

DRAGON TALES

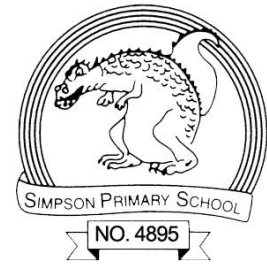
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SCHOOL MISSION

Provide high quality education in a positive, supportive environment, enabling all students to achieve their potential.



*Simpson Primary School
Enriching learning through
opportunity*

**Thursday 22nd July, 2021
Term 3 Week 2**



This week our new entrance signs were installed with thanks to Darcy @ Diamer Signs

Simpson Primary School Calendar July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
18	19	20	21	22	23 Prep-100 Days	24
25	26 Flagstaff Hill Excursion P-2 Sovereign Hill Camp 3-6	27 Breakfast Club Sovereign Hill	28 Sovereign Hill Camp 3-6	29	30 Pupil Free Day	31
1 AUG	2 Art Van	3 Breakfast Club	4	5	6 Rookies Hooptime 3/4	7
8	9 Dental Van	10 Breakfast Club Sub Fin 9.30am Sub Grounds 10.30am	11 Sub Education Meeting 12.30pm	12	13 Rookies Hooptime 5/6	14
15	16 Art Van School Council 7pm	17 Breakfast Club	18	19 Joffa Cartoonist	20	21
22	23 Book Week Bookfair	24 Breakfast Club	25	26 RACV Safety Squad	27	28

Acting Principal

Melissa Berry

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome to Simpson Primary School. You should be very proud of the facilities, equipment, programs and teachers that you have here. The passion for the school is evident. After only 4 days at the school, moving into another round of remote learning is not how I saw my time at Simpson Primary School starting. I know this is tough and frustrating, but we are all doing our best in challenging times. Please know we are here to support where we can.

COVID UPDATE

All Victorian schools will continue Remote Learning Wednesday July 21st to Tuesday July 27th

Attendance:

The school must keep a daily record of attendance, so please contact your child's teacher, should you not be able to attend the class WebEx.

Summary of key operational requirements – FOR REGIONAL SCHOOLS

COVIDSafe behaviours

Temperature checks	NO
Face masks	YES – INDOORS AND OUTDOORS
Working across multiple sites	NO

Create COVIDSafe spaces

COVIDSafe routine cleaning	YES
Enhanced hand hygiene facilities	YES
Enhanced ventilation	YES
Community use of school playground	YES
Community use of school facilities (indoors and outdoors)	NO
Libraries (for borrowing and as a learning space)	NO

Promote COVIDSafe activities

Non-essential visitors	NO
Pre-service teacher placements	YES
Health, wellbeing, inclusion visits	ESSENTIAL VISITS ONLY
School tours	NO
Excursions	NO
Swimming and all other pool use	NO
Incursions	NO
School photos	NO
Camps and overnight stays	NO Except camps that commenced prior to 11.59pm 15 July. See guidance Page 7
Assemblies (whole school and year level), formals, graduations	NO
Kinder transition program	NO
Year 7 transition programs	NO
All sporting activities (indoor, outdoor, contact and non-contact)	NO
All interschool activities (such as debating)	NO
Singing, brass and woodwind classes and groups	NO
Professional development and staff meetings (face to face)	NO

COMMUNICATION

- **All teachers** are working remotely from home as directed by DET, contact them via email.
- Teachers will communicate all information with you **via Email and Red Packs** about the learning activities you can do at home.
- **The school will communicate** via the SkoolBag App but if you have questions, please email us at simpson.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- **Melissa** can be contacted by email simpson.ps@education.vic.gov.au or on **0458 943 298**

Staff hours

Staff hours-of-work remotely (at home) are the same as normal school hours 8.45am – 4.00pm.
Please contact staff during work hours only.

Learning times – DAILY break down

For students in Grades P-2

- literacy activities that take a total of about 45-60 minutes
- numeracy activities of about 30-45 minutes
- additional learning areas, play-based learning and physical activity of about 30-45 minutes.

For students in Grade 3-6

- literacy: 45-60 minutes
- numeracy: 30-45 minutes
- physical activities: 30 minutes
- additional curriculum areas: 90 minutes

General Advice

- We don't expect you to **TEACH** your children. You are there to support and help with their learning activities. Which is sometimes just reading to them and enjoying a book.
- If your child gets stuck or upset **STOP**, take a break. The last thing we want is students disengaging from learning and getting upset.
- Just remember students will be anxious and stressed (like us), even if they don't show it, purely because life at the moment is quite different and this will impact their learning if we push too hard.
- **COMMUNICATION** is key. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.
- Have some fun at home, cook together, plant a veggie garden, play a board game or do a puzzle. Card games are great for Maths. Be creative and enjoy learning at home.
- Learning at home is **NOT SCHOOL**, it can't be. It's different and needs to be flexible due to the different structures and routines. **STAY CALM** 😊 we are all in this together.

CAMP/ EXCURSION

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, the Yr 3-6 Camp to Sovereign Hill and the P-2 excursion to Flagstaff Hill have been postponed. These are exciting events for the students to look forward to and when new dates have been confirmed, we will advise all families.

OPTIONAL PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

In previous years we have ran Student Led Conferences towards the end of Term 3. However, this year we have decided to hold an **Optional Parent Teacher Interview in Week 3 of Term 3**. This will provide parents/carers with the opportunity to discuss their child's Semester 1 reports via WebEx or phone call if preferred.

This opportunity is designed to specifically answer any questions that have not already been addressed in the Semester 1 report or, to seek clarification regarding aspects of the report. If parents/carers would like to take up this opportunity, it is vital that they have read the report and have prepared related questions.

If you would like to discuss your child's report, you will need to make a booking with your child's teacher for next week - beginning Monday 26th July. To arrange a time (10 -15 minutes) to talk with your child's teacher, you will need to make contact directly with teachers to arrange a mutually suitable time – email is the preferred option to arrange this.

As Monday and Tuesday have been declared days of Remote Learning, teachers will have a variety of times available on these two days. **Ms Marr-Vogels will be available for 'Tutor group' interviews on Monday 26th July 1-3pm.**

Online learning will take place, with work uploaded for students to complete. Teachers will still hold their class WebEx with students. This will be a wellbeing check in and an opportunity for questions, rather than teaching session. Students attending school will still attend and be supervised.

Should you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher, or call the school to speak with Melissa.

PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

This week families received an email from the school inviting them to our participate in our parent opinion survey, this survey lets us know your opinions based around the school. Please be assured your responses are confidential. The survey opened on Monday July 19th and will close on Sunday 22nd August.

2022 TRANSITION INFORMATION

2022 Transition information will be sent home via the Kindergarten. Transition and Kinder tours will commence when we are notified by the Department of Education.

Once again, thank you for your support, patience, resilience, and kindness. As always if things change, we will send updates as soon as possible.

Melissa Berry
Acting Principal

Janine Murray, Tamara Gappa & Maddison McInnes

Welcome back to the start of Term 3.

It's hard to believe that we are midway through the year already! It was fabulous to see all our students' great smiles as they entered school last week, which made it very hard to deliver the news of yet another lockdown.

We would like to thank you all for taking on the ever-changing information and being able to process and, act quickly in response is acknowledged as significant to say the least.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

Jane D. Hull

Minds are like
parachutes, they
only function
when they are
open.

When you begin to think about helping your child/ren to learn from home please remember, that no one expects you to be a teacher or subject matter expert. The most important thing as we know is you continuing to provide routine, support, and encouragement to your child/ren. Let's all hope that we are back in the classroom Wednesday.

Work Experience

Last week we were lucky enough to have a former student Zoe Jones for work experience. We hope she enjoyed her time here at school once again. Zoe was certainly a great help, and we wish her well as she continues her education and begin looking seriously into what the work force holds for her.

Tri Sports

Congratulations to everyone on an outstanding effort last Tuesday at the Tri sports. Not only were lots of great skills shown, but the children showed outstanding sportsmanship. Our netball team came away with 1 win out of the 7 games. Our goal scorers for the day were Lucy Ferrari, Lucy Jones, Ellie Balcombe, and Anna Robb. I would also like to thank Zoe Jones for umpiring as well as Bree Jones and Kim and Matt Balcombe for helping with transporting the students.

Xander was lucky enough to join Cobden Primary School Soccer team for the day. They were lucky enough to win one game against Terang and come a draw in another game. Xander was like David Beckham and kicked 3 goals for the day. Well done to all the Simpson Primary School students.



Red Door Dance and Theatre Co

We are very proud to announce that one of our students is going to be performing in Shrek the musical. We wish Lucy all the best for her shows in August. We know a lot of time and practice has gone into this. She has even been practicing, her acting in class! Good luck and break a leg as they say in show business!



MS Readathon

Next month Simpson Primary School will be taking part in the MS Readathon. Kids love the MS Readathon and it is a great way to get your children reading more! Reading takes kids on incredible journeys of discovery; it awakens their imagination and builds their confidence. Why did Simpson choose to complete the MS Readathon? In term 1 we learnt all about the body and how to be healthy, happy and active. We were lucky enough to also have Jo Beard come in and share her story of MS. This allowed the students to understand the disease and this is a way of helping raise money for the families that are affected by MS. Funds raised from the MS Readathon will help fund vital support services, like the special MS Family Camps. These camps provide an opportunity for kids who have a parent living with multiple sclerosis to spend quality time with their family, learn more about multiple sclerosis and bond with other kids who are sharing their journey.

So all we are asking you to do this month is register with our school. Then next month we will get stuck into the reading. The poster helps explain how to join our school page. Please make sure you select **Simpson Primary School COMMUNITY NOT** the Simpson Primary School one.

MS Readathon
WE'RE EMBARKING ON A MILLION EPIC ADVENTURES
FOR ONE INCREDIBLE CAUSE

We're reading as many books as we can in August for the MS Readathon!

OUR READING TARGET: To get all Simpson Primary School Students to participate

OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$500

Please make a donation to our MS Readathon page!

SEARCH FOR OUR PAGE:
To register your child go to <https://www.msreadathon.org.au/join/simpsonprimaryschoolcommunity>
Make sure you click on the Simpson Primary School COMMUNITY page.
To donate go to www.msreadathon.org.au and click FIND A FUNDRAISER and then search your child's or school's name.

AT WWW.MSREADATHON.ORG.AU

Riddle of the week!

You see a boat filled
with people. It has not sunk,
but when you look again
you don't see a single
person on the boat.

Why?



Community News



red door
DANCE & THEATRE CO.

DREAMWORKS

SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

TICKETS ON SALE
MONDAY 19TH JULY 11AM
Friday 20th August 7pm
Saturday 21st August 10am & 7pm
Sunday 22nd August 10am

For Tickets and info please head to
COPACC.COM.AU

TIMBOON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
TIMBOON AUSSIE HOOPS PROGRAM FOR 5-10 YEAR OLDS
Term 3 Starts Monday 9th August 2021, 3.45-4.30pm
Timboon Stadium
Registrations: www.aussiehoops.basketball
Coordinator: Lynn Hughes, 0409 131 547
Cost: \$90 – new player (includes pack); \$65 returning player



BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA AUSSIE HOOPS

REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 3, 2021

A cartoon basketball character with a smiling face, wearing white gloves and yellow and green sneakers, giving a thumbs up on a basketball court.



NEW DATE

HEALTHY MINDS

Please Join Us
Free Healthy Minds Community Forum

Like our physical health, our mental health is just as important.

1 in 5 of us will experience symptoms of mental illness in any given year.

5 million
In Australia that's around 1 in 10 people.

60%
of these people won't seek help.

Please join us for a community forum, where one of Australia's leading mental health advocates, **Puka Up** founder and past AFL Premiership player, **Wayne Schweiss** will share his experience with mental health along with **Black Dog Institute** who's aim is to create a mentally healthier world for everyone.

Hopefully you'll walk away knowing how to support those who are struggling.
We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP to secure your spot

Scan the QR code or email
FonterraAustraliaCommunications@fonterra.com
Numbers are limited

Wednesday 28th July 2021
Cobden Football Netball Club
61 Parrott St, Cobden
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Light refreshments will be served

Scan to RSVP

Black Dog Institute

PUKA UP

Fonterra
Dairy for life