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## From Mr. Wright

Thank you to all that have helped with the contacting our new books. In the coming weeks you should start to see these circulating in the classroom and coming home. We still have more books that need to be contacted that were previously bought by the school. I have spoken to some parents but please send me a message if you are able to help and I will send you some books with contact and a contact tool to aide. These things are being ordered and we are awaiting delivery. The revived/functioning/modified PA system is working and been a huge success to the productivity and punctuality of students and staff. It does still need some fine tuning and upgrading, and this is being looked into. I am looking forward to hearing some song choices to be included in the playlist at the end of the year or next year.

Next week is a short week and one that we will try to minimise interruptions as much as possible. The offices and staff room will be moved into my classroom and in the room between the classrooms for the remainder of the year and potentially the start of next year. This is to allow works to be done but also for us to continue to run the school from an administrative aspect. This is happening Wednesday by people organised by the Department. I am still waiting to hear back on what will happen regarding building works but be assured I have a lot of people trying to find answers for us and make things happen. Staff, students and parents who come onto school grounds for drop off and pick up but do not enter buildings do not need to sign in using the QR code. Everyone else and for any other reason must sign in. Any visitor or volunteer are required to be fully vaccinated by the 29<sup>th</sup> of November or had at least their first dose by 25<sup>th</sup> October or be booked in by then to attend on site for any reason.

Sleep over and school camp will go ahead, and I will provide everyone with more information very soon regarding cost, agenda, what to bring and can then answer any questions you may have about them. Assemblies, school events and graduations can occur but must align with department and community setting regulations.

If you do have any questions or concerns with anything, please make sure you reach out and contact me.

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## 2021 Calendar Dates - Term 4

### OCTOBER

|             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Friday 29th | Optional Halloween Dress Up Day |
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### NOVEMBER

|                 |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Monday 1st      | Pupil Free Day               |
| Tuesday 2nd     | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |
| Thursday 11th   | MARC Van                     |
| Monday 29th—1st | 3—6 Camp to Cave Hill Creek  |



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## Information from the Department on Permitted Activities and Minimising Risks

All schools will be able to recommence a range of activities, consistent with community settings and school vaccination requirements. This means that from Monday 1 November schools will be able to:

- hold graduations and other assemblies consistent with community density limits
- travel across Victoria for camps and excursions
- resume interschool activities such as sport and debating
- deliver the full range of curriculum programs, including music and performing arts
- conduct transition programs for kinder students beginning Prep in 2022 and Grade 6 students transitioning to Year 7 in 2022 (further detail will be included in the updated School Operations Guide on Tuesday 26 October)
- have a range of visitors onsite, including photographers, guest speakers and MPs

## Minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools

It is imperative that as schools return to onsite learning, the requirements that have been put in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools are strictly followed, with a focus on the three Vs of Vaccination, Ventilation and Vital COVID Safe steps.

They include:

Ensuring any workers and visitors onsite meet the current vaccination requirements and taking all steps possible to maximise external air flow and good ventilation and following the COVID Safe steps of:

- wearing face masks
- implementing staggered start, finish, and break times to reduce congestion and mixing of student cohort
- maintaining physical distancing between staff and, where possible, students
- maintaining strong hygiene practices

## Visitors

Please refer to the table previously included in the newsletter regarding QR codes. Schools can permit parents to enter buildings onsite for student pick-up and drop-off providing sufficient QR code locations are available for parents to check in. Where this is not possible, parents should not be permitted to enter buildings for pick-up and drop-off. Visitors to school grounds should be limited to essential school services and operations. Principals are best placed to make decisions regarding what visitors are essential to the operation of their school.

Our vision is to prepare our students to become active, ambitious, engaged and responsible citizens of our local and wider communities.

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## REMINDERS



## Don't Forget!

Zooper Doopers are available on hot days, 50c each at lunch time. This is organised by our SRC.

## Music Friday 29th

Could all P-2 students bring in a scarf or something that flows for our music session on Friday (tomorrow). If you don't have one, a hanker chief, tea towel etc will work well too. It needs to move around easily, scrunch and bend!

## Attention—P-2 homework:

If your child/children do the 5 minute maths homework, they will only need to complete their first booklet given to them earlier in the year. They will get a new one to start fresh with next year.

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Strumming some tunes with the new Ukuleles



CONGRATULATIONS Olivia who won The Annual MARC Book Cover Competition.  
**'The Duckling gets a Cookie'**  
Great effort Olivia!!



Music with Malcolm



Reading

Great effort to the students reaching another reading milestone. Keep remembering to record it in your diary.  
200 NIGHTS!!



LAYLA  
MATILDA  
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## IN THE CLASSROOMS

### P-2

This week, the Junior students have been very productive and have made me very proud!

In reading, the children have revised the accuracy skill of stretching known sounds and then blending them together to solve the unknown word. They have enjoyed refreshing their book box with new texts too!

In writing, the students have demonstrated an enthusiastic approach towards writing their own information reports on an Australian animal. They have planned, edited and are now up to creating their final copy to display! They have impressed me with their ability to identify key words during their research and have been improving at creating their own sentences involving these facts. Here are the chosen animals that you will get to learn more about...

**Liam and Layla:** Tasmanian devil

**Matilda and Benji:** Platypus

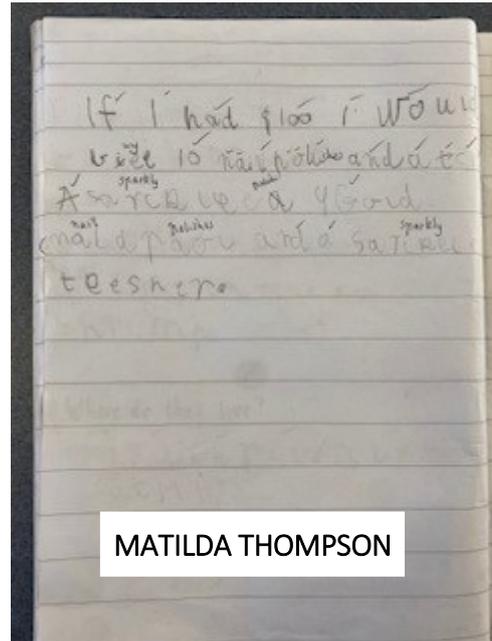
**Scarlett and Bonnie:** Possum

**Elliott and Nia:** Emu

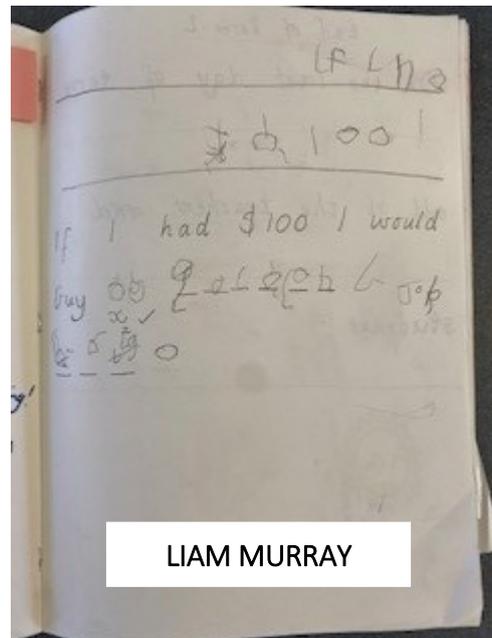
**Ryan and Lucas:** Koala

In maths, the children have continued to work on identifying, ordering, modelling and comparing numbers. They have been enjoying our warm-up 'I have, who has?' Which has been fantastic for number recognition. Ask them about it!

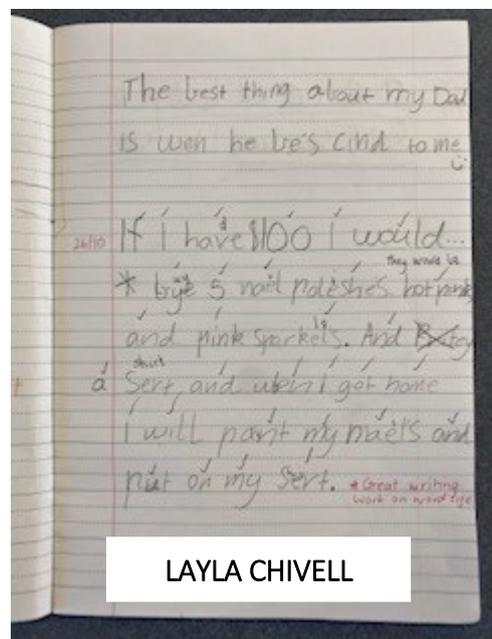
Keep up the amazing work P-2!



MATILDA THOMPSON



LIAM MURRAY



LAYLA CHIVELL

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## IN THE CLASSROOMS

3-6

We have continued focusing on the reading strategy of summarising by finding the key points or main idea in a text and then using our own words to write a succinct summary.

This week in spelling, Sound Waves students have been focusing on the 'l' sound as in ice-cream and some of the different ways in which that can be made such as 'l\_e, i, igh, y and ie.' Students have continued to practice hand-writing and setting out our work in our books neatly. Some students have been writing in pen and next year we will develop a process to achieve your pen licence earlier in their schooling journey. We have also been looking at vocabulary and up levelling sentences by adding in more detail.

In maths students have been revising grid coordinates and transformations looking at reflections (flips), translations (slides) and rotations (turns). In humanities students are learning the meaning of some terms used in our unit of creativity and hope to complete a stop motion animation by the end of the year.

In science they will learn about the properties of a synthetic material like polyester and a natural material like cotton and make comparisons and discuss why clothing designers select different materials for different types of clothing.



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## Vaccination

- Getting vaccinated is the best way to be protected from and prevent the spread of COVID-19
- All staff working in schools will be required to have received a first dose COVID-19 vaccination by 18 October and to be fully vaccinated by 29 November\*

## Ventilation

- All schools will continue to maximise ventilation through opening windows and doors and setting air conditioners to use outside air, where possible
- Ventilation audits and CO2 monitoring are being conducted
- A total of 51,000 air purifiers will be distributed to Victorian schools **from Term 4**
- And all government schools and low-fee non-government schools will be able to install new shade sails to expand outdoor learning spaces

## Vital COVIDSafe steps

### Physical distancing

- Limit mixing with other year levels
- Maintain physical distancing
- Use large spaces (e.g. halls)
- **Visitors to school grounds must comply with school settings, including density limits and QR code check-ins**
- Staggered start and finish times and breaks

### Face masks

- Mandatory for all adults, and students Grade 3 and above
- **Mandatory indoors only from 6pm, 29 Oct**
- Recommended for Prep to Grade 2 students
- Make sure masks are washed regularly/ disposed correctly

### Hygiene and testing

- Provide hand-washing stations
- Wash hands regularly and at key points (e.g. after using toilet)
- Get a test even with the mildest of symptoms
- Isolate until you receive your test results

\*Exemptions will only be for staff with a signed medical certificate