

NOVEMBER 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pupil Free Day	Public Holiday					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				Excursion Note Due back		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	School council					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Extended Day			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	School Council	Graduation Day	Last day for students	Last day for Staff		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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A message from our Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Six weeks of the 2021 school term left, and it is nice to see all the students back at school on a full-time basis.

This year has been challenging in many ways; for students, for parents and for staff. Many students have adjusted back into the normal routine of school, and some have not so well, and it is delightful seeing the kids interact with their classmates and staff.

We will be having an extended day to Halls Gap on December 9th instead of the school camp which had to be cancelled. Expressions of interest will be sent out and need to be returned by Friday November 12th. Activities at this stage may include a zoo visit and a trip to Brambuk Cultural Centre. There will be activities available at school for those students who are not participating in the excursion.

School book lists and Parent Payment arrangements will be distributed this week.

If you have any questions about either the Parent Payments or the booklists, please contact me and I will try to answer them for you.

Many families have changed arrangements for therapists. To help us keep our records up to date and know who we need to invite to student support group meetings, please complete the attached form to update details.

As we move into hay fever season students get runny noses and annoying coughs. In line with Department of Education current COVID regulations we will still need to send these students home unless you have a certificate from the doctor to indicate your child is fit to attend school. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

There is an information sheet provided in this newsletter that may answer any questions.

Asthma is also a common result of hay fever, so please ensure we have a current asthma plan for your child, if they have asthma, as well as in date inhalers.

Enjoy your week, stay safe and healthy.

Sonya

Vaccination requirements for parents and carers attending schools

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.
- when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

Parents and carers attending any event or activity inside a school building including, but not limited to tours, graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination.

Meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements should be held virtually.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

External providers who use or hire school facilities outside of school hours must ensure that use aligns with the [Open Premises Directions](#) including vaccination requirements.

Please understand that this a Department of Education directive and the school is legally obliged to enforce these rules.

Last Day of Term: Thursday 16th December 2021 (for students)

We will be holding a final assembly and sausage sizzle on this day to celebrate the fabulous efforts our students and their families have put in, during this very difficult school year.

Families are invited to join us at 1.30pm - there will be some covid restrictions in place

Please pop this date into your diary, and we will send home more information as the year draws to an end.

If you have any questions please contact the office.

Whole School Extended Day - December 9th

Hamilton Parklands School will be having an extended day instead of having a school camp.

We will be travelling by coach to Halls Gap and spending the day doing various activities before returning to school.

Possible Itinerary:

9.15: Leave school

10.30: arrive Halls Gap – morning tea, toilet

11.00: Brambuk Cultural Centre

12.30: Gardens and lunch

1.15: Halls Gap Zoo

6.00: arrive at school

Please complete the form below and return to school by November 12th so we can organise staffing and transport. There will be a nominal cost of \$5 per student. Further permission and medical forms will be sent home in coming weeks.

Thanks

Sonya

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Hall Gap Extended Day 2021

I give my child _____ permission to participate in the extended day on December 9th 2021.

I do not give my child _____ permission to participate in an extended day on December 9th 2021. I understand there will be activities at school my child will be participating in.

Signed _____