



## Principal's Letter

In my last five years here at Furlong Park, it has been absolutely wonderful to see the children grow and develop and take on the roles and responsibilities for the more senior students in the school. I was proud to see this year we had 7 students nominate themselves for the School Captain positions and they all confidently presented their speech on why they would be a good candidate. Well done to Jordan, Thomas, Sabrin, Zoubowa, Sam, Lilly-Jane and Gebremedhin for being brave in doing this. After voting from all the students and staff we were able to tally the results. On Friday, it was my great privilege to announce the School Captains for 2021. A very big congratulations to Lilly-Jane and Gebremedhin! I know both of these students will represent our school well and help support their peers. I look forward to working with both of these students throughout the year.



Warm regards,

Lee Bullock  
Principal

## Term Dates 2021

**Term 1** – 28 January – 1 April

**Term 2** – 19 April – 25 June

**Term 3** – 12 July – 17 September

**Term 4** – 4 October – 17 December

## Upcoming Events 2021

**Tuesday 9-19 March** – swimming for all school aged children

**Monday 22 – Thursday 25 March** – Camp for older students

**Thursday 1 April – 2pm finish**, Last day of Term 1

**Monday 19 April** – School Closed for Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 20 April** – First day of Term 2

**Monday 26 April** – School Closed for Anzac Day

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

**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



## School finishes early

School will finish at 2pm on our last day of the term, Thursday 1 April.



## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Department administers the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to help eligible families with the costs of camps, sporting activities and excursions.

Some common examples of school-organised programs for which a CSEF payment may be used include:

- school camps/trips
- swimming and other school-organised sporting program
- outdoor education programs
- excursions/incursions

Please note only families who have a Centrelink pensioner concession, Health Care card OR are a foster parent OR Veterans affairs pensioner are eligible to apply.

Application Forms have been sent out to families of all school aged children. Should you wish to apply please return the form by Friday 26th March 2021.

## Glasses for Kids

As part of the government initiative 'Glasses for Kids', some of our students received their brand new glasses. Don't they look great?



## Clean Up Australia

Students participated in cleaning up Furlong Park School last week as part of Clean Up Australia. All the classrooms had designated areas around the school to focus on. We all picked up the rubbish and we learnt the importance of taking care of the environment.



## Welcome to our new Speech Pathologist!

Last week we welcomed Shannon Baker to our Furlong Park team. Shannon has moved to Melbourne to work at our school. She is very excited to learn how we work and to get involved in supporting the children with their speech and language development. For now, Shannon will be supporting students within the classroom whilst they are with their teacher rather than removing them for 1:1 sessions. Welcome Shannon!





## Eat well to look after your teeth

The Smile Squad Dental Van visited the school to do further check-ups on our students. They gave us some tips for looking after our teeth. Offer healthy snacks between main meals such as fruit and vegetables that are low in sugar. Eating sweet or sugary snacks too often can lead to tooth decay.

## Camp Visit

This week we have many of our older students heading off to 15 Mile Creek camp from Monday until Thursday! They will be doing a number of adventure activities. The wonderful staff from 15 Mile Creek have been learning Auslan and came to help prepare our students for the camp by showing them the harnesses and other equipment they will use. We look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.



### EAT WELL



#### Offer healthy snacks and limit or avoid sweet foods

Healthy snacks include fresh fruit and vegetables, plain yoghurt, cheese and dry biscuits and sandwiches.



Eating food high in sugar can lead to tooth decay.



**Want to know more?** Visit the Smile Squad website at [www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au)