

Appin Park News

16th September 2020

LEARNING
FOR LIVING
I SHOW RESPECT
I AM RESPONSIBLE
I CARE

Save the Date

October

23 Grand Final Day Holiday

November

3 Melbourne Cup Day

30 Curriculum Day

December

18 Last day of School for
2020

All students return for term 4, Monday 5th October!

Hi Everyone,

This brings us to the final newsletter of term 3 and with this, I can bring some good news.

Based on the latest announcements all students at Appin Park Primary School, in grades F-6 will return to school on Monday 5th October. The final day of remote and flexible learning will be Friday this week.

Staff are busily planning for the return to school to make it as smooth and engaging as possible for our students. Our main focuses will continue to be

around the mental health and wellbeing of all students, teaching and learning programs with particular emphasis on literacy, numeracy and physical activity and transition support for those students in grade 6, those coming into foundation and for students moving into different areas of the school. We will provide transition details as they come to hand, once term 4 commences.

COVID health and safety measures will be in place once we return. I encourage you to read carefully the information included in this newsletter regarding, drop offs and picks, drink bottle, masks and visitors on site.

Laptop Loans

If you have borrowed a laptop for the period of remote and flexible learning please return it to the office at the beginning of term 4.

Library Books/Readers & School Equipment

Please have a good look under beds and on book shelves for any library books, take home readers and other school equipment sent home for remote learning and return them to school.

All students please bring your broad brimmed hat to school for the start of term 4.

Once again I'd like to thank all our Appin Park families for your support during this second period of remote and flexible learning. The way you have continued to support your children in completing tasks and keeping them motivated and engaged in their school work has been appreciated.

I'd also like to acknowledge the incredible work of our teaching staff and education support team for their flexibility and commitment to delivering a teaching and learning program that continued to provide opportunities for our students, while also providing support to families and students who were finding the situation challenging for many and varied reasons.

I am looking forward to term 4 with a great deal of excitement and hope. I encourage everyone to make the most of holidays and recharge ready for our return to school, and to use the opportunities that are being presented to us in regional areas as places open up for us visit and see friends and family again.

Fiona Carson - Principal



Enrolments for 2021 Foundation students now being taken

*Please contact the office on 5722 1326
or visit our website for more information
Watch our virtual tour!*

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Thank you to all our wonderful families for your support and understanding during this challenging time.

Return to School Reminders for Students & Carers:

- ♦ Students are to be dropped off and collected at one of the school entrances. Staff will be near the entrances to help students. Please support this by moving on once you have said goodbye. We ask that adults do not congregate around the school or enter the school grounds.
- ♦ All students need to bring a drink bottle. These can be refilled in the classroom. Bubbler taps are turned off.
- ♦ Students are not to bring any toys/sports equipment to school.
- ♦ When students are late, we ask that you remind them to come to the office on arrival. Please don't come into the school with them.
- ♦ For students needing to be collected early, please call the office when you arrive at drive through. Stay in your car and we will bring your child to you.
- ♦ Please communicate with your child's teacher via DoJo or email.
- ♦ All students and staff will be undertaking regular hand hygiene and there will be increased cleaning throughout the day.
- ♦ Please keep students home if they are feeling unwell. Temperatures will be checked before entering classrooms.

Foundation Students:

The Foundation classroom is now in the library. Students are asked to line up at the library entrance at the start of the day.

Grade 1/2S Students:

Grade 1/2S, with their new teacher, Miss Gambold, are now in Room 5.

**PLEASE RETURN LOANED COMPUTERS AND
OTHER SCHOOL EQUIPMENT
ON RETURN TO FACE TO FACE LEARNING.**

We can't wait to see all our students!

BLUE RIBBON DAY 29 SEPTEMBER

"In 2020, it means more than ever"



Blue Ribbon Day is 29 September, which coincides with National Police Remembrance Day. The day provides the opportunity for the community to say thank you to those who protect and serve our community and ensure that those who have fallen are never forgotten. Sadly, 170 members of Victoria Police have made the ultimate sacrifice. This year Blue Ribbon Day, **it means more than ever**. 2020 has been especially challenging for Victoria Police, tragically losing four members in April, providing front line response to the devastating bushfires and now supporting our efforts in the fight against COVID-19.

Their role in protecting us all can be very difficult and challenging, impacting on them and their families. The support of the community means so much."

Blue Ribbon Day also raises much needed funds to assist the Foundation to continue its [work in funding emergency and life-saving medical facilities in public hospitals](#) that are named in honour of Victoria Police officers who have died in the line of duty. With amazing community support the Foundation has donated over \$10 million for 57 public hospitals projects dedicated in honour of those officers who have died in the line of duty. Blue Ribbon Day means a lot to many Victorians. It holds a special place for many.

This year, we encourage the public and wider community to participate in Blue Ribbon Day and invite them to show support throughout September.

How you can support Blue Ribbon Day?

By participating in the following:

Turn Victoria Blue - Decorate your workplace, buildings, schools, home, front fence or balcony in blue ribbons to show your support for Victoria Police. Visit www.remember.org.au for Remembrance Kits and Ribbons.

Wear a blue ribbon – The blue ribbon is a visual symbol of your remembrance of the police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It is also a symbol of support for our serving members. You can purchase ribbons to wear or display from our online store.

Donate to our Blue Ribbon Day Appeal – The Foundation 'Remembers their lives by saving others'. You can donate at any Woolworths Store in Victoria or online at www.remember.org.au

Get involved on social media – Show your support via social media using the hashtags #BlueRibbonDay2020 #BRD2020

Please tag us: @VicBlueRibbon @NorthEastBranch –Blue RibbonFoundation @blue_ribbon_foundation



Let's all unite together, show our support

Turn the State Blue

***Blue Ribbon Day
29 September, 2020***

