

Stanhope Primary School

Stanhope Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a positive and safe learning environment, where our children are protected from abuse and where we maximise individual academic and social growth through explicit teaching and taking responsibility for all our learning.

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REMINDERS & THINGS TO DO

Remote Learning continues!
Make sure you keep up to date through uEducateUs and Class Dojo

SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCY

Please see Christine or Mica at the school if you can help us out!

Please

- ONLY ENTER THE SCHOOL IF NECESSARY VIA THE MAIN ENTRANCE.
- USE HAND SANITISER WHEN YOU COME TO RECEPTION.
- HAVE YOUR TEMPERATURE TAKEN AT THE RECEPTION WINDOW.
- TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

Thank you

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday -Fridays
During Remote Learning

- ◆ Grade 3,4,5 & 6 Check-in at 8.45 am
- ◆ Grade P-2 Check-in at 9.05 am

Attitudes to School Survey

Opens Monday 24 August
Closes 18 September

FREE BREAKFAST PACKS
Can be collected from school.

COVID Contact Tracing for Visitors & Families

All visitors and adults MUST enter via the main, front door & only when on essential school business

From the Principal

Remote Learning & Teaching



Congratulations to the grade 3-6 class families who are ALL connected on Class Dojo! On Tuesday morning, the teachers introduced some basic protocols when attending the morning check-ins or whenever you are in an online class or meeting. The main thing to remember is that this IS school. Just in a different format. So the expectations of attendance and work completion are the same. The expectations about how students present themselves, is the same. That is, by the time they check in, they are ready to learn, sitting up – not in bed or lying down. In other words, following our school values in everything we do here.

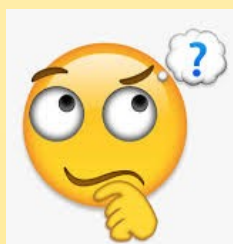
Some families will have received memos where students have outstanding tasks to complete. Again, this IS school and the work is important. It is planned in just the same way it is when students are on site. Missing instructions and live lessons, makes it difficult for students to gain the full benefit. The teachers and I are working on a plan to have a whole school meeting each Friday to celebrate student successes. We will provide the details through Class Dojo and uEducateUs once we have everything in place.

Student Attitudes to School Survey

This year, the annual Student Attitudes to School Survey will be offered in a slightly different format and take on a more personal approach to include and gauge students perspectives on remote learning. Included in this newsletter is a **letter of consent** for you to **read and respond** to if you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate in this year's survey. Student login details will be sent out to parents **via uEducateUs** prior to the opening of the survey on Monday 24th August. **Parents must opt-out of the survey of they do not want their child to participate.** The survey remains open until the 18th September.

What About Next year?

An issue which is starting to be raised is from families who may be thinking about their students' capacity to manage their next level of education successfully. Some have expressed thoughts about repeating the year. The international research findings are very clear and that is, **that keeping kids with their peers, outweighs any advantage in keeping them back a year.** It is certainly our educational opinion, that there would have to be an exceptional reason for keeping students back.



Christine Owen

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

Don't forget to check out uEducateUs each Thursday for:

- ◆ Information for families
- ◆ NEWSLETTER on-line
- ◆ Newsletter attachments
- ◆ Permission forms

Café Lunch Orders

Applicable when we return to on-site teaching.

Wednesdays

21st October

18th November

16th December

FROM THE

Business Manager



Mica will still be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am happy to discuss confidential payment options for fees or camps & excursions with you.

Sporting Schools Program

Remote learning has also meant that we are not able to deliver our Sporting Schools program as planned and have a reduced grant amount. However, we will be able to purchase some sports equipment, thanks to funds from Sporting Schools.

Help build family resilience

with webinars for parents and carers

To help parents and carers build family resilience in these difficult times, the Department is presenting a free webinar by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on Tuesday 25 August.

Resilient families play a vital role in helping children feel safe through the uncertainty of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Stanhope Primary School encourages all parents and carers in our school community to attend.

Event details

Dr Carr-Gregg's webinar, *Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era*, gives families practical skills, knowledge and strategies for managing the lockdown period and remote learning.

When

Tuesday 25 August, 7.30pm

Duration

45-minute presentation followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session

Format

online via Webex

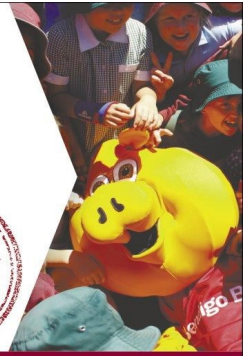
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PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2020 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2020 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

This year, the survey also includes some questions about student health and wellbeing and student perceptions of COVID-19. Understanding health and wellbeing needs has always been important, but especially so this year, and the Department is providing this survey to allow schools to capture this information to support students. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, family, friends, health (including mental health) and wellbeing, and bullying.

The health and wellbeing questions are taken from another Department survey called the Victorian Student Health and Wellbeing Survey (VSHAWS) that has been conducted with a sample of schools in Victoria since 2014. The questions about COVID-19 have been developed by or recommended by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school over the period **Monday 24th August to Friday 18 September.**

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find the survey questions to be more personal and sensitive in nature this year. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable.

What are the benefits?

In our experience, the majority of young people enjoy having the chance to have their say. Your school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way “testing” your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 30-40 minutes to complete.

How is my child’s confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child’s responses is protected at all times.

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form in term 4. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: stanhope.ps@education.vic.gov.au Please do so before 24th August, stating that you wish to opt out of your child’s participation, along with their name, school and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2020 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child’s school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child’s teacher, or contact the Department at attitudes.school.survey@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

The Department of Education and Training Victoria