

# Woodville Primary School

WEEK ENDING 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

NEWSLETTER 16

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM FOUR 2021

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Welcome to term four – Remote and Flexible Teaching & Learning
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Preps return to onsite teaching (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 1/2 return to onsite teaching (Thurs, Fri)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3/4 return to onsite teaching (Tues/Wed)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5/6 return to onsite teaching (Thurs, Fri)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Preps on site – 100 days of school, belated celebration day!
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday</b>
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Preps and 3/4 students on site only
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	1/2 and 5/6 students on site only
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING – YIPPEEE!</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reports, portfolios and 2022 class/teacher placement letter sent home to families
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the 2021 school year. 12.30pm whole School assembly 1pm dismissal

**If you will not be returning to Woodville in 2022. please notify us at the office or by email.**

## Summer = Hats

Our Sunsmart Policy states that all staff and students must wear a hat when outside during school hours.

Students must wear a navy-blue bucket hat as per policy ratified by School Council.

Hats are for sale at the office for \$10.00 each. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly labelled and stored at school.

## A message from the Principal Class Team...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming our Prep, Grade 1 and 2 students back to school next week and Grades 3-6 from 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please see attached '**Roadmap for returning to face-to-face teaching & learning at Woodville**' for information relating to what days certain year levels return to school. Whilst it will look a little different and entail some changes to our regular routines, it will be lovely to have all the children back. We are sure they are looking forward to seeing their friends and staff!

In order to comply with State Government and the Department of Education COVID-19 guidelines **parents and carers will not be allowed to enter school grounds**. We recognise that this may cause both you and your child considerable stress but are hoping the Social Story developed and discussed with your child (it is available on the school's website) will help to alleviate some of this anxiety. If your child is particularly anxious it may be worth your time to come up to the school over the weekend, locate the relevant gate, practise your 'kiss and go' technique and talk about how brave they are in helping everyone to keep safe. This method of entry and exit will become the new norm so the more we can do together to ease anxiety, the easier it will become for both you and your child/children.

**Latest directions from the Chief Health Officer dictate all students in years three to six will be required to wear a fitted face mask whilst indoors at school. It is strongly recommended P – 2 also wear a face mask. Parents/carers are to supply face masks for their children.**

**Children must enter and exit the school from designated gates.** Please bring your child/ children to their designated gate between 8.40am and 8.50am where they will be greeted by a member of staff and allowed into the school grounds. There are marks on the footpaths where you may stand and wait whilst maintaining 1.5m from other adults. It is 'kiss and go' at the gate. Please do not linger as you will appreciate, we will have many children and families waiting to enter. It is critical we maintain social distancing amongst both adults and children.

**At the end of the school day, gates will be opened at 3pm. You will need to come to the designated gate – children will only be released when we see you at the gate.**

If you normally park at the Woodville shops or elsewhere and get your children to walk to you, we request that you walk to the designated gate and wait there instead. **Please ensure your children do not arrive prior to 8.40am as gates will be locked.** We recognise that this will present challenges in many ways. However, the threat of COVID-19 remains very real, and we must do all we can to protect everyone in our community.

Please find below important information relating to the gate your child/ children will need to use. Please be prompt to avoid congestion in the streets and carparks. We really do appreciate your support in keeping our community safe.

### Gates – entry and exit times

The gate your child/children will use is based on the location of your **only or youngest child's** classroom.

**Block A**            **Grades 34A, 34C, and all 5/6 grades** - entry/exit Warringa Crescent gate

**Block B**            **Grades 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 34B, 34D, 34E, 34F** – entry/exit Powell Drive gate    (Open from 21<sup>st</sup> October)

**BER**                **All Prep grades and Grades 1A, 1B and 1C** - entry/exit Madison Drive gate

### **FAMILIES WILL USE THE GATE OF THE YOUNGEST SIBLING.**

We understand that you may be feeling anxious. However, the advice from the Education Department, based on advice from the Chief Medical Officer of Victoria is that it is safe for children to return. For this reason, the Education Department has directed that we no longer provide work for children staying at home. You will appreciate that this would double our workload given that we will be teaching full-time in our classrooms.

Our cleaning allocation has also increased with a cleaner onsite each day to wipe down high use areas.

Additional precautions such as regular handwashing and sanitising will remain in place. Any child who displays any symptoms of a cold or flu must be kept at home until symptoms have gone. Should a child display these symptoms at school, they will be isolated, and parents/carers will be contacted to collect the child immediately.

Our aim is keep everyone – adults and children as safe as possible.

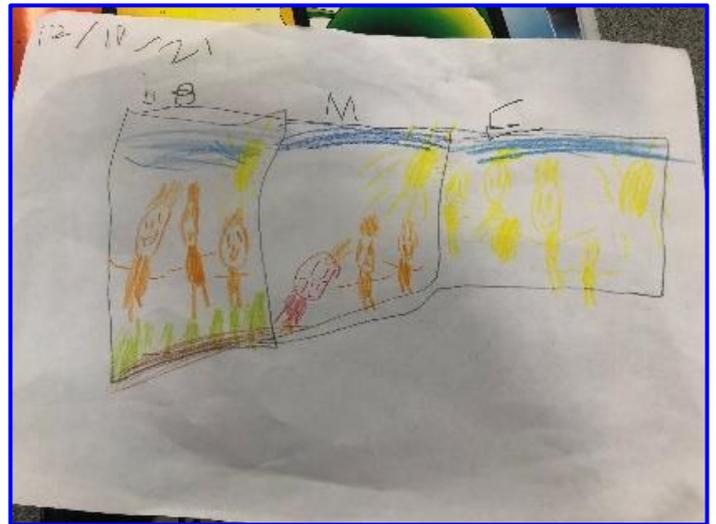
Take care, stay safe and stay well.

**Nadia and Jodi**

## Prep Team News...

### Numeracy - Time

Since returning to online learning this term, Prep students have been busy learning all about time and activities that take a short time and activities that take a long time. They have been learning the days of the week and ordering events according to the days that they happen. In writing, students have been working hard, using story maps to plan and write a short narrative.



## 100 Days of School Celebration

Although the milestone passed quite some time ago, Prep teachers have not forgotten this wonderful achievement. Our prep team will be celebrating this special day, as well as their return to onsite learning, on Monday 1st November 2021. We will begin the day with a free breakfast followed by a variety of different activities throughout the day.

We encourage all Prep students to dress up in something that reflects 100.



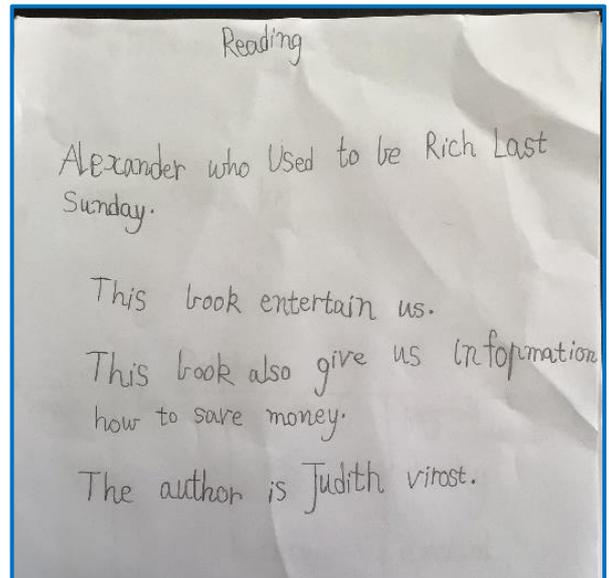
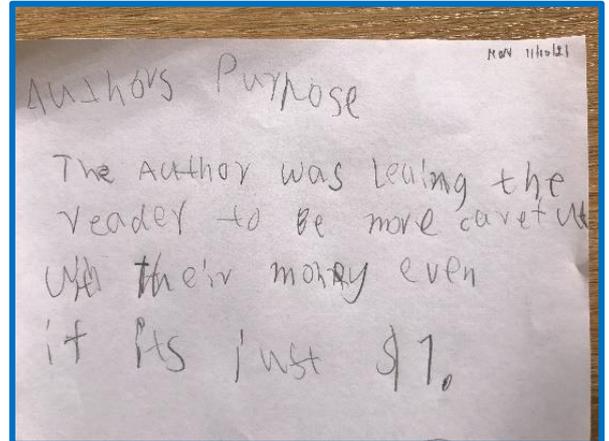
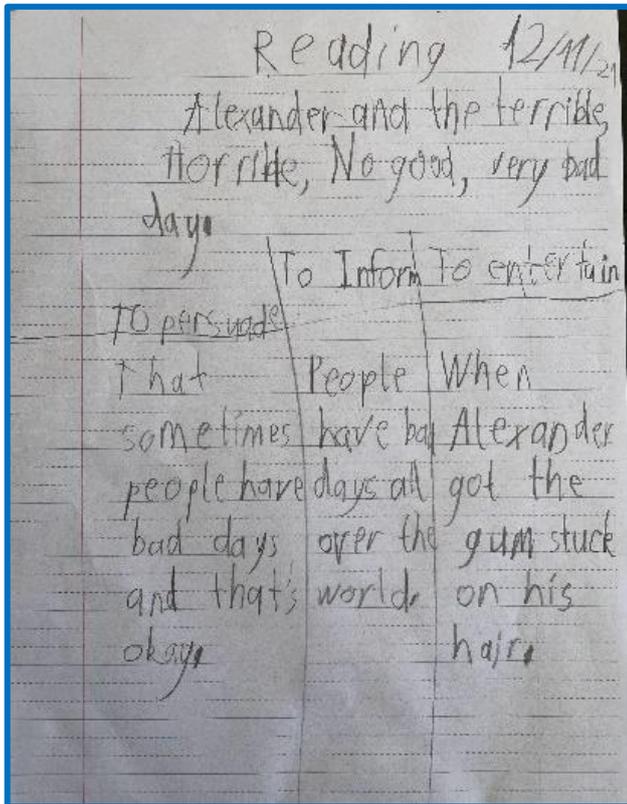
## 1/2 Team News...

### Reading...

Students in the 1/2 team have been learning about the Author's purpose in a book. They made judgements and personal connections to whether the Author is aiming to persuade, inform or entertain readers.

Numeracy...

In Numeracy students have been learning about money. They have investigated the different values of the coins and notes we use in Australia. They also connected this to addition by adding money together to understand how much money they would have in total.



## 5/6 Team News...

### What's up in the 5/6 Team?

Over the first few weeks of term 4, the grade 5/6 students have done a lot of learning.

In Reading, we have been learning about natural disasters and how they occur, with a major focus on the subject specific vocabulary that applies to each disaster, as well as practising the strategy of summarising new information.

Further to this, we have integrated writing sessions into the topic of natural disasters by researching one of either volcanos, earthquakes, tsunamis or cyclones and beginning to write explanation texts about how they occur.

In Numeracy, we have learnt about the various types of angles and investigated the varying degrees of these using handheld and online protractors. At present, we are identifying and finding corresponding angles, where a straight line intersects with two parallel lines.

Staff and students are really looking forward to heading back to school in a couple of weeks' time.

These are some things the students have said about the long-anticipated return to school...

'I can't wait to see my friends'

'I'm looking forward to seeing my classmates and teachers'

'I'm excited to finally be able to go outside and see my friends and teachers'

'I look forward to seeing friends and peers, as well as contributing to my Leadership Roles again.'

### Poetry

In the 3/4 team, we have been learning about poetry.

Students had the opportunity to experiment with different types and features of poetry including Personification, Onomatopoeia, Tongue Twisters, Metaphors, Similes and free form poetry.

Here are some examples of our writers' fantastic work.

#### Similes

*The girl was as fast as a cheetah.* By **Natalia**

*The echidna was as prickly as a cactus.* By **Florence**

*The room shook like an angry bull stampeding.* By **Ava**

*He was as strong as a grizzly bear.* By **Rim**

*I'm happy as a dog going on a 3 hour walk for fun.* By **Yusra**

## Specialist Team News...

### Prep Specialist

Welcome back to Term 4!

It has been a busy start and it has been wonderful to see so many of our Prep friends online. It will be so much better next week when we are back at school!

In Japanese this week Mrs Davies made sushi and we drew a cartoon style Sushi. We talked about Bento boxes and what we might make to put in them.



In PE, we have been keeping fit and doing exercise that we enjoy. Everybody has enjoyed, 'This or that' activities. We have a choice of two characters and then copy their movement. Lots of children created their own moves and we copied them.

In Art, we have looked around our world for inspiration and talked and created Art about what makes us happy and what we find beautiful.

Thank you to all of the Prep children's adults for helping them to attend specialist classes.

YOU have done a great job!