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REMINDERS & THINGS TO DO



VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers performing work in schools have been recently updated.

Visitors, families and volunteers attending any school sites (both inside and outdoors) MUST be double vaccinated and show proof of vaccination either via the Vic Services App or an issued certificate. Before visitors and volunteers enter a school building they must:

- ◆ Check in with QR code.
- ◆ Wear a face mask.
- ◆ Be free of COVID-19 symptoms.
- ◆ Provide evidence of their vaccination status to be recorded at school.
- ◆ Adhere to COVID Safety requirements.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we move to a new stage of COVID normal. Further details available from the school upon request.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 4th February

- ◆ LIBRARY

Friday 11th February

- ◆ ART

Monday 14th February

- ◆ LIBRARY
- ◆ Fun Night Forms due back

Tuesday 15th February

- ◆ Family Fun Night 6pm

Wednesday 16th February

- ◆ School Council at 7pm with Finance Sub-committee at 6.30



From the Principal



*Christine
Owen*

Welcome to 2022!

We're back and ready for a whole new year. With the prospective of only face to face teaching and learning taking place this year, we can really focus on solid learning and developing a strong school community environment. We can also welcome our two new prep students, Blake and Patrice! We know they will both be fantastic students who will contribute to our school community.

RATs

On Monday, students were sent home with a RAT kit for use at home. While their use is voluntary, it is strongly recommended that children are tested twice per week, particularly if showing any symptoms at all. Families will be provided with one pack for each child for use during the first two weeks of term and one pack for each child for use during weeks three and four of term. Tests should be conducted twice weekly, on days that suit families – no particular days are prescribed, but we encourage common days for tests to be done at home such as Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday. Families must report a positive result to their school, either through the COVID Test [portal](#) or by phone or written notification; this is so the school can support them and record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation. If students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398. In addition, each classroom has an air purifier to assist in maintaining as much of a COVID safe environment as possible.

Groundworks

Drainage work has begun and we expect it to continue for some little while yet. Ultimately, our classroom building will be re-stumped, providing a much better working environment for all concerned. Unfortunately, our lawn mower decided to misbehave when the lawns were due to be cut, ready for school start. However, this is now being attended to and our lawns will soon be back in trim!

Student Requisites

Please make sure you make sure your child has all the essential requisites on the list sent home last year, so that they can fully participate in all aspects of their learning. It will be crucial that all students have working headphones for their online activities. They don't need to be fancy, just working. Often headphones or earphones can be found for around the \$5.00 mark.

Setting kids up for success

For students to be successful at school, it is important that at home there are several structures in place for this to occur. Try and establish daily routines which can ease pressure and anxiety in students. Things like having sound sleep routines so that children get at least 8-10 hours sleep every night. Having a nutritious brekky, to set up children's brains for learning at school. Some families find it is helpful to prepare lunches and school bags the night before school.

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

3rd Wednesday of every month

16th February

16th March

18th May

15th June

20th July

17th August

19th October

16th November

Grade P-2

Mrs Sheedy

BLAKE:

The best things about school?

I like to play in the sandpit and read a book. I find it relaxing.

Looking forward to at school?

Making a picture for my mum.



2022 PREPS

Welcome

PATRICE:

The best things about school?

Doing science and reading.

Looking forward to at school?

Playing with my friends and playing in the playground.



Family Fun Night!

Everyone Welcome...

Tuesday 15th February, 6pm in the undercover area.

Come and enjoy a night with your child/ren.

Included in the night...

- performance by students,
- open classrooms with each student displaying some work,
- pizza tea (no charge)
- **and finishing off with a colour run.**

BYO- soft drinks or water (No alcohol)

Please comply with current COVID safe requirements by wearing a mask, QR coding in and signing in to the school. All visitors to government schools **MUST** be double vaccinated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please fill in the slip below for catering purposes and return by Monday 14th February or text school on 0419 548 318 or send a message on Class Dojo.

NAME...

Number of children:

Number of adults:

Pizza Choice (please circle): Aussie Tropical Vegetarian



ENROLMENTS 2022

Enrolments for 2022 are now open for our school.

Parents or carers can contact the school to speak with the principal, Christine, or to collect an enrolment pack. School tours by appointment.

- ◆ Small caring environment.
- ◆ Individual learning plans to ensure high student outcomes.
- ◆ Engaging curriculum delivery.
- ◆ Parent involvement encouraged.

Please ensure that students come to school each day with a school hat, so they can play outside.



We are a **SUNSMART** School



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OUTDOOR
PLAY**



**NO
OUTDOOR
PLAY**



 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

The school is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for the school, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

Sharon Sheedy



Stanhope Swimming Pool

Come and enjoy a sausage sizzle

Friday 4th February 6pm

\$1 per sausage & \$1 drinks

Please come down and make the most
of our swimming pool

**If we don't start using it as much as
possible, we WILL lose it.**

TOWN POOL MEETING

Friday 18th February

Stanhope Pool

BBQ 5.30pm

Meeting 6.00pm

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HELP IS BUT A PHONE CALL AWAY

LIFELINE
13 11 14

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1300 22 4636

AWARDS

We are really excited that all our students have settled into school this year.

WELL DONE!

<https://www.facebook.com/stanhopeps/>



CONGRATULATIONS!

Stanhope Café & Takeaway
LUNCH ORDERS 2021 - REVISED

ITEM	PRICE
Salad Tubs – Small Ham, cheese, tomato, lettuce, beetroot, carrot, avocado, cucumber	\$4.00
Salad Tubs – Large	\$5.00
Sandwiches & Wraps Fillings: Ham, salami or chicken Lettuce, cheese, vegemite, tomato, beetroot, onion, cucumber, avocado, pineapple.	
Fruit Tubs – Small (TERM 1 & 4 ONLY) Strawberry, watermelon, grapes, apple, banana, mixed berries, canteloupe	\$4.00
Fruit Tubs – Large (TERM 1 & 4 ONLY)	\$5.00

Pies	<i>Please add extra 30c for Tomato Sauce sachet</i>	\$4.00
Flavoured Pies		\$4.50
Sausage Rolls		\$3.50
Mini Dim Sims (each)		.70c
Mini Spring Rolls		\$1.00
Fish Bites		\$1.50
Pineapple Pizza		\$3.00
Half Bag of Chips		\$2.00
Full Bag of Chips		\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets (each)		.80c

PLEASE NOTE THAT INLINE WITH OUR 'WATER ONLY' POLICY, DRINKS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AS PART OF CAFÉ LUNCH ORDERS.

Please only order what is on the list, check prices are correct and that the correct money is in the bag – no change given.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent under a temporary care order* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes No

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carers concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2022) or term two (26 April 2022).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2022 closes on the 24 June 2022.