



# Ariel Announcements

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**Engage Learning \* Expand Minds**

Welcome to Week 3,

This week we have a short week at school, due to the public holiday on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Have a wonderful long weekend families, let's hope the weather is great!!

As mentioned in this morning's assembly, we'll keep ensuring that learning is a priority and kindness is our goal. You can view a video of the assembly on our Facebook page.



**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
There is NO School on a Victorian Public Holiday

**FRIDAY**  
**OCTOBER 23**  
*No School*

**AFL GRAND FINAL**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS: November 2 & 3

Every student must have their **own Photo Envelope** on photo day. Spares are available from the office if you've misplaced yours.

**NOVEMBER**  
**2 & 3**

Leading Image Photographers



**GREAT NEWS!** We received confirmation this morning that we can proceed with our school photos.

Leading Image will be here on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please mark these dates in your calendar; a gentle reminder to give your children's hair a comb or a review of their uniform beforehand.

Keep your fingers crossed that the weather is nice on these days, due to the new covid-19 conditions, photos are to be taken outdoors. If the weather is poor, we can do them in the gym with all doors open.

All existing payments and Access Codes are active for the photo shoot.

# SCHOOL PHOTOS



**EVERY STUDENT must have their own envelope**, even if the payment was made online or is included in a sibling's envelope.

*Collaboration \* Culture \* Challenge \* Community \* Curiosity*

## EARLY DEPARTURES

Currently our school is facing some real challenges in the afternoons due to the volume of parents calling to pick-up their children early. The current number of families calling the office to pick their children up between 2.30pm and 3.15pm each day is extraordinarily high, which strains the school in the following ways....

1. Interruption to student learning - both the student being picked up early, and the rest of the class.
2. The time it takes to retrieve students from Specialist areas or the Library etc.
3. The front office staff can't accommodate so many requests at once (there are three staff members in the front office area who sometimes are all juggling multiple pick-ups as well as normal workload).
4. This extra level of work brought about by the early pick-ups also takes the office staff away from important responsibilities, for an extended time period.

***The school asks that all early pick-ups are for legitimate reasons. It has come to the school's attention that some families are doing this for convenience. If you require your child to be picked up early from school, please email your child's classroom teacher via Compass to alert them of the time you are picking your child up. Alternatively, you may ring the office in the morning of the early pick-up to schedule the pick-up time. For safety reasons, you will still need to ring the office when you arrive at the Mitchell Street gate.***

## YARD SUPERVISION TIMES - REMINDER

Similarly, to the aforementioned newsletter item, the school gates open at **8:45am**. Large groups of children have been dropped off early or have walked to school early and are congregating around the school perimeter. Staff do not commence yard supervision duty until 8:45am.

If you require childcare before (or after school), please consider *TheirCare*. A reminder that school dismissal is **3:15pm** every day, students who are not picked up by 3:30pm at the latest, will be brought to the office and their families contacted. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

## THE IMPACT OF COVID 2020 - TERM 4 AND STUDENT PROGRESSION TO THE NEXT YEAR LEVEL

As mentioned in previous newsletters this term, our focus for Term 4 is to make sure that each student is supported in their wellbeing and learning needs, and can finish the year with the confidence to progress to the next year level in 2021. I want to assure you that we will respond to the unique and individual learning and wellbeing needs of all of our students, to prepare them for the transition, and continue to build their knowledge, skills and resilience.

Some parents may be worried about their child's progress during the period of remote learning and wondering whether their child would benefit from repeating a year of school. Research shows that repeating a year level is not recommended and can lead to poorer outcomes for students. It's understandable that parents may think that another 12 months at the same year level will give their child an opportunity to catch-up or mature, however this is only the best option for a student in exceptional circumstances. In most cases, research tells us that repeating a year level is not an effective strategy as it often negatively impacts academic achievement, wellbeing, engagement, and school completion.

Our school has a strategic plan in place that will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students close any learning gaps and meet their learning needs. We have realigned multiple non-classroom teaching staff to work with identified students, and more extensive protocols around assessment tracking and student progress has been put in place for Term 4.

If you have concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's classroom teacher. They will arrange a meeting (phone call) with you to discuss how our school can work with you to support your child to complete this year and progress to the next year level in 2021 with confidence and optimism.

## MULTIPLE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Parents might be thinking, "Gee, this week is busy: we have the Book Week Dress-up day and the Crazy Hair day to support Razy Nancarrow". The two events have aligned themselves in the same week due to circumstance (see event details later in the newsletter). Parents, please know that they are optional and don't feel too pressured. The kids have missed out on so much this year, returning to our school spirit of giving, kindness and coming together for a worthy reason, is something the student leaders have wished to achieve in the last term of their leadership role.

Have a great week,



Principal

## MASCOT CHALLENGE

The Mascot Challenge for students in Foundation, Year One and Year Two began today!

The Challenge is a 4-week program where students spend 10 minutes a day developing fundamental motor skills, which help lay the foundation for them to lead a healthy and active life.

Each class has been provided with a resource pack that will assist them in completing the Challenge. Each student has received a green ball with their name on it, so they are ready to complete the daily activities. Students also receive a sticker pack and certificate so they can track their progress over the four weeks. At the completion of the challenge, students will take their completed certificate and ball home.

I hope everyone enjoys the challenge!

## SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

Sporting Schools is an Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities. Sporting Schools programs are provided to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life.

I am excited to announce that our school has been incredibly fortunate to receive Sporting Schools funding for Term 4 and despite the challenges of COVID-19, we will be able to offer engaging programs and opportunities for our students.

The following programs will begin in Week 4 and will continue for a period of four weeks:

- Hot Shots Tennis Program for students in Foundation and Year 3.
- Aussie Hoops Basketball Program for students in Year 6.

Once again this year during Term 4 I will be offering mini tennis as a recess and lunchtime option for students to enjoy. This initiative provides access for all students to the resources our Sporting Schools funding allows us to acquire.

It is hoped that students may develop a love for the game of tennis and experience all the positive effects that staying active and participating in community sport can offer.

*Blake Maxworthy*, Phys Ed Coordinator

## CYBER SAFETY / DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Today, Jackie Warchow from the Wodonga Police gave a presentation to our Year 6 students. The presentation covered the following things:

- Cyber Safety and Digital Responsibility – respect, reporting, recording, searching • Passwords • Terms and Conditions • Sharing Information (disclosing personal details, information within photos/videos) • Messaging – Instant/Gaming • Cyberbullying • Sending Images • “Not everyone is your friend” – Grooming/Scams • Getting Help.

It was an extremely beneficial and informative presentation.



## SHAVE FOR A CURE - CRAZY HAIR DAY: Thursday October 22

This Thursday 22nd October, to support Razzly in Shaving the Way, we are having an optional Crazy Hair Day. We hope you enjoy getting a bit silly and making your hair crazy, however you must still wear school uniform. You can bring in a donation to support Razzly's fundraising if you wish.

*Student Leaders*

**SHAVING THE WAY  
TO FIND A CURE FOR BRAIN CANCER!**  
TELEGRAPH HOTEL CHILTERN

FRIDAY  
23RD  
OCTOBER  
VIC PUBLIC HOLIDAY

1:00PM

RAFFLES  
WITH  
PRIZES

**RAZZLYN  
NANCARROW**

IS SHAVING HER HAIR TO RAISE MONEY FOR VITAL RESEARCH INTO FINDING A CURE FOR BRAIN CANCER. HER NAN IS A BRAIN CANCER SURVIVOR AND HAS INSPIRED HER TO DO THIS AMAZING GESTURE. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND GET BEHIND THIS INCREDIBLE LITTLE GIRL.

TELEGRAPH HOTEL CHILTERN ARE DONATING  
\$1 FROM EVERY ALCOHOLIC DRINK & SOFT DRINK @ GOLD COIN DONATION

TICKETS \$10

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED VIA FACEBOOK EVENT

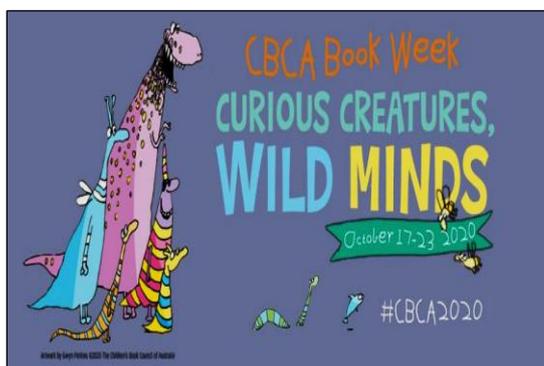
**CRAZY  
HAIR  
DAY**

Thursday the 22nd of October  
wear some crazy hair to  
school to support Razzly  
If you want you can  
bring a cold coin donation  
aswell.

Get creative and have fun

## BOOK CHARACTER PARADE: October 21<sup>st</sup>

Children's Book Week dress-up day will be held on **Wednesday 21st October**.



Come dressed as your favourite book character or come dressed in the theme of **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**.

We will be having a parade for the children, however because this is an onsite activity, parents will not be allowed to attend. We will share the celebrations of the day via our Facebook site.

**COMPETITION TIME:** Use your creative mind to create a monster/creature out of recycled materials. All creature creations are to be sent to the library with your family name clearly labelled by Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The prize will be a \$20 Book Club voucher, and will be announced at the end of the day on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Wendy & Tracey, Library*

## EVENT NOTIFICATIONS

Stay up-to-date with Events & Activities – using Compass as your information base!

Event / Activity	Event Date	Who	Information on Compass	Due Date
Book Character Parade	October 21	Whole School	See information above	N/A
Crazy Hair Day	October 22	Whole School	Event run by Student Leaders	N/A
Public Holiday	October 23	Whole School	Victorian public holiday: AFL Grand Final	N/A
School Photos	November 2 & 3	Whole School	Bring your envelope ON THE DAY	Nov 2
Wodonga Cup Day	November 27	Whole School	Wodonga public holiday	