



# Stanhope Primary School

Learning • Success • Respect • Citizenship



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## Newsletter

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### Inspiring Lifelong Learning

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#### REMINDERS & THINGS TO DO

##### **COVID Contact Tracing for Visitors & Families**

All visitors and adults **MUST** enter via the main front door. They must also hand sanitise, and sign the visitors book for contact tracing.

All information about school events, activities, permission forms and other requirements can be found via uEducateUs. Student reports will also be delivered via uEducateUs.

##### **ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER**

- ◆ Family fees & booklist (*items to be supplied by families & sent to school by Monday 1st February for student use*). All items to be named please.
- ◆ *Swimming Program information*

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

##### **Thursday 28th January**

- ◆ All students return for 2021

##### **Friday 29th January**

- ◆ New Prep families 'Meet & Greet' at 2.30pm in the staff room

##### **Monday 1st February**

- ◆ LIBRARY

##### **Monday 8th February to**

##### **Friday 19th February**

- ◆ Water Safety & Awareness Program (2 weeks)

##### **Tuesday 9th February**

- ◆ ART

##### **Wednesdays in February**

- ◆ PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW PREP STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL FOR EACH WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY.

# From the Principal

## Welcome!

Today we welcomed seven new prep students to our school. Our new students are: Aiden, Bree, Ellie, William, Patrice, Elijah and Trinity. They are off to a great start with their teacher Mrs Sheedy and their fellow classmates, who will all help them find their feet and help them get into the new routine of school.

## Start of Year Information

There are a number of important forms and other information included in this print version of our newsletter. Please make sure you **read ALL** of the included information and **RETURN** those forms required as soon as possible.

Newsletters will be published electronically each Thursday, as of week 3.

For our new prep parents, there will be a 'meet and greet' session on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm, in the staffroom, just near the front office. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn a bit more about our school. This will then be followed at 3.00pm with our regular Friday afternoon assembly at 3.00pm. We hope you can make it!

For new and returning parents, we use **uEducateUs** as our main communication platform. On uEducateUs, you will find newsletters, excursion permission notes, end of semester reports, announcements, and any private communications to individual families that may be necessary. Included in **this one-off print version** of our newsletter, are invitations to families to login to uEducateUs and Class Dojo. These are **free apps** which will be essential for families to use throughout the school year.

We also use **Class Dojo** as a less formal means of communication between home and school. Here you can contact your child's class teacher directly through the messaging facility and keep up to date with what's happening in the classroom as teachers post photos and other information about various events in the classroom. During 2020, Class Dojo was the main portal for our Remote Learning. Class Dojo may still be used to distribute homework and other home learning activities throughout the year.

## Weekly Assemblies

We hold our weekly assemblies on Friday afternoons. Here students are encouraged in our school values of Learning, Success, Respect, and importantly, Citizenship. Our student leaders run the assembly and announce awards that have been given to students, and other upcoming news & events.  
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**Christine  
Owen**

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.

## Café Lunch Orders

**Wednesdays**

**To be announced**

## **REMINDER TO PARENTS:**

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

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

**Please note that excursion permissions need to be approved on uEducateUs & any money needs to be returned to the school in an envelope marked with your child's name, prior to the day of the excursion or your child risks not being able to attend.**

# From the Principal

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## Library and Art Lessons

**Library and Art Lessons are held on alternate weeks. MACC (art) will be on Tuesdays and MARC (library) mobile service on Mondays .** Students will need a suitable book bag to keep library books clean when they borrow and for art students will need an art smock or old long sleeved shirt to protect their uniform.

## Bus Travel

Families who are eligible for bus travel, please make sure you have completed the PTV registration form and return it to school asap. Even if you may not think you need it at this stage, we encourage you to complete the form in the case that you may need the bus service at any time throughout the year. For the bus service to continue, it needs adequate numbers of students to be registered. As our current numbers are fairly low, it is important that everyone who is eligible is registered.

## Water Safety and Awareness Program.

This annual whole school program will begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February and run each day for two weeks. Students will need to have their permission forms signed and returned (either hard copy or via uEducateUs) to be able to enter the pool. There is a permission form posted on uEducateUs as well as the attached hard copy.

## Students will need to pay the pool entry cost of \$4.30 per child, per day, to their class teacher.

This can be done on a daily basis OR in advance for one week or the whole two weeks. Please note, WE DO NOT HAVE THE FACILITY TO PROVIDE CHANGE. PLEASE BRING CORRECT MONEY. **Family Pool Passes may also be used. Please indicate to the class teacher if you have a Pool Pass.**

These two weeks of our program will require families to be organised with dry towels and bathers ready each day, along with the other requirements indicated in the permission note.

There will be no pie warmer facility for the duration of the swimming program. Please make sure lunches and snacks are suitable and adequate for hungry swimmers.

## COVID-19 Update

The measures we followed last year to maximise everyone's safety and protection from Coronavirus, will, in the main, continue this year. There will be some slight changes but we will continue to:

- ***Use ONLY the main front door for ALL persons entering the building.***
- ***Require ALL visitors to sign in and sanitise their hands on entry***
- ***Ask that parents and visitors only enter the school building on important or vital school business.***
- ***Maintain physical distancing of approximately 1.5m inside the building.***

From Week 2, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February,

- ***parents to drop off students and pick up students outside the building to avoid gathering in the corridor outside classrooms***
- ***Require students to wash their hands at all times when they return from activities, recess and lunch, conducted outside the classrooms.***
- ***Require students to wash their hands before eating their recess and lunch.***

Christine





# Grade P-2

Mrs Sheedy

## NEW PREPS 2021



### Term 1 Calendar (tentative – subject to change in case of short notice events)

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|-------------|---|
| 28 January  | Day 1 of Term 1. All students return                    |
| 29 January  | Weekly assembly via WebEx (link sent in Class Dojo app) |
| 8 February  | Water Safety and Awareness Program begins.              |
| 17 February | School Council Meeting – 7.00pm via WebEx               |
| 19 February | Water Safety and Awareness Program concludes            |
| 26 February | Student Free Day – Staff Professional Learning day.     |
| 1 April     | Last day of Term 1                                      |

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST  
BE SUBMITTED TO THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE IN WRITING  
OR ELECTRONICALLY BY  
9AM WEDNESDAY TO  
GUARANTEE A SPOT IN  
THAT WEEKS EDITION**

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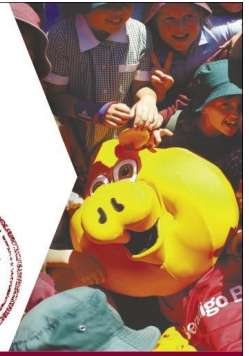


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**1800 55 1800**

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# AWARDS

**WOW! What a fantastic start to the year. All our students are to be congratulated for settling in back to school so well.**

**Also congratulations to our 2021 Sports Captains**  
**WINTER: Axel (Captain) & Seth (Vice Captain)**  
**McEWEN: Dallas (Captain) & Ashton (Vice Captain)**

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**