

Be Safe

Be A Learner

Be Respectful

November 2023

Term 4 is well underway! It's hard to believe we are already at the halfway mark!

Tasmania

We Came. We Saw. We Conquered! I'm so proud of these fabulous students for their time away on camp. The whole trip away was an absolute delight. Each day was jam packed with a new and different activity enabling us to see so much of what Tasmania has to offer. A huge thanks to all who helped bring the camp together.



Final Gymnastics Class

Tamila couldn't make our last Gymnastics class last term and so has offered a final class this Wednesday afternoon as consolation. Feel free to drop by to watch the students demonstrate their skills.



Nightly Reading

Well done to everyone who has kept up their nightly reading routines! Many students have reached impressive reading millstones so far this year —Please keep reading in the holidays and remember to sign reading diaries.

Tennis Lessons

With the students showing such improvement with their tennis skills I've booked in two more weeks of lessons. The 15th and the 22nd will be the extra days. Lessons run from 1:30— 2:30. Feel free to drop by to check out their progress.



Remembrance Day



This year, Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday. The students will be practising poems. It would be great if students were able to be dropped at Merino Cenotaph for the service. Please let Glenda or myself know if you can make it on the day.

Awards Night

Awards night is fast approaching! Students will be showcasing their years worth of Art Works as well as performing some Christmas Carols. End of year awards and scholarships will also be handed out.



Christmas Raffle

We will once again run a raffle to be drawn at our End of Year Art Show and Awards evening. Raffle tickets will be coming home to sell this week,

Surfing Lessons

I've booked the students in for some surfing lessons on the 2nd last day of school.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to drop in or call for a chat :)

November

8th—Last Gymnastics Class

15th and 22nd

Tennis lessons 1:30—2:30

December

7th—End of Year Art Show, Speeches and Awards

13th—Surfing Lessons in Port Fairy

Reports Handed Out

14th—Last Day of Term 4 for Merino CS Students

15th—Parent/teacher Interviews

18th—2023 Archiving

19th & 20th—2024 Planning Day

January 2024

Tuesday 30th January

Students Return

Wednesday 31st

Swimming Lessons Commence

A reminder that no Kitchen classes run during the 1st and last weeks of term—please supply students lunches





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One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they must isolate until they receive clearance from the Department of Health and Human Services. Read the [What to do if you've tested positive for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (PDF) for more information.

If a person is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) the Department of Health and Human Services will get in contact to tell them they are a close contact of a person who is confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19). A close contact must quarantine at home. Read the [What to do if you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (Word) for more information.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.

