



Principal's letter

Term 2 has been a brilliant term so far with students engaged in their work as we have gathered momentum without lockdowns.

It has been wonderful to have visitors back in the school and we welcomed Circus Nexus into PE lessons so that students could develop their fine and gross motor skills whilst having loads of fun! The Early Education Program had the police visit and were able to go inside the police car, press the siren button and learn about these important people in our community.

Our Student Support Group meetings are in the last week of term. I encourage you to sign up via Compass today and set a reminder to log in right on time so that you can make the most of this precious time to speak to your child's teacher. A lot of work goes into ensuring the teachers are available on that day, including employing replacement teachers and interpreters so we ask that you respect the time and log onto Webex for your appointment.

I was so proud of our school community during our Flag raising ceremony last week and our four flags at the front of our school now represent the inclusive environment that we create.

Finally, I encourage you all to look at the free holiday camps for your child [here](#).

Warm regards

Lee Bullock
Principal

Term Dates 2022

Term 1: Tuesday 1 February – Friday 8 April

Term 2: Tuesday 26 April – Friday 24 June

Term 3: Monday 11 July – Friday 16 September

Term 4: Monday 3 October – Tuesday 20 December

Upcoming Events 2022

TERM 1

Monday 13 June – School closed for Queen's Birthday

Friday 17 June – Room 7 SSG

Monday 20 June – Caterpillar SSG

Tuesday 21 June – School SSG

Thursday 23 June – Butterflies SSG

Friday 24 June – 2pm Finish

TERM 3

Friday 15 July – School Photo Day

Monday 15 August – Friday 19 August – Science Week

Monday 22 August – Friday 26 August – Book Week

Monday 29 August – Friday 2 September – Father's Day Stall

Thursday 8 September – R U OK? Day

Friday 16 September – Finish 2pm

TERM 4

Friday 28 October – World Teacher's Day

Tuesday 1 November – School Closed for Melbourne Cup

Friday 11 November – Remembrance Day

Thursday 17 November – School Music Concert @ 6:30pm

Tuesday 13 December – Graduation for Students going to Secondary School



Senior Camp

This term the senior students of Furlong Park set off for camp at 15 Mile Creek, an outdoor camp in South Greta. This time there was a twist. We were in bushranger territory! The students of Rooms 1, 7 and some of Room 4 had studied all about Australia's bushrangers history including our very own infamous Ned Kelly. The students had the opportunity to visit real life areas of where Ned, the Kelly gang and Ned's family lived out their day to day lives and even the areas where they finally rested. One highlight was visiting Glenrowan and watching an animatronic show of Ned and the Kelly gangs last stand. There were lights, special effects and a chance to see real life memorabilia. Students and staff were wholeheartedly welcomed to the camp by the 15 Mile Creek staff on arrival. We enjoyed activities such as bike riding, rock climbing, night walks, flying fox, scavenger hunts and a trip to Power's lookout where we all crawled through a cave and survived! The camp was also visited by Myrree, a local primary school who are learning Auslan as their LOTE. The students engaged in various team building activities with these students. A massive thank you goes out to all the beautifully behaved students on camp, our leaders and parents who helped organised the camp, or amazing interpreter Lauren and the Education support staff and Teachers who helped create such a memorable camp experience.





Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday, all our students gathered together at 11am to read the same book as all other Victorian children. The story of 'The Family Tree' was beautifully translated into Auslan by one of our staff members, Trudy. The children were captivated by the beautiful illustrations and watching Trudy bring the story to life in Auslan. You can watch it here!
<https://clickv.ie/w/btWs>





Flag raising ceremony

On Thursday 19 May, we had a Flag raising ceremony. Previously we had the Australian flag in our front roundabout. This has been updated with beautiful landscaping. Our sports captain Wengielu and Ruby, on behalf of our absent school captain Sam, explained the meaning of the symbols and raised the Australian flag. Kobie raised our Aboriginal flag and Jordan, our school captain, raised the Torres Strait Islander flag. Shel, our Auslan and EEP teacher, raised the Deaf flag. Shel was also a student at Furlong Park and told the children about our time capsule buried in the round about that she contributed to in 1986. It is due to be opened in 1936.



Stay Safe Poster

As part of our Child Safe Policies and Procedures, it's important to make children aware of what is inappropriate behaviour, and what to do if they are not feeling safe. Each classroom now has a 'Staying Safe' poster that shows students who they can tell if they are feeling hurt, sad, scared or upset. We have attached it to this Compass post and we will provide a copy for your child in the coming weeks so they can keep at home. It has a QR code so that you can watch the video in Auslan.