



Pindari Post : News From Mill Park Heights PS

15th July 2020



MILL PARK HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL VALUES:

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY & TRUST, CARE & COMPASSION, PERSONAL BEST AND TEAM WORK

OUR VISION:

Our students can be critical and creative thinkers who are resilient and valuable contributors to a global society.

OUR MISSION:

To ensure high quality instruction that maximises the individual potential and growth of all students.

Hello to our MPHPS Community

What a start to Term 3. Just when we thought we may be back onsite we have been issued another challenge and are heading back into remote learning. As I am the consummate optimist, I see this as an opportunity to reflect on what worked well for us in Term 2 and what areas we can improve or develop for Term 3. No doubt you are all considering the same things in your homes and at least you know what is coming. You all received a Compass alert highlighting the protocols for remote learning that will begin on Monday 20th July. I have attached this letter below for those of you who may have missed it. Similar processes will take place in regards to students requiring supervision and I urge you to please find alternate arrangements where possible. While we are here to support, the seriousness of this virus can't be ignored and the safest place for any person right now is in your own home. Book pick up and drop off will occur on Mondays only and further information will come out regarding the organising of this beginning next week. Staff have been instructed to stick to communication blocks of time and will not be answering parent's emails in the evening or very early morning. I ask you to be patient and allow for a 24 hour turn around for your questions. Staff will do their very best to get back to you as early as possible but they will not be as accessible as term 2. Their mental and emotional health and wellbeing is a priority and many of them also have families and children to support.

As you may have now heard our lovely Assistant Principal Val Brittain is currently on long term sick leave. She is extremely grateful for the well wishes and support however we ask for you to respect her privacy and not make any contact with her. Should you have any minor welfare or wellbeing concerns, please communicate with your child's teacher and PLC leader. In the case of urgent information, please email the school and direct your concerns to Mel Corps and myself and we will pass this information on to the relevant person. We monitor the school email daily and will ensure your email is acknowledged. Kate Stimpson will be taking on some of the Welfare role and she will become a point of contact during Val's absence.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we begin Term 3. We are well aware that other schools are using different processes in regards to remote learning and communication and while you may prefer those school's processes we ask that you trust that the options we have chosen are what we deem as best for our staff, students and community. We continue to work extremely hard behind the scenes and always have our student's best interests on hand.

Finally, you may have noticed the Pindari Post is now out on a Wednesday. Due to some changes in our office we have decided to change our newsletter day. Keep your eye out for our Wednesday edition. It's a great way to acknowledge hump day in the week !

Wishing you all a wonderful week...

Cheers, Chris Beare, Principal

Stay safe.

Stay home.

Stay strong.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE ON www.millparkhtsps.vic.edu.au

EMAIL: mill.park.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have stayed safe and well during this challenging time. As you are aware the government announced that in order to increase physical distancing across the population and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), Metro Victoria has returned to Stage 3 Restrictions.

The Government has announced that next week July 13th – July 17th will be a further week of School Holidays, whilst teachers prepare and plan for a possible return to remote and flexible learning from July 20th onwards.

All students must stay at home next week for the extended school holidays. If there is a day where a child is not able to be supervised at home, and **there is absolutely no other option available, provision will be made to have an adult provide child care at school.** There will be no teaching and learning program taking place as it is a school holiday period and teaching staff will be preparing for possible remote learning.

Childcare will be available for children of parents who cannot work from home and have no other support options available to them and vulnerable children, including:

- ⊙ children in out-of-home care
- ⊙ children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm
- ⊙ children identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service or mental health or other health service and children with a disability).

ACTION REQUIRED

If your child falls into one of the categories listed above, and you require child care for any day between July 13-July 17th you must

email mill.park.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by **3pm this Friday the 10th of July** in order to register for a place. This is vital for the school to plan the necessary staffing requirements.

Please ensure you list your child's name, class and the day/s you require care. You must also complete the attached form and email it back.

Hours of childcare will be from 8.45am-3.10pm. All entry and exit during this week will be via the front gate. Parents are not permitted on site for any reason. ALL students attending during the day at school MUST also be enrolled with Camp Australia. <https://www.campastralia.com.au/about> as there will be no care provided outside of these hours.

If your child attends, they will be required to bring along activities to keep themselves entertained throughout the day. These items would be bought along at the students own risk. Children will also need to bring their own water bottle, snack and lunch.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND SCHOOL IF THEY ARE UNWELL OR PRESENT WITH COLD OR FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS.

We will provide all families with further information as it comes to hand.

We thank you for working with us during in this time,

Please stay safe and take care,

Chris, Val and Mel

Library News

REMOTE BOOK CLUB

As students are working at home for the next few weeks, we have decided to run an online-only Book Club (view the brochure at this link) https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc_520.pdf The books can be ordered through Scholastic LOOP <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> and they will then be delivered to the school for later collection. It is anticipated that collection will be in the gym on Monday 3rd Aug - similar to the Mothers' Day gift collection. Final date for orders is **23rd July before 9.00am.**

Vicki Anceschi, Library Manager

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - CSEF PAYMENTS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements. **CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.** If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent issued prior to 14th April 2020, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: \$125 for primary school students.

If you have not applied for CSEF before and are new to our school or hold a Current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

Don't forget to drop in and complete forms, supply a copy of your card and we can apply for the \$125 per student for you. **How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. If you have already completed this last year then there is no need to complete it again. Application forms are available at the office.

CLOSING DATE EXTENDED TO: 24TH JULY 2020

....To Bunnings Mill Park for their generous donation of sanitiser products to assist with the safety of our school during COV-19.

Thank you for their donation of hand sanitiser and disinfectant. Bunnings have always supported our school and our needs. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." -Aesop

BULK BILLED COUNSELLING

Available at
MILL PARK HEIGHTS PS



UNITED MINDS
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

- This service is available to all students
- Students may be eligible for up to 10 bulk billed sessions with us, providing they have a valid referral (Mental Health Care Plan) from a GP
- We are available on-site at the school every Monday and Wednesday

To make an appointment, please contact Val Brittain, Acting Principal.



PSW SOUTH MORANG

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TERM 4 & 1 TRADING HOURS

Mon to Fri: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sun: CLOSED

LAY-BY AVAILABLE WITH 20% DEPOSIT

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Lay-bys available with a 20% deposit. Lay-bys must be collected by Friday 19 December, 2014. Offer not available online.



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Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk: *The DET does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. Please do not bring any unnecessary or valuable items to school.* Student Accident Insurance Arrangements: *The DET does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or school council employee or volunteer. Students Accident Insurance is available privately at low cost.*

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