



**ISSUE 23**  
**October 9th, 2020**

**Office Hours - 8:30am to 4:00pm - Monday to Thursday**  
**9:00am to 3.30pm - Friday**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**OCTOBER**

*Mon 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Grade 3&4 Coolamatong Camp*  
*Wed 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Grade 5&6 Coolamatong Camp*  
*Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> - AFL Grand Final Public Holiday*  
*Fri 30<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2021 Transition Day*

**NOVEMBER**

*Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pupil Free Day*  
*Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday*

## *Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

Hooray! We are all so happy to be back at school! This was certainly the vibe around school this week. It was such a delight to be at the front gate on Monday morning to welcome the students back to school. Everyone was so excited and it was definitely the highlight of my week.

During these different times it is very important that students do not enter the school grounds before 8:30am. If there is no staff member at the gate I ask that parents wait with their child until a staff member is present. It is for everyone's safety that we ensure all students are well before they enter the school grounds and this is the role of the staff member present at entrances from 8:30am. Thank you for your support with this.

The new playground has been very popular this week. Students have enjoyed all aspects of the new equipment and the rope cube and slide has been a big hit this week. Our senior students have really enjoyed the challenge of the middle horizontal bars.





### *Student Attitudes to School Survey - Grades 4 - 6*

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a student survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

Students in Grades 4 – 6 have the option to participate. An email was sent to families of Grade 4 – 6 students earlier this week with more information. Participation is voluntary, please let the school office know via email if you would like your child to opt out of the survey.



## Australian Mathematics Competition

At the beginning of Term 3, just before we returned to remote learning, we managed to sneak in the Australian Maths Competition. This competition tests problem solving skills and the questions were challenging and fun. All our students performed very well with everyone who participated receiving an award of proficiency or above. A summary of our top scorers is provided below.



### Distinction

Emily Melrose  
Sylah Coull-Barnes  
George Roberts  
Vannan Coull-Barnes

### Credit

Angus McCaskill  
Lachlan McGrath  
Maddison Kelly  
Charlotte D'Amore

Bonnie McCaskill  
Madeleine Hall  
Sara Melrose

## Art

Our talented art teacher, Dee Howlett, has been busy during remote learning making our school look more amazing. The sunflowers on the art room window glow in the sunshine and look truly stunning. The students have been admiring the 'Art This Way' sign and wondering 'How did she do this...?' And I just love the new part of our fence with the paling art created by our students last year. Such a lovely splash of colour, thanks very much Dee.



## **2020 Parents Victoria Online Conference**

Parents /carers, school leadership / staff and school councillors are invited to attend the 2020 Parents Victoria Online Conference.

The theme of the forum is a Brave New World: Changes, challenges and opportunities for families and schools.

This year's conference program includes presentations from expert speakers and groups on mental health support for students and parents, connecting school communities and engaging families.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education James Merlino will open the conference and answer questions submitted by schools and families.

To submit a question email [office@parentsvictoria.asn.au](mailto:office@parentsvictoria.asn.au) by Sunday 11 October.

**Details on the conference and how to register are provided below.**

**Date: Monday 19 October 2020**

**Time: 10am to 1.15pm**

**Cost: The conference is free but registration is essential.**

**Registration: The conference will take place on Zoom. Participants will be emailed a Zoom link on 18 October.**

For more information visit the [Parents Victoria website](#).