



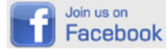
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Dear parents,

It has been so wonderful to be back on site and there has been a definite 'buzz' in the classroom.

The main priorities for schools across Victoria this term include the mental health and wellbeing of students, supporting students who need to catch up on learning and the transition into the 2021 school year.

Learning

As you will know, our students have been desperate to get some chickens. We currently have one Silkie rooster and two hens waiting to come to Bridgewater Primary School. As part of our literacy this week, the students have been learning how to **skim** and **scan** websites for **relevant** information about caring for chickens. Combining what they know with new information, they have **synthesised** their understanding and developed new ideas. They have completed a thorough assessment of the chook pen and have listed the improvements that need to be made. Watch this space.

Excursions

All students have signed permission for walking excursions in the Bridgewater area in 2020. We will be heading out next week to the following areas:

Loddon River:

On Monday afternoon we will be heading down to the river to start out integrated unit for the term. We are planning to collect data around water quality and frog species. We have downloaded an app that allows us to record and then identify frog sounds. In the future, this data will be shared with the local community once our projects are up and running.

When: Monday 12th October (1:30 pm – 3:15 pm)

Items required:

Lunch - appropriate for a picnic (eg. No heating etc.)

A drink bottle

School hat

Sunscreen

Bridgewater Plant Nursery:

Next week we will also be heading down to our local nursery where the students will be learning about herbs for chickens and the planting of different vegetables. We will purchase a number of plants for our garden, head back to school to reflect on our learning and then plant the seedlings in our garden.

When: Friday 16th October (10:00 am– 11:00 am)

Items required:

School hat

Drink bottle

Sunscreen (please apply before coming to school)

Prep Transition

Please note a few changes in transition dates/times since last communicated. We are looking forward to meeting our new preps very soon.

Date		Time
Session 1	Wednesday 4 th November	9:00 – 11:30 am
Session 2	Wednesday 11 th November	9:00 – 11:30 am
Session 3	Wednesday 18 th November	9:00 – 11:30 am
Session 4	Wednesday 25 th November	9:00 – 11:30 am
Session 5	Thursday 3 rd December	9:00 – 12:30 pm
Virtual Prep Information Session via Zoom Monday 7 th December – 4:30 pm Meeting access code: https://zoom.us/j/92866786738?pwd=T3VmUWtWZ0VFQUlXZVFDNDJmLy95Zz09		

Maintenance

I would like to welcome Graeme Tennant to Bridgewater Primary School. Graeme will be helping to maintain our school grounds over the next 6 months. He has certificates in horticulture and land management and is looking forward to his new role.

Collaborative Learning with Inglewood PS

On Tuesday the 20th of October (week 3) we will be resuming our learning program with Inglewood Primary School. Miss Andrews and I will be driving the students over and so permission forms for travelling in a private car will be sent out next week. Each Tuesday, will arrive before recess (11:00 am) so that the students can socialise during the break before participating in Art, PE and Digital Technology lessons. We will return to Bridgewater Primary School at about 3:15 pm each week.

Brain Food

As we move into the summer months, students will be asked to keep a drink bottle containing water on their table. They will then be able to access this freely during class time.

Brain fuel is important for learning and we know that energy levels can fluctuate. All students are invited to bring a healthy snack/s that they can eat throughout the day. Please note that this is separate from their recess and lunch food.

Except for periods of explicit teaching, students can eat as they work at their table - whenever they feel hungry. Food should be able to be eaten with one hand and not be 'messy' – such as .

Please see below for some examples of foods to bring for classroom snacking :

Food to Include (Whole)

Food to Include (Whole)	Food to Avoid (Processed)
Apples	Biscuits
Grapes	Chips
Nectarines	Packet snacks
Strawberries	Muesli bars
Fruit cut into small squares in a container	Cake
Cubes of cheese	Noodles
Cherry tomatoes	Items containing lots of processed sugar
Celery sticks	Processed fruit straps
Carrot sticks	Foods requiring a spoon

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Julie Ladd

Acting principal

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Important Dates

TERM 4, Week 1 2020	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
OCTOBER Monday 12th Breakfast Club Wednesday 14th Breakfast Club Friday 16th Nursery Excursion	Monday 19th Breakfast Club Tuesday 20th Inglewood Extension Program Wednesday 21st Breakfast Club Bendigo Cup Day Thursday 22nd MARC/BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY Friday 23rd Grand Final Holiday	Monday 26th Breakfast Club School Council Tuesday 27th Inglewood Extension Pro- gram Wednesday 28th Breakfast Club	NOVEMBER Monday 2nd Breakfast Club Tuesday 3rd Melbourne Cup Holiday Wednesday 4th Breakfast Club 1st Prep Transition morning Thursday 3rd MARC

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 is attached to this week's newsletter, parents can order through Loop or place order with money in the office box before Thursday 29th October. Thankyou Jo Egan

Important Reminders

All students are required to wear a hat in terms 1 and 4.

Birthdays...

Happy Birthday Isaac & Jasper



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IS INCLUDED AS THE
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