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KEY DATES

2021 School Year

Please note that the last day of Term 1 is tomorrow, Thursday 1st April, whereby students will be dismissed early at 2:30pm to begin their term break.

There will be a slightly earlier **lunch** from 1.20 – 1.50 pm followed by assembly from 2.00-2.30 pm.

Students will be dismissed from assembly at 2.30 pm.

Friday 2nd April is Good Friday and the school will be closed.

School will resume on **Monday** 19th April for the beginning of Term 2.

Thursday 6th May

 Public holiday (Race Day)

Friday 14th May

- Curriculum Day
- No School for students

ZOOPER DOOPER FRIDAYS!

WHEN: Lunch Fridays

WHERE: Multi kitchen/canteen

COST: 50c

All money raised to be donated to a local charity. (To be decided)

Kind regards, Year 5 LS.C.







ALLANSFORD ALIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Assembly

Stella and Lucy conducted school assembly last Friday. With our student leaders having such a big week with camp and athletic sports, we had some Year 2 students have a go at assembly. Well done on a great job girls!



The Melo Award

Congratulations to John for receiving last week's Melo award. John has had a purple patch in his learning and was extremely helpful when our senior students were on camp.



Values Award

Congratulations to Chloe for receiving last week's values Award. Chloe was observed by a peer helping other students with a problem. Chloe also had a fantastic week in the classroom. Well done Chloe!



Walk to School

We had 97% of our students walk to school last Friday! This was the highest percentage of students actively travel to school in the whole Warrnambool area. The school WON a \$100 sporting voucher. Well done!



End of Term Thanks

As Term 1 begins to draw to an end, we can only reflect on how lucky we have been to undertake most of this term without major disruptions and challenges.

How fortunate that our programs and events have unfolded as planned during the term and as our teachers work hard this week to undertake their extensive planning for term 2, we are somewhat optimistic and hopeful that this landscape will continue into next term.

Many thanks to the collaborative efforts of students, staff and parents for making Term 1 a success!

We elected not to run an Easter Raffle this year due to monies required for Parent Payments, School Uniforms and camps all in a short time frame.

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Earth Ed

Last week we had a visit from the Earth Ed team who worked with students from Foundation to Year Four. Students were involved with Robotics that required students to have an understanding of coding. Students used coding to direct robots around an obstacle course.



Easter Artwork

Many junior students were involved in painting activities this week. It was great to see students decorating their giant eggs. Well done!



Curriculum Day

Please note that on Friday 14th May, all staff will participate in Cultural Understanding Safety Training (CUST). This is conducted by our local Koorie **Education Support Officers** and will help direct our future learnings of our local indigenous culture. There is <u>no school</u> for students on this day.

Sounds Write

Sounds -Write is designed to provide a clear understanding of how the English alphabet code works. It is taught in structured, sequential steps from simple Consonant - Vowel -Consonant (CVC) words like sat to very much more complex, five- and sixsyllable words like **personification**. It is designed for the teaching of daily sessions, progressing from simple to more complex phonic knowledge and skills and covering all the major sound/spelling correspondences.



Student Leaders

I wish to acknowledge the efforts of our senior students in setting the cultural tone of the school. They model the values that we expect from all students but we understand the important role these students play at our major events, school assemblies and buddy programs.



Term One Learning Progress

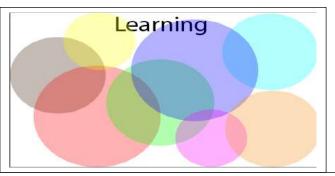
We have been working hard on implementing the key improvement strategies (KIS) for 2021.

Active, Healthy Kids – All students have actively participated in weekly Physical Education sessions with an emphasis on minor games, fitness and athletics. The 2021 sports day was testament to the planning and implementation by our Physical Education specialist and staff. Sporting Schools grants have complemented our program with students participating in AFL, Hockey and Tennis clinics.

The Resilience Project has provided all students and staff with a framework for practicing strategies to improve mental health and well-being. The key components being Gratitude - Empathy – Mindfulness (GEM). Staff have attended professional development workshops conducted by the Resilience Project teams and analysed survey results from our students in relation to their well-being.

Learning Catch-Up & Extension – All staff have participated in the DSSI Teaching Partners Program in term one and will continue to do this in term two. Teaching partners work with every teacher on a weekly basis in relation to their reading planners, student reading goals and small group instruction. One member of staff from every teaching team also has professional coaching. All staff are implementing our Instructional Model for Reading with great consistency and passion.

The Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) has been a significant layer of work this term that has allowed identified students additional intervention in relation to their reading. This is a partnership between the student, teacher and tutor that provides targeted point of need learning in the form of small group instruction and conferencing within the classroom.



Term One Highlights

In the first weeks of the 2021 school year, all students participated in the "Learn to Learn Program." This program was critical in developing a sense of connectedness for students and staff.

Student leaders gave their speeches to their respective houses before the **house groups** voted on their Captain and Vice-captain for 2021. This was an exciting leadership opportunity for our senior students.

The school **Athletic Sports** was a great day that showcased our student's athletic skills, cooperation and determination.

Our 'Buddies Program' got into full swing with the Foundation students and Year 6 students having a great night at Jubilee Park.

Forming a new **School Council** is always exciting and we greatly appreciated those parents and staff who nominated for that role this year.

The support of **Parents Club** is always much appreciated and this small group provide many additional needs for our students. These include weekly fruit, support with major activities and the purchasing of additional resources.

All students attended a school performance called, 'The Spirit of Ghana.' Talented performers presented the students with an exciting display of Ghanaian culture. Some classes participated in "Clean up

Australia Day' by cleaning our yard and our community spaces as part of this wonderful national environmental event.

Our middle school students participated in the **Red Cross Pillow Project** that provided students with excellent strategies to assist with preparing their mind for thoughts and feelings before, during and after an emergency.

Our Years 3-6 students attended the

Kangaroobie Camp that taught students about cooperation, challenging yourself to try things, taking responsibility for yourself and, most importantly, having fun!

We had our **school photographs** take place and it was nice to have MSP back on-site to take individual and family photographs. All students participated in our '**Walk to School Day**', that we were fortunate to be awarded the WCC prize for the highest percentage of walkers.

Students in junior and middle classes participated in **Earth –Ed activities** that involved coding activities to control the movements of robots.

Our 'Sporting Schools Program' arranged hockey, AFL and Tennis clinics at school.

STEAM Junior School

This term we have been learning about how we can eat the whole plant (roots, stem, leaves, flowers and seeds). Students designed and created a salad sculpture using salt dough. After initial discussion about what foods can be eaten from different parts of a plant, students created a labelled diagram of their salad. Individual pieces were made using salt dough and painted once dry. Using paper, they created a bowl to display their finished piece, which can be seen in the Multi foyer.

Cheers - Carolynne Sheppard







On the bus to camp I felt excited and happy. By Archie Guyett

My favourite day was Monday because I went to the beach. By Tyson Brown

The funniest thing that happened at camp was going on the farm because Lennox kissed a pig's bottom. By Amber Van Ginneken

For the first time I played Ga Ga. It was kind of like dodge ball but more fun and you also got in a pit. By Jack Delaney Hammond

I wish I had a Ga Ga Pit at home because it is the BEST game EVER!!!! By Mason Giblin

I wasn't pleased about my sore ankle I did before camp because I wished I could have done the Obstacle Course. By Ewan Dinwoodie

The best meal was the spaghetti. The spaghetti was yum! By Kurt Harman.

My favourite activity was the Obstacle Course because I love getting dirty. By Ella Wearne

On the bus to camp, I felt happy and nervous. By Maci McDonald

My favourite day was Tuesday because I got to go in the trailer. By Samantha Creed



The funniest thing that happened at camp was when we were building huts and I kept falling down the hill. By Billy Hooper

For the first time I went on an Obstacle Course. It was a really fun course. By Violet McDowall

I wish I had more time to play Ga Ga. Ga Ga is a game where you butt your butt against the wall while someone throws the ball and says Ga Ga GO! When the

ball hits the ground you can hit it with your fist and you can go out if it hits you below the waist.

By Kayden Brown

I wasn't pleased about getting eaten alive by all the mozzies after the game of Life and Death. By Harley Broughton

The best meal was pancakes for breakfast. By Layken McGuinness

My favourite activity was Game of Life and Death. By Tyler Laver

On the bus to camp I felt excited because we were nearly there. By Finn Beaton

I wish I had stayed longer. By Locky Smith

The funniest thing that happened at camp was when we did Red Faces and also when I did funny dances in the cabin we were in. By Emily Seniore

On the bus to camp I felt I wasn't happy on Camp morning because I couldn't go because I was sick. By Dusty Holloway

My favourite day was Monday because we went on a night walk. By Charlie Adams







The funniest thing that happened at camp was when everyone got wet when we played mudby. By Lachlan Smith

For the first time I found out that pigs are clean animals. By Frankie O'Meara

I shared a room with my friends: Zane, Malachi, Jack, Tyler, Ewan and Charlie.

By Cooper Simpson

I wish I had a camera because it was the best 3 days ever! By Lennox Neave

I wasn't pleased about having to pack up. By Timmy Boyd

The best meal was all the teas. By Taitum Raitt

My favourite activity was the farm adventures because I kissed a pig's bottom! By Finn Morgan



The best meal was I can't choose because I liked them all! By Lexi McDonald.

On the bus to camp I felt excited, nervous, happy and scared. By Acacia Garner

My favourite day was Tuesday because it was full of activities. By Taylor Membrey

The funniest thing that happened at camp was going through the mud on the obstacle course. By Grace Drake

For the first time I had to sleep on my own with my friends. By Malachi Dow

I wish I had more clothes to get into because we got wet and dirty lots. By Jayda Scouller

I wasn't pleased about not getting a lift back to camp and I had to walk all the way. By Ayla Morgan

My favourite activity was farming. By Zane Robson

The funniest thing that happened on camp was Lennox kissed a pretty big pig's bottom.

By Bree Rogitsch

For the first time I went to Kangaroobie and it was AMAZING. By Isabella Clark

My favourite day was Monday because we got to camp. By Dakotah Cauchi

The best meal was sticky date pudding. By Talia Rogitsch

My favourite activity was the game of Life and Death. By Cameron Bell

The funniest thing that happened at camp was when I was playing Ga Ga with my friends and the 5/6s. By Harry Membrey

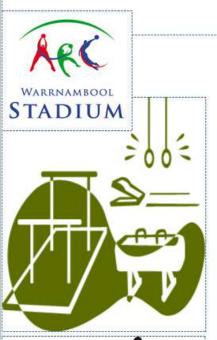
For the first time I went on a raft. We went across the river to get to the other side. By Lilly Drake

My favourite activity was going on the trailer around the farm. By Mitchell Holloway





WARRNAMBOOL GYMNASTICS CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAM





DATES:

Wednesday, 7th April, 2021 Friday, 9th April, 2021 Monday, 12th April, 2021 Wednesday, 14th April, 2021 Friday, 16th April, 2021

Time:

10AM - 11.30 AM

Where:

Warrnambool Gymnastics Centre, Warrnambool Showgrounds, Hyland Street, Warrnambool

Parents give yourself a break whilst we look after the kids.

Enjoy a fun filled 1.5 hours gymnastic session with trained and qualified coaches.

Primary school aged children

\$20.00 per session.

Bookings are essential as places limited.

Contact

Gymnastic Coordinator on 55594590 or email: pdavis@warrnambool.vic.gov.au



NET SET GO 2021

Net Set Go is a chance to learn the basic netball skills, get outside and be active and make some friends. With 10 weeks of games and fun it's a great introductory into netball.

Net Set Go is open for Registrations for all girls and boys aged between 5-10.

To Register go to play.netball.com.au/netsetgo and select Allansford in the 'take me to the finder' tab. Please select the "NET or "SET as the 'GO' is the development group.

VENUE: Allansford Football Netball Club

SESSION DAYS & TIMES: Thursday 4pm - 5pm

START DATE: Come and try night Thursday 25th March 4pm @ Allansford netball courts.

Session 1 will start Thursday 22th April and will run for 10 weeks with the last session being Thursday 24th June.

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