



Principal's Letter

A huge thank you to every parent and family member who supported your child through yet another challenging time in Lockdown 5.0. I've been regularly checking how each student is engaging with their Webex and Seesaw learning tasks and I've been blown away by the high level of commitment the children have shown to their learning. This would not be possible without the support of parents and family members cheering them from the sideline (which I know involves a lot of reminding and encouragement to complete their work). Thank you for all your hard work.

Looking after your child's mental health is incredibly important during this time. Please check out the information and supports available [here](#).

Don't forget there is free confidential support for all parents via the [Parentline](#).

It has been wonderful to welcome back our students this week. I know they are excited to see their friends again and enjoy their face-to-face learning. Take care and as always, please reach out to your child's teacher if you need more support.

Warm regards,

Lee Bullock
Principal

Book Club

Book Club ISSUE 5 is OUT NOW!

Orders to be submitted by:
Monday 2nd August 2021

Check out the new issue [HERE](#)
and place your order via the Book Club Loop for parents app



Term Dates 2021

Term 3 – 12 July – 17 September

Term 4 – 4 October – 17 December

Upcoming Events 2021

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

Wednesday 1 September & Thursday 2 September –
SSG Meetings

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 18 November – Music Concert 6:30pm

Tuesday 30 November – School SSGs

Wednesday 1 December – Early Education
Program SSGs

Tuesday 14 December – Graduation night

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

Friday 17 December – Clean up day

Henny Penny Hatching

Between Monday **16th – Friday 27th August**, Students will be provided an exciting educational experience to observe the process of a chicken's eggs hatching and turning into cute little chicks! They'll watch the chicks emerge from their shells for 11 days. This program will provide a range of exciting discussion in the classrooms.





Mathematics at home

The Victorian Government provides online resources for parents on their FUSE website including animations to help engage young children in conversations about mathematics. They are captioned and are very visual. We will explore these resources in school newsletters this semester with additional insights into how we engage students in mathematics at Furlong Park.

Check out the “Everyday Maths – Around the house” video [HERE](#)



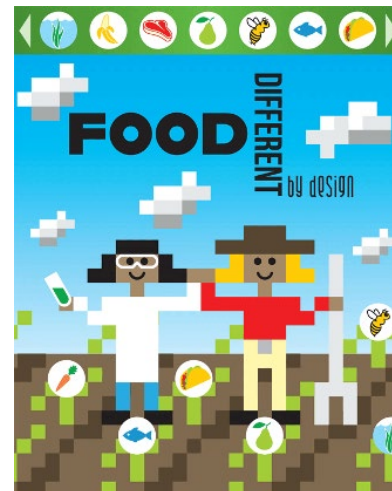
Science Week



‘Science Week’ is between **14th – 22nd August**. Mad about Science will be visiting our school on **Monday 16th August**.

We will learn about where food comes from and the future of food technology and sustainable agriculture.

On **Tuesday 17th August** we will be holding a science fair at the school.



NAIDOC Week

During the last week of Term 2, the students at Furlong Park learnt about the significance of NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our students researched the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. They learnt that the colours on the flags represents the land, waterways, sun and identity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our students illustrated an eagle named Bunjil, who created the land in which Australians live on today.





Student wellbeing

It can be challenging to process and manage changes to routines and the uncertainty that comes with COVID-19 and related restrictions – including moving to remote learning.

To support our school community during this time, resources and support are available for parents, carers and families.

These resources will help to support the mental health and wellbeing of our students and the young people in our care during this time.

I encourage everyone in our community to access these resources and take care of themselves during this time.

Services and support for students and their families

A [Quick Guide to Student Mental Health and Wellbeing resources](#) is available for students, parents and carers looking to access expert guidance and resources to support wellbeing.

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students remains our priority this year, especially during the continued COVID-19 pandemic and while students are learning from home during the current circuit breaker restrictions.

For students, the guide includes resources to support their own mental health and wellbeing.

- Advice and resources for students about ways to adapt their learning during COVID-19, to look after themselves and where to get help.
- Wellbeing activities featuring AFL and AFLW players with tips on managing stress, staying active and gratitude.
- Kick it with Victory physical activities with Melbourne Victory Football Club.
- Smiling Mind mindfulness activities for senior secondary school students, including short videos, online tip sheets and meditations

The guide also includes resources and supports for parents and carers to help them build their child's physical and mental health and wellbeing. This includes:

- resources to support children's physical, mental health and wellbeing
- wellbeing activities and conversation starters
- Raising Learners podcast series
- how to talk to your child about COVID-19.

Wellbeing guidance for parents and carers is also [available on the Department's website](#), or through the confidential parent support hotline, Parentline, available 8am to midnight, seven days a week. Phone: 13 22 89.

\$200 vouchers available

Does your child love sport and being active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps [eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities](#).

Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment.

Special consideration also applies for children named on their own Australian Government Health Care Card or residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applications for vouchers in round two of the program close at **5pm Friday 30 July**.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the [Get Active Victoria website](#).

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey).



It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19th July to Sunday 22nd August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The link to complete the survey has already been sent via Compass. Thank you to the three parents who have already completed this!

