



Middle Indigo Primary School

8/2/2022

Welcome back all student and families

2022 has started off with all grades moving to the big classroom. The grades are positioned mostly on the right-hand side with the other classroom being used for computers, our library space, conference table and special grade six area. Having all the students in the one area has meant the teaching staff are present for all lessons, for all students. This allows us more one on one teaching time with students and a better management of students needs and class performance.

We are hoping to have a greater emphasis on excursions for the students in 2022, as the school has not been able to travel for two years now. We have a number of events planned for this term already as well as the big trip in term four – the Bike Camp – which will be open for all students this year.

With Covid still raging through the community we have had to make some adjustments to how we operate. Firstly, we have three new air purifier's located in the teaching spaces. These can filter the air in the rooms six times an hour and are fairly quiet. We are also keeping the windows and doors open to let in as much air as possible throughout the day. We are also focusing on having lots of outside time during the day as well. We have a new shade sail area being built later in the term to enhance our outside play and learning spaces.

As yet, we are not planning on running the welcome to school BBQ until we are a little more informed on the Covid spread in the community. Rest assured, as soon as we have more clarity on the issue, we will run the event.

Learning – Our usual day comprises

- Quiet reading
- Reading workshop
- Writing workshop
- Lunch break – 11:00 to 11:30
- Numeracy + numeracy fluency tasks
- Snack break – 1:00 1:50
- Project – Inventors and Explorers
- Pack up – depart 3:15pm

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Extra Learning Areas

Added to our primary learning focuses we have Art and Library classes (90mins) every fortnight. We have music classes weekly and well-being lessons in the form of Respectful Relations and Play is the Way classes on a Tuesday. Our language program takes place on Thursdays with 90 minutes of Mandarin. We have sport and science weekly as well.

Learning Focus 2022

This year our school learning focus will be writing. The staff have begun undertaking a number of professional learning opportunities based on teaching writing. So, expect to hear lots about writing in the next twelve months.

Welcome Matthew Piper

Matthew was born on 12th January. HE weighed in at 4.3 kilograms or 9.9 pounds. Wow!!!!

Anika with her new big baby brother



Mother is doing fine

Siblings are over the moon

Father is recovering

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Welcome Shelby Hanby

Welcome to Shelby Hanby, who will be teaching at the school each Tuesday for 2022. Ms. Hanby will be teaching music classes and running our wellbeing programs – Respectful Relations and Play is the Way.

The Respectful Relationships program supports schools to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. Play is the Way is a method for teaching social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language.

It is a process that gives our school a way to develop, improve and entrench the personal and social capabilities of students.

It is proven that children with strong pro-social behaviour tend to lead more positive lives, have more meaningful relationships, enjoy better physical and mental health and do better at school.

Explorers and Bush Rangers Excursion

We will be travelling to Beechworth as part of our Explorers and Bushrangers learning unit, on the 23rd of March. We will visit the Burke Museum and the Beechworth Gaol for a tour through both facilities. We plan on having a picnic lunch and a walk through the historic area of Beechworth and a trip to Lake Sambell. This will be an all day event. Hopefully no one will be left behind in the gaol??????



Purifyer – doing its thing!



Storm damage to Shade Sail

We had a big storm come through on the weekend before school started. The gardens took a hit and we have been cleaning up ever since. Manny, our maintenance man has been doing his best to restore the school to a presentable state. One major casualty was a pole on the southside of the playground shade sail. We have repairs starting soon. The sail is safe for the moment but is suffering from a distinct ‘floppiness.’

Swimming Sports

Swimming sports will take place at the Chiltern Pool on Wednesday the 23rd of February. Students will be encouraged to choose from freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Students will then have the opportunity to participate in the Middle Indigo Speciality Events – the Big Splash and the Stupid Dive. After, the students will have free swim play and lunch at the pool.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons will take place from the 28th February to the 4th of March.

Students will be away from school each day for two hours.

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Mrs. Skate in action with the juniors



Covid – positive result procedure

Please inform the school as soon as possible of a positive result

Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Ensure that staff or students refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic, unless it is known that their symptoms are caused by an underlying health condition or medication.

The school will place remote learning online when requested for students who are isolating. Be aware that guidelines from the department of education suggest not too much work as they recover.

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Students of the week – Luke and Benji

Luke – For having a great attitude to his learning in week one

Benji - For his terrific recount of his skateboard incident on the holidays

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 23rd February | Swim Lessons all week |
| 7th March to 11th | School Dentist here all week |
| 23rd March | Explorers\Bush Rangers – Beechworth Jail and Museum trip – All Day |
| 28th March | Educational Sports Carnival (Games event with two other schools) Location TBA |
| 8th April | End of term one |

School rule - reminder

Do not play behind the sheds or behind the big classroom – Car park is out of bounds