yours!

RURAL FUNDING

I had a meeting with Department representatives over the school break about the change to our rural funding. As a result of the agitation from our community, they have considered our position and have now identified a new category of rurality called Peri-Urban. This is for schools who are in between the metropolitan border and the ABS rural border and are under 200 enrolments. Schools who meet this criteria will receive 50% of the rural funding. This is an improvement from the initial plan where we were to lose 100% of the funding over four years.

It is a huge credit to our community that this has been brought to the Department's attention. Thankyou to all of those parents who wrote letters, signed petitions etc.

We will be discussing our response to this at School Council on Monday.



SOMERS CAMP

Unfortunately we had confirmation that the 2021 Somers Camp has been cancelled. This is a camp that is offered every two years. We will be given another chance to send Grade 5 and 6 students in 2023.

COMMEMORATIVE GLASSES

To celebrate our 150th we have had special commemorative red wine glasses produced and they have now been delivered. They come packaged in presentation boxes. They are selling for \$25.00 per glass or \$40.00 for two. If you would like to purchase yours, let us know at the office and we will organise payment and delivery—cheers!



SCHOOL COUNCIL 2021

POSITION	NOMINATION
President	Jason Ditcham
Vice President	Sam Headberry
Secretary	Anne Howard
Treasurer	Aaron Cody

SUB COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	MEETING TIMES
Buildings and Grounds	Kylie Richards, Colin Smith, Tracy Parker and Beth Borthwick	Prior to School Council – to be organised re availability
Finance and Fundraising & Uniform Shop	Kylie Richards, Jason Ditcham, Alison Tovey and Aaron Cody	Monday 7.00pm prior to School Council
Curriculum, Review and Promotion	Anne Howard, Kylie Richards, Zoe Payne, Margaret Bozik, Sam Headberry and Steph Brindley	As required