



# Middle Indigo Primary School

## 11/8/2021

### Sixth Lockdown

Well done again to all the students, teachers, and parents with the latest, albeit short lockdown. Once again, most students were online and learning from day one.

Lockdowns will most likely be with us until vaccination rates rise to the government target of 70 – 80%. Middle Indigo is quite adept at moving to online learning and catering for students who cannot learn from home. Not that that makes it any easier. Hopefully it will soon be an oddity that we will look back on and wonder about.

### Parent Opinion Survey

The annual parent opinion survey is with us again. I understand that you have all just gone through the census survey and lockdown as well, but the parent opinion survey helps with the school data and planning for the next few years.

Below is the official spiel from the Department and instructions for the survey.

*Please be kind!*

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### **WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey).

It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please speak to Mr. James if you would like more information.

### **PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY LINK**

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

### **SCHOOL AND CAMPUS NAME –SELECT:**

School Name: **Middle Indigo Primary School**

Thank you for your input.

### School Review

Next week from Wednesday, we will have a number of visitors to the school (Covid permitting).

Graham Wood, Louie Tempany, Kirby Logie and John Pryor, as well as our School Council President Sam Dombrowski will be looking at our school data and previous strategic plan whilst working towards goals for the next four years at Middle Indigo.

The reviewers will have time to observe the classrooms in action as well as asking students their thoughts on their learning and attitude to our school as well as a focus on student wellbeing after the Covid lockdowns.

# MIDDLE INDIGO - RURAL LIVING LEARNING AND BEYOND

The final day of the review is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like to meet the review panel and chat about our school, please feel free to attend on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. The students lunch break at 11:00 to 11:45 would be a good time if you wish to be involved. Hopefully those times will be ok.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Hopefully everyone is super pumped and eager for the athletics carnival, now that the Olympics has inspired us all to go BIG and FAST.

We have the athletics park in Albury and Wodonga booked (just in case) on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August.

Students will leave promptly at 9:00am and return by 2:45.

Parents (Covid depending) are encouraged to join us on the day. We are joined with the Yackandandah School for this event. Parent helpers and barrackers are always encouraged.

We will start practising our *sporticus* skills in the coming days in the build up to the big event.

I will get more details to families as we get closer to the event.

## SCIENCE FAIR

This term's second theme for both grades is all about science. We are running a science fair, open classroom session on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. The fair will involve the students practising and demonstrating science-based projects to families and the community.

This is an opportunity for parents and family to come and see the students demonstrate some science learning as well as show off the classrooms and grounds. As a school we are looking to have a more open approach to our community and families after the lockdowns of the last year or so. Plus, science is fun.

Please lend a hand to your child with their projects if needed. They will need to be able to explain the science of their work as well as demonstrate the project.

If Covid gets in the way, we may organise a drive through science fair instead.

There... Take that Covid!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Important Dates

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> August   | School Review, day 1               |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> August   | Athletics – Alexandra Park, Albury |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> August   | School Review, Day 2               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> September | Science Fair – School 2:00pm       |

We are hoping to have a snow play day somewhere in there as well



Dress Up day photos

# MIDDLE INDIGO - RURAL LIVING LEARNING AND BEYOND

## Music Lessons

Patrick has started private music lessons at the school every Tuesday.

{Please contact Mr James for more info}

**What:** Patrick Thurtell Music Lessons

**Instruments offered:** piano, guitar, bass, ukulele, harmonica, singing

**When:** school hours

**Time:** 30-minute lessons

**Cost:** \$30 per lesson

Current students are really enjoying the private lessons – Highly recommended

And a quick plug for this upcoming event at Yackandandah

\$5.00 for the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 7:30pm Yackandandah Hall

## BE THERE AND BE SQUARE



The whole school



Olivia lost her arms!



Pumpkin, Wally and an OLD MAN