



Monash Primary and Preschool

NEWSLETTER



24th March, 2020 : Term 1, Week 9

“Successful schooling - Our future’s foundation”

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Respect, Responsibility, Success

Dates for your Diary

April

8th—Preschool Easter Breakfast—**CANCELLED**

9th—School Easter Breakfast/Easter raffle draw—**CANCELLED**

9th—Term 1 ends—Dismissal time 2.20pm

27th—Term 2 begins



NEW STOCK of school bags have arrived. Made of durable material, bags are great value at \$33 a bag. Available for preschool and primary students.

STATE SAPSASA CRICKET



Last week, Mitchell represented the Riverland at the State SAPSASA Cricket Carnival, which was held in Adelaide.

The Riverland was competing in Division 5. Mitchell’s team played some great cricket during the week, winning 2 matches and losing 2 (the losses were by very close margins). Mitchell took 5 wickets during the week, and batsman found it very difficult to score off of his bowling

(he was very economical). Overall, his team finished 5th out of 8 teams, which is a great achievement. Well done Mitchell!

COVID-19 UPDATE

What a different, challenging and unique time in our world. As we navigate through it all, I would firstly like to acknowledge the outstanding way in which the Monash Primary and Preschool staff are conducting themselves and going about their work. Our main priority is to ensure children are safe and well, have the opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns, maintain routines and continue their learning program. While many things are different at the moment, our staff continue to conduct themselves in a professional, collegial and supportive way in the best interests of children and families. There will be many challenges still to come for our community, wider region and country, and we will continue to be there to support and do what we can.

Self isolation:

We are aware that many families are choosing to self-isolate at the moment. If you do choose to keep your child home, we ask you to assist us by:

- Advising our admin staff via a phone call or email (address in newsletter header) that you are self-isolating. This decision will be respected and supported by staff.
- Advising us if your circumstances change (such as if your child falls ill during isolation).
- Contacting the admin staff at the beginning of each week, if you are continuing to self-isolate.

Supporting ‘at home’ learning while schools remain open:

While we remain open, teachers are offering learning programs as usual. Some families have asked for work to be sent home if they are self-isolating. If families wish to have some guidance about learning opportunities at home, we are offering two resources: *A school-created list of website links with a suggested daily schedule and *Where appropriate, copies of word study/spelling tasks for the week, reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge and maths practice.

If you wish to access copies of these resources, please be in contact with the admin office. Staff will arrange to either email the information to you or have it ready for you to collect from the admin office the following day.

We will continue to follow Department for Education advice and guidelines, and will inform you of any changes that may evolve.

Alana Kitson

RIVERLAND SAPSASA EVENTS POSTPONED/ CANCELLED

The following events have been postponed or cancelled due to the Coronavirus:

2/4—Athletics Carnival

1/5—Primary District Football & Netball

8/5—Primary District Hockey

20/5—Cross Country

More events could potentially be postponed or cancelled in the future. More information to follow regarding these events possibly being rescheduled later in the year.

Jimmy Vlassopoulos



MESSAGE FROM NATALIE BROCK (STUDENT WELLBEING LEADER)

With constant media messages, health recommendations and talk in the community about our current COVID 19 outbreak, children may experience worry and angst and have questions about it. It is important to support everyone but particularly children to understand what is happening at an appropriate level and validate the feelings they are experiencing.

Please see attached to this newsletter an information sheet from the Australian Childhood Foundation about how to support your child by staying connected to them at this challenging time.



Term:1

Weeks:7 & 8

Well done to these students for demonstrating the characteristics of 'Successful Learners' and 'Social and Emotional Learners'

Preschool:Mrs Alder/Mrs Crowhurst

★ Kaiden—Social & Emotional Learner—For managing his emotions when separating from his family in the mornings.

R/1:Miss Iskra/Mrs Scholz

★ Lewis—Successful Learner—Working hard on learning our sounds during learning time & listening to feedback for writing.

★ Whole class—Social and Emotional Learner—For welcoming our new friend Kira into our class and helping her learn about our classroom and school. We have shown empathy & built friendships.

1/2:Mrs Barnett/Miss Iskra

★ Emily—Successful Learner—Taking her time in writing to carefully plan and execute well written super sentences.

★ Lucas L—Social and Emotional Learner—Managing his emotions in the morning to do his own jobs & come to class feeling more positive.

2/3:Miss Kunoth

★ Zac—Successful Learner—By applying feedback to future learning.

★ William—Social and Emotional Learner—By using strategies to help him manage his emotions in health.

4/5:Ms Thompson/Mrs Ridley

★ Jake, Alessandra, Kobe, George, Liam, Isabella and Aiden—Successful Learner—Being chosen for SAPSASA athletics.

★ Kallie, Isabella, Scarlett, Alessandra, Charli, Rick, Hayden and Vanessa—Social and Emotional Learner—Managing emotions when choir rehearsal was cancelled last Friday.

5/6:Mr Thiele

★ Cooper—Successful Learner—Focusing on his work well during spelling lessons.

★ Marcus—Successful Learner—For displaying a growth mindset when working on place value.

6/7:Mrs Kilsby/Mrs Neumann

★ Whole class—Social and Emotional Learner—For showing resilience and managing emotions during times of change.

6/7:Mr Trobbiani

★ Josh & Dimitri—Successful Learner—Setting a real and challenging goal and making a plan on how to get there. Putting real effort into selecting challenging reading texts and 'READING' at home.

★ Mia—Social & Emotional Learner—For showing empathy, respecting others and managing friendships.

Mrs Ridley (Music, Dance & Drama)

★ Year 5/6 class—Successful Learner—No ankle injuries last week with the tic-tac-toe dancing. Well done everyone. We got this!

Mr Vlassopoulos (Health & PE)

★ Isla D, Mia S, Brayden P & Mitchell C—Successful Learner/Social & Emotional Learner—For doing a great job with assisting me in conducting SAPSASA athletics trials.

Ms Strout (Visual Arts & JP Spanish Teacher)

★ Kasey P—Successful Learner—For challenging himself in completing art tasks to a high standard and beyond.





MAMMOTH MONASH MARKET POSTPONED

Due to the current advice from Federal and State Governments, as well as various health organisations, in regards to slowing the spread of COVID-19, the Monash Primary and Preschool Governing Council has elected to **POSTPONE** the Monash Market until later in 2020.

We will keep you informed as things get underway for the new date and as plans start to come together.

At this point, we are not in a position to select a new date - we will continue to monitor advice from Government and Health organisations over the coming months.

WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS THESE PLANS EVOLVE, AND WILL CERTAINLY BE LOOKING TO ORGANISE AND HOST YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MARKET EVENT WITH STRONG FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT; IT WILL JUST BE AT A DIFFERENT TIME OF THE YEAR!

If you have any questions,
please contact our admin office on 8583 5361.

Parent & Friends Easter Raffle and Breakfast CANCELLED

Due to COVID-19 and our requirement to adopt risk minimisation measures, the P&F Easter Breakfast and Easter Raffle are cancelled for 2020.

RAFFLE: If your family has already donated an item, please collect it from the admin office before the end of this week.



BREAKFAST: If you have already placed an order for a hot cross bun, Nicole (Finance Officer) will credit the money to your account. This credit can be used against a future school/preschool related payment.

If you have any questions, please contact our admin office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



HAPPY HAVEN

Happy Haven OSHC are Hiring!

Are you interested in working with children?
Are you trained in OSHC/Childcare/Teaching?

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE!

Happy Haven OSHC are looking for a Director!

We are seeking an enthusiastic and professional Director for our OSHC's at Cobdogla, Loxton and Monash, CSE Level 6.1. The position is for a minimum 30 hours per week (hours are negotiable). Hours will be shared across the three sites.

Interested applicants will require as a minimum:

- Working with children check
- DECD approved 7hr RAN-EC (Responding to Abuse and Neglect in an Education and Care environment) training.
- First aid training (course code HLTAID004) and a diploma in children's services/OSHC or equivalent (2 years full time teaching degree).

Applications close 13th March 2020



If interested please send through your resume and any relevant certificates to recruitment@happyhaven.sa.edu.au



HAPPY HAVEN

Happy Haven OSHC are Hiring!

Are you interested in working with children?
Are you trained in OSHC/Childcare/Teaching?
Are you interested in picking up a few hours a week?

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE!

Happy Haven OSHC are looking for enthusiastic and professional Educators at our **Happy Haven OSHC's in the Riverland Region!**

Cobdogla Loxton Monash

Interested applicants will require as a minimum:

- Working with children check
- DECD approved 7hr RAN-EC (Responding to Abuse and Neglect in an Education and Care environment) training.
- For **qualified staff** they will also require first aid training (course code HLTAID004) and a diploma in children's services/OSHC or equivalent (2 years full time teaching degree).



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24/7 Mental Health Services

Beyond Blue

Anyone feeling anxious or depressed



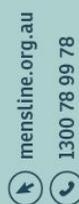
Kids Helpline

Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25



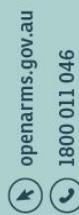
MensLine Australia

Men with emotional or relationship concerns



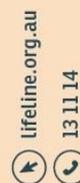
Open Arms

Veterans and families counselling



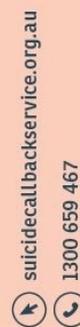
Lifeline

Anyone having a personal crisis



Suicide Call Back Service

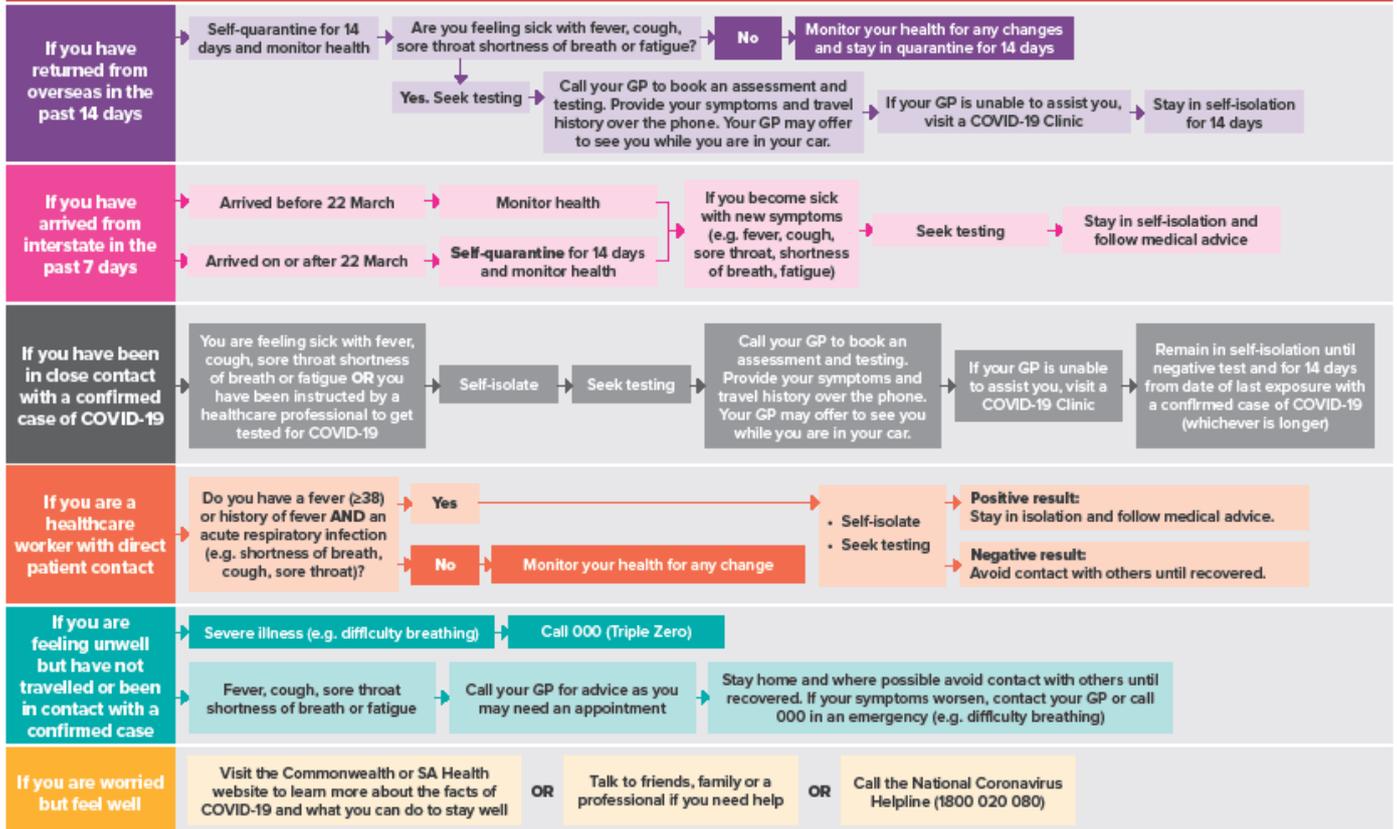
Anyone thinking about suicide



Is it an emergency?

If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm, call triple zero (000)

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Staying Connected With Our Children

Now is the time to stay close to our children. They need to feel us beside them so they don't feel as worried as they are. We need to be honest with them and let them know that good people from around the world are working very hard to keep them safe and healthy. Our children will believe us, we love them deeply.

Be Honest

"COVID 19 is a sickness like a cold. Some people will get it. Maybe someone in our family might get sick. We are all a little bit scared. Being scared is a sign that we are concentrating on being safe. There are really good people like doctors who know what to do. They are helping to figure it out."

Validate Their Feelings

"Thenow I might look worried sometimes. Mums or dads get worried too, just like children. I know it can make you feel scared. But I am ok. It is ok to be feeling scared, or worried or whatever you are feeling right now. You can share that with me whenever you need to."

Acknowledge Day to Day Disruptions

"Even if school and your after school activities stop for a while, they will start up again. How about we think about some ways of doing versions of these things together at home if we need to?"

Here are some ways that parents and carers can share connection, comfort and care with their children right now.

Remind Them

"I love you, and that is one thing that will never change."

Remain Available

"You can talk with me whenever you need to. I will answer any questions you have. If I don't know the answers, I will find out and then I will tell you."

Have fun

"Share some time with your children that is just for them, and let them lead the play. Let's do some things that you like to do."

Look to History

"There have been sicknesses like this before. And they have stopped. Clever people from around the world have worked them out together. The scientists are doing this right now with this one."

Create some quiet time

"Find a regular time where you can just be still with children. Stroke their hair. Watch a favourite show on TV. Listen to music together. Let them decide if they want to talk. Be present with them. Enjoy it."



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