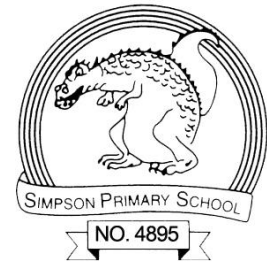


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*Simpson Primary School
Enriching learning through
opportunity*

SCHOOL MISSION

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

**Thursday 5th August, 2021
Term 3 Week 4**



*Prep Students
celebrated 100 Days of
School at Simpson
Primary on Friday 30th
July. All Students &
Staff joined in the fun.*



Simpson Primary School Calendar July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 AUG	2 Art Van	3 Breakfast Club	4	5	6 Rookies Hooptime 3/4	7
8	9 Dental Van	10 Breakfast Club Kindergarten Transition Sub Fin 12pm Sub Grounds 1pm	11 Sub Education Meeting 12.30pm	12	13 Rookies Hooptime 5/6	14
15	16 Art Van Science Week School Council 7pm	17 Breakfast Club	18	19 Joffa Cartoonist	20 JSC Movie Day & Casual Dress	21
22	23 Bookweek Bookfair all week	24 Breakfast Club	25 Books to Life	26 RACV Safety Squad	27	28
29	30 Art Van Bike Ed	31 Breakfast Club	1 Sept	2	3 Rookies Hooptime 3/4	4
5	6	7 Breakfast Club	8	9	10	11

Acting Principal

Melissa Berry

The world keeps changing and so does life at Simpson. I thank parents for their understanding about changes that are happening. There are many things outside our control at the moment. As I write this more uncertainty grows and as soon as I am informed by the Department of Education, I will send information out to families.

Transition

Due to restrictions, we are unable to hold our regular Kinder – Prep transition program. As a way of meeting with parents and answering any questions, on **Tuesday 10th August**, Janine Murray (Prep teacher) and myself will be having a **“Coffee at the Park”** for any kinder families who wish to join us after Kinder drop off.

2022 Enrolments

2022 enrolments are open and are required to be at the school by Friday 13th August.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Please ensure you complete the Parent Opinion Survey online by Sunday 22nd August.

The email with all the information was emailed on 20th July, if you require further information please contact Melissa Berry.

Summary of key operational requirements – FOR REGIONAL SCHOOLS Promote COVIDSafe activities

Non-essential visitors	NO
Pre-service teacher placements	YES
Health, wellbeing, inclusion visits	YES

School tours	NO
Excursions	YES See guidance page 10
Swimming and all other pool use	YES See guidance page 18
Incursions	NO
School photos	NO
Camps and overnight stays	YES 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)	YES (except interschool sport)
All interschool activities (such as debating)	NO
Singing, brass and woodwind classes and groups	YES Following recommended health advice
Professional development and staff meetings (face to face)	NO

Thank you for your support, patience, resilience, and kindness. As always if things change, we will send updates as soon as possible. Please remember we are only a call away if you need any support.

Melissa Berry
Acting Principal

Janine Murray, Tamara Gappa & Maddison McInnes

What a busy week it has been. All grades are really enjoying completing work related to the Olympics. In 4/5/6 we are working hard on our Olympic assignment. Each student is making a model of a playing area of an Olympic sport of their choice. They needed to make sure at least one component of the arena or stadium is to the relevant scale. Once they have constructed their arena or stadium, they need to provide the history of the sport, world records, Australian athletes competing in the event at the Tokyo Olympics as well as a biography of a player. Therefore, our maths, reading and writing focus is all in the one activity for the next couple of weeks. They are looking amazing, and we can't wait to see the finish products.

Rookies Basketball

On the 13th of August grade 5/6 students will be competing in a round robin event in Camperdown. If everyone could please return their forms back ASAP that would be appreciated.

On the 3rd of September grade 3/4 will be competing in their round robin event. Notes will be sent home next week for the grade 3/4. We have been practicing at school and they are picking up the skills and rules very quickly.

MS Readathon

Thank you to all the families who have already registered their child/children. There have been a few people having issues registering. We found if you register your child on a laptop this over comes the issues. We have been blown away from the donations students have received so far. We are passed the halfway mark! We would like to thank everyone who has donated to our students. It has really motivated our students to pick up a book and get their love for reading back!



Pyjama Day

Thank you & congratulations to all students & staff who helped us raise much needed funds for Pyjama Day.

NATIONAL Pyjama Day

Where Your Money Goes

\$500
Will help us provide a foster child with their very own special Pyjama Angel, who will support, encourage and ignite a love of learning.

\$100
Will help us provide two training kits for two volunteer mentor Pyjama Angels.

\$50
Will help us purchase new books, learning activities and games for our Pyjama Angel resource centres.

donate at nationalpyjamaday.com

THANK YOU
for supporting National Pyjama Day

Together we raised **\$103**
Every dollar raised helps support kids living in foster care

If you missed our Pyjama Day, it's not too late to give online and make a difference to kids in care!

DONATE
nationalpyjamaday.com

JSC News

Junior School Council held a meeting during the week and decided we would like to raise some funds for the school where we need it most. We have decided to raise money for some more netball dresses so there is enough to ensure everyone is included on sports days. We have come up with a casual uniform day on the 20th of August. On this day we will also be hosting a movie at lunch time. Students will need money to buy their seat for the movie. A note will come home to parents next week regarding the movie day.

Junior School Council are also holding a Food hamper raffle that will be drawn on the movie day as well. this is to align with science week's theme of food. The raffle tickets will need to be returned on the 18th of August.

Riddle of the week

What can run but never walks, has a mouth
but never talks, has a head but never
weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?

It was wonderful to be back in the Art room after both the holidays and remote learning. We had a busy day, with some students completing their beautiful Pete Cromer inspired birds and everyone learning about 'frottage' or rubbing. Inspired by the artist Max Ernst, we explored colouring over different textured materials. The results were beautifully patterned paper patchworks. Next visit we will explore this technique even further. Well done everyone! Mrs Williams 😊



Community News

Healthy Minds – postponement messaging

Event postponed: As part of our work around creating a mentally healthy Fonterra family, we have been working with ex AFL player Wayne Schwass and Black Dog Institute on a Healthy Minds Community Forum.

This event was due to be held at the Cobden Football and Netball Club on Wednesday, 28 July.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 had other plans and given the uncertainty about what may unfold in the weeks ahead, we have made the decision to postpone this event until the situation settles.

The safety of our people, our farmers, their families and our community are one of our top priorities and, we feel this is the right decision to make at this time.

Now more than ever, we need to be looking at ways to improve mental health in our communities, and so rest assured we are committed to this and this event will go ahead when the time is right.

If you're struggling or need support during this time, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14, or visit its website for more information and useful resources – www.lifeline.org.au.

We will be in touch once we have confirmed a new date.

Keep an eye out for this.



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 million 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 Schwass** 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**



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

