



Middle Indigo Primary School

13th October 2022

Walk to Mr McLean's Farm

We are planning on doing our Walk to School program this year with a walk to Mr McLean's farm on the 7th of November. We used to do this walk annually up until Covid struck. The students will depart school and walk Sutherlands Road and onto Back Martindale road finishing at Norm McLean's Farm where we will have a picnic lunch and a play. Then we will walk to the high point of the Indigo Valley to check out the view and chat about the Valley. Returning to the homestead the students will be picked up in Johnson's bus and returned to school. Departure time will be 9:30am and return by 3:00pm.



Noah McLean on our walk in 2018

Bike Education\Camp

As part of the build up to our bike camp, the students will ride their bikes on some back roads of the Valley to get a little match fit for the camp. This will happen during the bike education week and the following early part of the week before camp.



Pool Fun Swim Splash Water Spatter Plop day

Pool Fun Swim Splash Water Spatter Plop day is on Friday the 16th of December and is the last day of the school year for the students. We have booked Chiltern pool from 10:00 till 2:00 for the day.



Garden repair\Work Bee

We will have a garden fun day when the rain stops. We have a load of wood chips ready to spread over the garden beds and enough to build a new garden bed along the bus lane and the oval. The plan is to have a vegetation line from near the corner of the library to the drainage sign to discourage vehicles from driving onto the oval space to access the school grounds.

FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS



MIPS headed to Flyaway Gymnastics on Tuesday for the start of three sessions at the gym. The students were split into two groups and then instructed on the equipment. The session was very loud and happy and stretched the students.

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Annual School Improvement\Learning Plan - 2023

We are in the process of writing the 2023 Annual Improvement Plan. Our focus for 2023 will be on writing improvement across the school. This is a continuation of the Reading and Writing program we commenced in 2021. The plan will have a mental health element as well. We will also look to continue the Respectful Relations and Play is the Way programs next year as well.

Maintenance

We have purchased a new trailer to go on the back of the mower. This will help with transporting heavy things around the school or shifting woodchips, dirt etc. We have purchased a new super special catcher system for the mower. This will enable us to pick up all the leaves around the school and thus reduce the fire risk in summer as well as the wet mess in the winter. We have purchased a new spraykit to help alleviate weeds and to keep certain areas free of vegetation – around fence lines and front of school etc.

Holiday Childcare Program

The Big Childcare group runs holiday programs at Chiltern during the school holidays. The program is based at Chiltern Primary School. The holiday program includes a theme or activity each day.

The sign up can be done totally online. The Chiltern group has plenty of spaces for Middle Indigo students and you can pick and choose the days you wish to attend.

School Rules No 20 – Don't run on the big serpent painting in the shelter area when it is wet. Don't drink out of puddles!

COVID-19 isolation requirements have changed

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders.

The following settings, based on advice from the Department of Health, will apply from 11.59pm Wednesday 12 October 2022.

It is strongly recommended that **students**:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Where **students** become symptomatic at school they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert is Thursday the 8th of December. Music and food and awards and Santa.

Our private music teacher Patrick is stepping up and teaching the students a number of Christmas tunes and music performances for the concert.

Learning this week

So Much Learning

BODMAS and ALGEBRA

SPELLING

POETRY

READING LYMERICS

UPCOMING EVENTS

24 th Oct	Landcare excursion
1 st Nov	Student free day
2 nd Nov	Melbourne Cup Holiday
2 nd Nov	Grade 6 to BSC
8 th Nov	Walk to Mr. McLeans Farm
21 st - 25 th Nov	Bike education
1 st – 2 nd Dec	BIKE CAMP
8 th Dec	Christmas Concert
13 th Dec	Year 6 BSC
16 th Dec	Pool Party\Last day of Term

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Lachie



Windsor

Prep transition day – Welcome to our school



Hudson