

Term 2 Week 6 Wrap

Friday 22 May 2020



Fairfield
Primary School

Principal's Update

We can't wait to see you!

On Monday 23 March, we closed our doors to students. It was a sad and challenging time for everyone, as we were in a period of real uncertainty and we did not know for how long the school would be closed. We couldn't be happier to welcome back our students next week – the school staff has missed them. Whilst it is only Foundation – Year 2 students returning next week, we know that time will pass quickly, and before we know it, we will have all of our grades back in action.

We recognise that students in Year 3 – 6 may feel a bit disappointed in not being able to return to school for another couple of weeks. Their remote learning program will continue as normal, until their return on Tuesday 9 June.

Parents in Foundation – Year 2 are encouraged to read the reminders that were communicated this week, which detail the changes to the school day.

I have been so appreciative of the support that the school and staff have received from the community. We aim for the return to school to be as smooth and safe as possible – whilst there are changes for us all to adjust to, the fun of being together and learning collaboratively will resume on Tuesday.



The classrooms are set and the grounds ready for the return of Foundation and Year 1/2 students

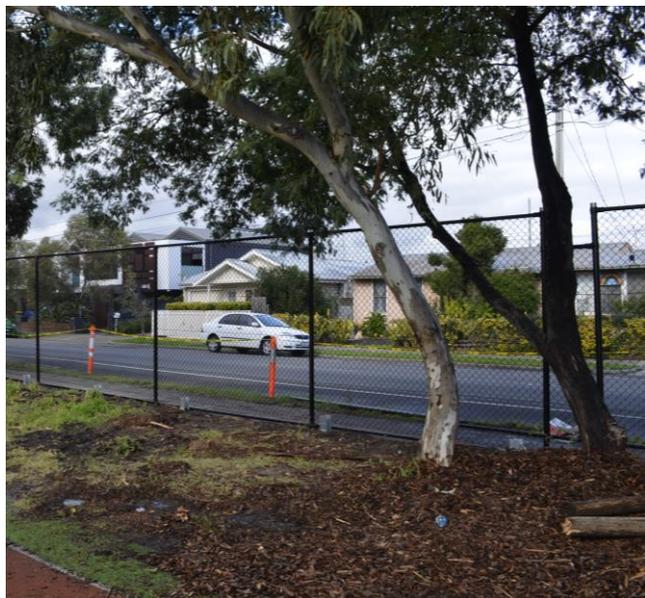


School Grounds

The school grounds are looking wonderful! The work over the past couple of months has included the installation of the new fence on Wingrove St, new planting alongside the oval, mulching and tidying around the oval, plus the sanding of the gym floor.

Thank you to Graham, our maintenance person for his hard work and diligence across our school grounds.

All we need now are the kids!



New Wingrove Street fence



The very shiny floor of the gym!

Curriculum Day – Monday 25 May

All Victorian state schools have a curriculum day on Monday 25 May. Staff will be onsite, preparing for face-to-face teaching. The school will not be providing onsite supervision or remote learning on this day. OSHClub is running if you require supervision.

Due to the shortened week, Friday 29 May will be a normal remote learning day for Year 3 – 6, rather than a 'Catch Up or Rest Up' day.

Parent Questions and Answers

The Department of Education and Training has collated all the information that you might need about [students returning to school](#).

Home Readers

We are sure that your children have had quite enough time with their current home reader! Please make sure that these books are returned to school on Tuesday so that they can be changed out.

Please note, that for staff safety reasons, the library will be closed for the remainder of this term.

Returning Devices

For families that borrowed school devices to support remote learning, please keep these devices at home for now. The school will organise a system for the return of these devices once all students are back at school. The process will be communicated at a later date.

Reporting

All Victorian state schools are to provide student reports for semester one. These reports will be adapted to allow for this term's disruptions, and will not include any Progression Points (A – E grade). The reports will be distributed during the last week of term. Information about what will be included in these reports will be sent out at a later date.

Specialist Timetable – Tuesday 25 – Friday 29 May

Students will attend specialist classes this term. Due to the changing nature of the situation, timetables will need to be adapted on a weekly basis to accommodate shortened weeks and the return of Year 3 – 6 students.

Click to see [next week's Specialist Timetable](#).

2021 Enrolments

If you have a kindergarten child who is ready to commence school in 2021, we ask that you [submit an enrolment form](#) by the end of term. This facilitates the planning of staffing and resources for the coming year.

Also, if you know of families looking to enrol their child at FPS, direct them to our school website for a [virtual school tour](#) and to [register for a virtual information session](#).

~ Paul Wallace, Principal

Community News

Locked Down Trivia Night

We invite parents, friends and family to join a night of 'Locked Down Trivia' frivolity on **Friday 29 May at 8pm**, live from your lounge. The aim of this event is fun – it's a way for our school community to come together and have a laugh.

- [Register here](#)
- Select: **May 29th at 8pm**
- Get your 'School Sports Day' attire ready for the night.
- The event is hosted via Zoom, and on the night a Google Form quiz sheet will be shared to complete your answers.
- You can play as a team (you can work across different houses) or within your house.
- There is no cost to register or play. There is an optional donation of \$20 per login, however it's not required to register or play on the night. Donations collected go to selected schools and childcare centres, including Fairfield Primary School.



Parent Workshop: Supporting your Children as they Transition Back to School

Darebin Council and Berry Street Education Model have partnered to host a workshop designed for parents to help support their children as they transition back to school and new daily routines. The session will be interactive and include time for participants to engage in conversations and reflections on what our children need from us throughout this time.

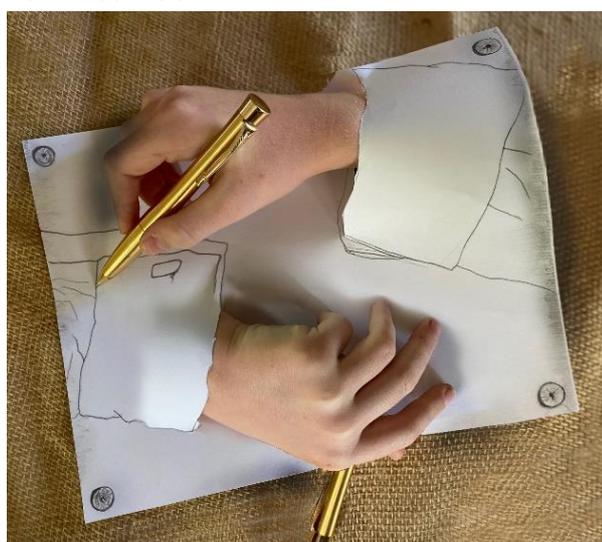
- **Topic:** Finding a Calm in the Storm. Supporting parents to help their children through stressful times.
- **When:** Wednesday June 3, 6.30 – 7.30pm
- **Audience:** This event is for parents of primary school children.
- **Meeting:** <https://berrystreet.zoom.us/j/99127304279>
- **Note:** The meeting will start in Zoom 20 minutes early (6.10pm) for anyone who wants to test their connection and settings, etc.

M.C. Escher in Isolation Challenge

Thanks for all your submissions to date – they are so creative and clever! Keep your submissions coming. Marjie has plans to create a gallery of works, so the more artworks we have from you, the better.



Liam Watkins 3B



Winona B, 4C

