



# Pindari Post News From Mill Park Heights PS

Week 10  
Term 3

## 16th September 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 the Mill Park Heights Community,

As you may be aware, the Department of Education and Training have now released their Operations Guide for Term 4. This information will provide us with important guidance in our organisational and management procedures in regards to onsite and remote flexible learning. As stated in the Operations Guide, the following priorities for students and staff will guide our Mill Park Heights Primary School operations in Term 4.

#### Priority 1 - Wellbeing and Equity

The wellbeing, and particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff is the highest priority. This means:

- ◇ encouraging and sustaining motivation for learning
- ◇ re-engaging students and families where needed
- ◇ supporting the social and emotional learning of children and young people alongside curriculum-based learning
- ◇ ensuring support for school staff, who have sustained their efforts through multiple transitions in modes of teaching and learning delivery.

#### Priority 2 - Learning and Excellence

It has been recognised that some students have been better able to progress in their learning in the remote and flexible learning environment, others have maintained their rate of progress, and some have, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers, not progressed in their learning. As a result:

- ◇ It will be important to meet all students at their point of need – both to support those who have not progressed in their learning and to those who have progressed to continue to extend and stretch their learning.
- ◇ Literacy and numeracy across the curriculum remain a focus, with schools also adapting their teaching and learning program in Term 4 to be responsive to student needs.

#### Priority 3 - Transitions

Term 4 is a critical period, particularly for the children moving from Kindergarten into Foundation and from Year 6 into Year 7. While most students in other year levels will prepare for a change of teachers and new classmates, a focus will be on supporting the transition of our Kindergarten to Foundation students and our Year 6 to Year 7. As a result:

- ◇ Every effort to ensure each of these end-of-year and beginning-of-year transitions occurs as successfully as possible.
- ◇ Organisation and management of appropriate ways to conduct orientations and end-of-year celebrations will be determined to best support and celebrate our students in line with staged restrictions.

As you can see, we will be working very hard to reconnect with our students and families on our staggered return to onsite learning. Our focus will be on rebuilding student and staff wellbeing, providing targeted and focused Literacy and Numeracy programs and providing Kindergarten to Foundation and Year 6 to Year 7 transition opportunities.

As we conclude this term, on behalf of the staff I would like to acknowledge and thank all of you for your support, encouragement and dedication towards your children. We are looking forward to the return of onsite learning for Foundation to Year 2 from Monday 12th October and we will inform our Year 3 to Year 6 families when we have a confirmed onsite learning start date.

While restrictions must be maintained to ensure the health and safety of all staff and students, we are hopeful that we will be able to rebuild and celebrate our student learning growth together.

You have all received a letter via compass with the operational and organisational procedures to begin the term and we thank you for following these directives. We wish you a wonderful term holiday break and encourage you all to put your devices away and enjoy some well deserved sun, fresh air and family activities.

Cheers, Chris Beare, Principal



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# 2021 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

**VIRTUAL**  
SCHOOL TOURS

We are currently in the process of accepting new Foundation enrolments for 2021. We advise all existing families and community members who may be interested in attending our school, to submit enrolment forms as soon as possible. Application forms are available for download on our website. Unfortunately due to Covid19 restrictions we are unable to have personal tours at our school. Please visit our website to see our virtual tour which is accessible to our families and local community.

**EXCITING  
NEWS!**

## YEAR 3 2021 ARE JOINING THE NETBOOK PROGRAM

Next year students in Year 3 will be given the opportunity to participate in the 1:1 Netbook Program at Mill Park Heights Primary School. This 4 year leasing program will see the child through to Year 6. Further information to follow.



# Premiers' Reading Challenge 2020 Ends this Friday

Dear Students, Parents and Teachers,

Thank you all for supporting the PRC at our school. It is so encouraging to see that, to date, 45% of students have completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge during this our most challenging year. Our students have read/experienced **17,498 books**.

**Congratulations** to all the Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students who have had 100% of their students complete the PRC. **This is an amazing achievement!**

Year 3 to Year 6 students still have a few days (until 18th September 2020) to enter their reading online. They must have at least 10 PRC books and 5 Choice books.

Official PRC completion certificates from our Premier, Daniel Andrews, will arrive at school in late October.

**Ms Gordana Ruzic,**  
PRC Foundation to Year 6 Coordinator



## A MESSAGE FROM SICKBAY FOR FAMILIES

### IMPORTANT REMINDER SCHOOL MEDICAL DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE RETURNED

At the start of Term 3 all students with a medical condition/need received important and compulsory documents to be completed and returned. They are now overdue, please complete the forms and return using the reply-paid envelope. This is a very important notice, and for sickbay to run successfully, and keep the students safe, we need the information as soon as possible. If your child no longer has a medical condition/need please email Tracey White at [Tracey.White2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Tracey.White2@education.vic.gov.au) for the medical information to be updated. We appreciate your understanding and if you have already returned the document/s thank you.

**Tracey White, First Aid Officer**

### **BULK BILLED COUNSELLING**

Available at **MILL PARK HEIGHTS PS**

- 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



**UNITED MINDS**  
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

To make an appointment, please contact Kate Stimpson at Mill Park Heights Primary School on 9436 8866.

### YEAR 4, 5 & 6 NETBOOK PROGRAM PAYMENT OVER DUE

Term 3 Netbook payments are now overdue so please make your payment via compass.

This is a very important notice, for the program to remain successful, it is imperative that you are timely with the instalment payment of \$75.00 or the annual payment as outlined in the Lease Arrangement Document. We appreciate your understanding and prompt payment to bring you accounts up-to-date.

If you have already made payment thank you!



### **MESSAGES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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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