



NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, September 9, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, September 14

Friday, September 18

Thursday, October 1

Monday, October 5

Monday, October 12

School Council Meeting, 7 p.m. via Webex

Last day Term 3

Remote Learning Pack Pick Up – further details to come

First Day Term 4, Prep – Year 6 Remote Learning

Prep – Year 2 Return to full time onsite schooling

From the Principal

Father's Day Thank You

Our online Father's Day stall was certainly different to past years. Our students embraced 'online shopping' to choose the best gift to purchase for their special someone for Father's Day.

Thank you very much to our Education Support Staff who assisted with

organising all of the orders and co-ordinating our 'click and collect' contactless pick up. We made a profit of approximately \$505 from this year's Father's Day stall and all of this will go towards ongoing playground improvements and maintenance.

Events such as this are not just about fundraising, but also about community building, connectedness and families. I thank all of our Iramoo families for their ongoing support of our school.




Remote and Flexible Learning

Our students have continued to display independence, resilience and responsibility during remote learning this term. We need to celebrate and congratulate them on trying their best in such challenging circumstances. The work they have managed to complete is a credit to them, their families and their teachers. We have all continued to build positive relationships during this time that will be pivotal in moving forward once we all eventually return to school.

As we head towards changes to Stage 4 restrictions I will continue to inform our school community with the most up to date information in regards to our return to school and what procedures will be involved.

I am expecting further advice at the start of next week which will allow enough time to prepare for

Term 4. Updates will be posted on COMPASS. Please contact us if you are having issues

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As we were informed by the Premier on Sunday, September 6, remote learning will continue for the first week of Term 4. Our Prep – Year 2 students will return to full time onsite learning from October 12. Our teachers are currently preparing learning for Term 4 and hard copies of learning packs will continue to be available. More details will be posted on COMPASS.

Further updates and information is expected to be released by the end of this week. Our staff have been planning for the return of all of our students from Prep – Year 6 to ensure that various milestones that have been cancelled throughout the year are addressed in some way, where possible. We are all dedicated to ending 2020 on an extreme positive and in the best way that we can, given our current circumstances.

Google Meet Participation

Our teachers have been impressed with the slight increase of participation during the morning Google Meets.

We are encouraging **all** students to participate in morning Google Meets to help with punctuality and routine when they return to school. It is also a positive way to begin the day with their teachers and support staff along with their peers. The year level



with the highest percent of participation at the end of the first week of Term 4 will all be rewarded when they return to school.

There have been many interesting suggestions for rewards from students ranging from a year level dance party, a special lunch, a movie and popcorn session to drumming lessons.

Footy/Sport Colours for Cancer



On the last day of Term 3 each year, our school participates in a very important fundraiser hosted by the Fight Cancer Foundation. The fundraiser is called **Footy Colours Day** and raises money to provide education for children living with cancer.

This term we have experienced what it is like to not be physically able to attend school.

Hundreds of children diagnosed with cancer face this challenge every day as they miss

school to attend hospital appointments. The Fight Cancer Foundation programs operate in major paediatric hospitals to help children with cancer keep up with school while they are in hospital.

Our students will be encouraged to dress in the colours of their favourite sports team for their Google Meet sessions on Friday, September 18.

Usually our students bring a gold coin on this day, which is donated to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

This year we have set up an online system through the Foundation.

Anyone interested in making a donation can do so using this link:

<https://footy-colours-day-2020.raisely.com/iramooops>

Prep 2021 Enrolments

Our Prep 2021 enrolment process has changed slightly due to current COVID-19 circumstances and restrictions.

Any family wanting to enrol their child for Prep 2021, who are living within our school zone can do so by emailing the following documents to iramoo.ps@education.vic.gov.au

- The child's Birth Certificate
- Immunisation History Statement
- Two documents for proof of the child's permanent residential address**, either:

- Contract of sale/title document/rates notice (for home owners)

OR

- Current rental agreement provided by a real estate agent (for tenants)

OR

- Any *current* Centrelink related document e.g. health care card

OR

- A *current* document from the Australian Taxation Office

AND

- One other *current* piece of evidence such as driving licence or utilities bill.

Our school's enrolment trend data indicates the need for an enrolment management plan. The Designated Neighbourhood Area (DNA) for 2021 has changed for Iramoo Primary School due to the opening of Wollahra Primary School (interim name) on Communal Road, Wyndham Vale.

No students can be enrolled from outside the DNA unless they are siblings of students attending the school in the same year.

To find your nearest school you can use this link: <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>

Our staff will begin the enrolment process and contact you towards the end of Term 3 or when restrictions ease, to site the original documents and finalise the enrolment.

We are currently in the process of modifying our transition program to accommodate restrictions that may still be in place during Term 4. Updates will be posted on COMPASS

Raquel Tweedley

YEAR 5 & 6 SELF PORTRAITS

The Year 5 & 6 students have achieved so much good progress with their drawing skills this term. Here are just a few of the brilliant before and after drawings.



Skye 5JD



Pam 6AP



Sparrow 6MD



Noah 6BL



Hunter 5JD



Precious 6MD