



Principal's Letter

Each fortnight when I write for the school newsletter, I find myself thinking about how proud I am of a recent event at our school and this week is no exception. On Friday, our school captains Gebremedhin and Lilly-Jane helped to lead the service to remember our ANZACs. All of our students, from the youngest to our oldest, came to the service quietly and at the flagpole they respectfully laid down their rosemary and other items they had made.

Afterwards, some students talked about how sad they felt for the people who defended our nation and died doing so. It was wonderful to see how our younger students had been able to understand these difficult concepts of war and remembrance, particularly when learning through Auslan.

I was reminded about the importance of Auslan for Deaf children when watching Australian Story on the ABC a number of weeks ago. It was a 30 minute story about a deaf girl who was born to hearing parents, they were both ballerinas living in Melbourne. The story explored the relationship between a deaf child and her parents and how that changed later in life. I encourage you all to [watch it](#).

Warm regards,

Lee Bullock
Principal

Term Dates 2021

Term 2 – 19 April – 25 June

Term 3 – 12 July – 17 September

Term 4 – 4 October – 17 December

Upcoming Events 2021

3 May – Friday 7 May – Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 11 May – Mother's Day Morning Tea

Monday 14 June – School Closed for Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 15 June – School SSGs

Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 June – Early Education Program Student Support Group meetings

Friday 25 June – 2pm finish, last day of term

Monday 12 July – School Closed for Pupil Free Day

Monday 30 August – Friday 3 September – Father's Day Stall

Friday 10 September – School Photo Day

Friday 17 September – 2pm finish, last day of term

Monday 1 November – School Closed for Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 2 November – School Closed for Melbourne Cup Day

Thursday 11 November – Music Concert 6:30pm

Tuesday 14 December – Graduation night

Thursday 16 December – 2pm Finish and End of Year Party

Friday 17 December – Clean up day

Mother's Day Stall & Morning tea

We have organised two events to celebrate our wonderful mothers and significant carers.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

During the week before Mothers' Day (Monday 3 – Friday 7 May) we are holding a special Mothers' Day stall for the students. There will be presents that your child can select and buy for \$1 - \$5.

On **Tuesday 11 May**, you are invited to a very special morning tea in your child's classroom at **9.30am**. A grandma, sister or carer is welcome, if mum is not able to come!

Don't forget to mark the dates in your calendar and we look forward to seeing you at our morning tea!





Paper catalogues are a thing of the past. We're moving to online orders.

You will now be able to download the "Book Clubs Loop" Application via your iPhone or Android. Parents can create an account to order items and make payment directly via Book Club Loop rather than completing paperwork and returning it to the school. Once a purchase is made, your order will still be delivered to the school and we will hand the orders out to the students when they are delivered. Parents will need to ensure that they add the correct school name and class for their child to ensure we receive the order and you are not charged for delivery. This can be done when creating an account.

Parents will be notified when new issues of the book club are out via the fortnightly newsletter or Compass. The catalogues can be viewed online via the link we will include.

ISSUE 3 is OUT NOW!

Orders to be submitted by: Monday 10th May 2021

Check out the new issue [HERE](#) and place your order via the app



Furlong Park's Scarecrow

Presenting Sleepy Butterfly, Furlong Park School for Deaf Children's scarecrow. Room 2 have been working together to create our very own Deaf scarecrow. First of all we watched how to make a scarecrow on the interactive whiteboard. Then we made a list and budget, for which we paid Karen C a visit to get the money we needed. We then listed and sequenced the steps for our creation. We went shopping in the big room ensuring we had enough money for each item such as gum boots and straw. The next step involved us working together to build our scarecrow. We named him Sleepy Butterfly. We also created a classroom book followed by introducing ourselves to him using the Comics app on our iPad. It has been a fun hands on project for Room 2 and students should be very proud of our finished scarecrow. Well done Room 2.



Meet Belinda



Hello! My name is Belinda Fernando. I am a Deaf student at Sunshine College and I am studying Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care at VFA Learning and Utrain. I will be working with all the age groups throughout my placement at Furlong Park this year. I am a former

Furlong Park student and I attended Early Education Program and Primary school here. Being back at my past school is a wonderful and strange experience. I look forward to getting to know the families and children.



Anzac Day Ceremony

On Friday 23 April, we gathered for Anzac Day to remember those who have served to defend Australia. We honoured those who have served, and those who continue to serve, in Australia's armed forces. The children laid sprigs of rosemary, teddies and poppies that they hand made as a symbol of remembrance. Towards the end of the ceremony, the Last Post was played live by Carmen, who is currently on student placement at Furlong Park. After the Last Post, we had one minute of silence.



PBS Prizes

Congratulations to Jordan, Magic, Zoubowa and Leigh for gaining 50 PBS points and to Muadh for gaining 100 points! These students have shown the four school values of caring for each other, being responsible, being safe and being a good learner. Well done!





2021 Information Evenings



NORTH CAMPUS

Tuesday 4 May
6:30pm to 8pm

Principal's welcome followed by tour
Northumberland Rd
Sunshine North

WEST CAMPUS

Thursday 6 May
6:30pm to 8pm

Principal's welcome followed by tour
25a Lachlan Rd
Sunshine West

Visit our website sunshine.vic.edu.au/information-evenings for more information

The information sessions are an excellent opportunity to meet the Principal and teachers and learn more about:

- ✓ Curriculum options and Career Pathways
- ✓ Student wellbeing programs
- ✓ Mathematics and English Programs
- ✓ Scholarship opportunities
- ✓ Frequently asked questions about secondary education and student support
- ✓ Our new facilities
- ✓ Transport