



NEWSLETTER



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5 STEPS TO CLEAN HANDS



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we have moved through the week COVID-19 has begun to make an impact on our schools and the various social learning situations that our students participate in. As mentioned in my letter sent home on Tuesday, we as a site are working together to minimize the disruption to student learning. Thank you for your support with this, in terms of events that have been postponed – this was a decision that I did not make lightly however; the safety of our students and families is my foremost concern. As always, if you have any questions regarding COVID-19 I will do my best to answer them and if I am unable to, I will most certainly provide more information and advice as it comes to hand.

Update on School events that were due to go ahead :

- School Assembly (March 23rd) : it is with great sadness that I need to cancel this
- SAPSASA Athletics (March 24th) : has been postponed indefinitely
- Parent-Teacher Interviews (Weeks 10 and 11) : these will be postponed until Term 2.
- Cross Country (May 8th): still to be determined, I will let you know when I have more information.

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will participate in a national online practice test for NAPLAN on Monday 23 March. The students will only participate in one of the tests to check that the technical requirements are able to support the actual test in May. The focus is on the logistics for the practice test but it also supports our students by exposing them to the test conditions, the types of questions and the method of delivery.

They will then have the opportunity to ask any questions they have and for the test to be more familiar in May. This is a useful time to reiterate to children that NAPLAN is a way to collect information but is only a snap shot of their ability and that we (school and families) value their learning in its entirety through all of the other ways they show us what they know throughout the year.

If you do not wish for your child/ren to take part in NAPLAN, please contact me at the school on 8725 5883 to complete the necessary paperwork.

As we move forward I am more than happy to speak with any of you if have any questions or concerns. Please be assured that we will keep our students as safe as we can and if they are unwell, you will be notified to come and collect them as home is the best place for them.

Thanking you all again for your support during this time, it is appreciated.

Warm regards

Tamarin Condon

Principal

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

- Year 6/7 Class Feature Page
- Student Well-being and Engagement Survey

Harmony Day



On Friday here at Mil Lel we are celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a celebration of cultural diversity and the opportunity for us all to remember that we are equal.

Students will be working in their house teams with a member of staff

supervising in a variety of activities that will allow them to work collaboratively together and more importantly have fun!

Students are encouraged to wear orange on Friday and it should be a fun filled afternoon!

Student Well-being survey 2020

Information regarding the upcoming “Well-being and Engagement Survey” which students in years 4 – 7 will undertake between now and week 10 is on page 3. The survey will ask the students to respond to a variety of questions based on their social, emotional and physical health – all areas of their well-being that are very important!

The information that is gathered from this survey will allow us to deeply drill into the needs of our students and then plan wellbeing strategies to support this.

If you have any questions about this survey please contact myself or Michelle Schutz, Well-Being Leader here at school.

Parent Club News

Sports day / Easter raffle - postponed

Bulb fundraiser still going ahead - forms due Friday (great Mother’s Day gifts ☺). Online orders until 17th April.

Hot cross Bun fundraiser- this could be impacted, please hold onto forms and money until 31st March.

Sports day Jackets to be returned - please see Lauren Evans & Sophie Miller

Reminder: Next meeting **Tuesday 24 March 9am**. All welcome.



School Stream

Families are encouraged to download the School Stream app for reminders, newsletters, classroom activities and permission forms. Simply open your Apple or Android App Store and search School Stream then add profile for

Mil Lel Primary School.

SCHOOL FEES

Reminder that school fees are due at the end of Term 1, Thursday 9 April (unless a written instalment agreement is in place). A statement will be issued to all families at the end of March.

DATES TO REMEMBER



March

Friday 20

Wednesday 25

Monday 30

April

Thursday 9

Friday 10

Monday 27

Harmony Day (Wear Orange)

Finance Meeting, 6.30pm, Governing Council 7.15pm

Normal School Day as School closure cancelled

End of Term, Early Dismissal 2.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

First day of Term 2



Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection

Students in our school have been invited to take part in a survey being conducted in Term 1 2020. This letter provides key information about the survey.

Purpose of the collection

Young people's sense of wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The purpose of the survey is to seek students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in year levels 4 to 12 across the State will be invited to participate in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection. The information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

What is the survey about?

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing; school relationships and engagement and learning in school; and physical health and wellbeing and after school activities. Students' answers will be kept confidential – no one (including school staff) will use the results to identify individual students.

What is involved in project participation?

Teachers will arrange for students to undertake the survey during class time. Students will be asked if they would like to participate and will be free to withdraw at any time. If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.

Will students' information be kept confidential?

The department takes measures to ensure students' personal information and their identities remain anonymous when participating in the survey.

Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a school report in order to protect the confidentiality of students.

What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?

Whilst the survey questions are not expected to distress students, the survey includes questions that ask about topics such as students' happiness and experiences of being bullied. Teachers will inform students that:

if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey screen immediately

that it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole, and

students may also skip individual survey questions if they wish.

Students who may want to speak to an adult about concerns or issues and will be supported to do so.

Where can I get more information?

Further information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au (search:wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au.

Sincerely

Tamarin Condon

DOG COLLAGES IN THE 6/7 CLASS

