



Middle Indigo Primary School

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Foundation Queries

Middle Indigo has for the first time in a number of years, no sibling Foundation students coming in next year (2021). As such, we are keen to get the word out to the Indigo Valley community and the local towns that we are a fantastic option for students starting their school journey.

In particular we want the towns to know that there is an 'Alternative' to the town schools and that we are only five minutes from Barnawartha and ten from Chiltern.

Our school is always open for prospective parents to visit. We have a unique, happy and quality educational experience to offer any family and student. So please feel free to let people know we are here. – Often people are not aware how close we are..... A visit to our school will at least give prospective parents an alternative vision of learning and school community in their local area.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

We are in the last week of lock down at school. From next week, all students will return to school on Tuesday. Classes will run as per normal timetable. Art, Library, Music and Chinese will all be run from school on the usual timetable. Robbie's bus will run as normal but he may change the seating arrangements so as family groups are closer together.

Despite school resuming normally, the Corona Virus is still active in the community and as such, restrictions are still in place in certain behaviours and access points. All bubblers are off – students will need a drink bottle (can be refilled in the kitchen). Hand sanitisers are in all rooms and the students will need to use it at certain times in the rooms – before after breaks etc. Close contact between students will be curtailed as best as practicable.

Health – It is important that if your child is ill, they stay at home. The pandemic has made that abundantly clear. In addition, we can arrange activities\Webex learning at home if needed when or if they are recuperating.



Mr James Webex class

Assembly – There will be no assemblies for the next few weeks. The department has decreed they are not to happen until further health advice comes in.

Pick up and Drop off – Students are to be picked up and dropped off at the carpark ramp. Parents are requested not to enter the school unless absolutely necessary until further advice from the Department.

Hand washing – We will be encouraging the students to be vigilant in hand washing for the foreseeable future. There is plenty of soap and hand sanitiser located at all hand washing taps and entrances to classrooms.

It all sounds rather draconian but it is the conditions required for schools to operate, so that is what we shall do. At present, the Department of Education suggests these rules will be in place for the next few weeks of term two and possibly through to term 4.

LEGO MASTER – Lego building challenge city



MIDDLE INDIGO - RURAL LIVING LEARNING AND BEYOND

News from the Junior Grade

Last week the P/1/2 class came back to school full time with great success! They had a fantastic time playing with all of their friends again while getting used to the school routine in a relaxed way. We have had plenty of hands on fun activities, games, Lego challenge tasks and playdough to help them get through the days without too much paper work just yet. We also spent a lot of time discussing the good things that came out of the lockdown and staying home and focused on the positives that came out of the change.



Luke Sheridan – making Play Doh letters

School Reports

School reports will be coming out at the end of term two. Due to the students having a large part of their learning taking place at home, the Department of Education has determined that school reporting will be focused on the classroom and home learning, student's ability to adapt to learning from home and wellbeing. The usual progression points that appear at the start of a report will not happen this term. Usually schools would be collecting data from testing of students and using this and anecdotal information to decide the progressions points. This testing would be very unfair and put way too much pressure on students returning to school.

So school reports will have detail on the class learning – Numeracy and Literacy and a general comment on your child's progress over the half year and a particular focus on their learning and wellbeing during the home schooling time.

In regards to testing and data collection, we plan to do that in the fourth week back in term three. Using that as our midway point in the school year. This allows us time to catch up and then be on par for the end of year reports.

Mount Buffalo Snow day

We are still figuring out whether the snow day can go ahead this year. Ski areas are set to open as usual but with varying degrees of restrictions. All going well, we are hoping that the snow fun day will occur on Wednesday the 26th of August. The whole school will attend. Prices to be confirmed soon.



Anika Rowling's Play Doh Legend!

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is up and running again. Students will have the opportunity to register all the books they have read over the year. If they reach a certain amount then they will be recognised in the awards and a certificate will be awarded. Students can add to their list at any time. We will be showing them how to do this at school in the coming days. Big students will help the little students,

8 th June	Queens Birthday holiday
9 th June	Senior Class returns
25 th June	Reports Home
26 th June	Last Day of term two
13 th June	First Day of Term Three
3 rd August	Mid-Year Testing Week
26 th August	Mount Buffalo Snow Fun Day

Indigo Valley Landcare Nature Reserve Community Working Bee



Dates & Times for Community Plantings:

Sunday 14th June 10am-11:00am OR 2:00pm-3:00pm

Saturday 20th June 10am-11:00am OR 2:00pm-3:00pm

Sunday 12th July 10am-11:00am OR 2:00pm-3:00pm

Saturday 18th July 10am-11:00am OR 2:00pm-3:00pm

We have 500 shrubs, tussocks and grasses to plant. We encourage households and families to make a date to come along and help with plantings. A member or members of Indigo Valley Landcare will be your guide/s. Holes are pre prepared.

To participate, bookings are being taken so that appropriate distancing rules on the day can be observed. **Please phone Sue 0415 551 056.**

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