

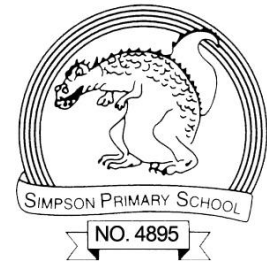
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SCHOOL MISSION

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

*Simpson Primary School
Enriching learning through
opportunity*

**Thursday 28th October 2021
Term 4 Week 4**



Simpson Primary School Calendar October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
24	25 Art Van	26 Breakfast Club	27	28 Bookclub Orders Due	29 Book Fair Ends	30
31	1 JSC Dress up Halloween Disco Gold Coin Donation	2 Melbourne Cup Holiday No Students	3	4	5	6
7	8 Art Van	9 Breakfast Club Sub Meetings Finance 9.30am Grounds 10.30am Education 1.30pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Breakfast Club School Council Meeting 7pm	17	18	19	20

Acting Principal

Melissa Berry



At long last, we welcomed all our students back to school which we are all so very excited about. It has been way too long since we have all been together. The day marks a significant milestone for each of us and gives hope that the rolling lockdowns are coming to an end and flexible and remote learning will be a distant memory. On behalf of all the staff can I thank the parent community for their support and understanding. I know there have been many challenges and difficult moments and we have all done our best to support your children with the learning and to make sure that learning continues. It is time to enjoy the spring weather, catching up with family and friends which is long overdue for many of us.

Masks

One of the new changes this term is that of students wearing face masks. ***Wearing face masks is a mandated rule for students in Year 3 -6*** whilst students in Year P – 2 are highly encouraged to wear masks. This is an expectation that is mandated by the Government and endorsed by DET. This new rule is reflective of asking our students to wear a hat in Term 4 and Term 1 as part of our Sun Smart Policy. As with mask wearing, wearing hats in these terms ensures we are fulfilling our duty of care in ensuring your child is protected from the damage of the summer sun. The wearing of masks amongst children is important as the Under 12 age group are yet to be vaccinated and we need to help ensure they are protected from any possible spread of the virus. I thank the families who have already taken the lead on this new guideline and provided their children with masks. A number of regional schools have been shut down in the past week due to tier one exposure and I am sure you don't want this to occur at Simpson. Let's keep looking after each other and follow the DET directives that keep everyone safe.

Vaccination Status

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has issued instructions that require COVID-19 vaccinations for people who work and volunteer in schools, to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent future outbreaks in our schools. We must collect, record and hold vaccination information for all visitors and volunteers working on school sites who will or may be in close proximity to children, students or staff. Only volunteers working on school sites who have provided information that they are fully vaccinated or 'excepted persons' (those who have a certificate from an authorised medical practitioner showing that they are unable to receive a dose, or a further dose, of an approved Covid-19 vaccine due to a medical contraindication or acute medical illness) are allowed to work onsite after 29th November 2021. Once parents and volunteers are allowed back onsite, the school will be asking for vaccine information, so please don't be offended.

New faces

This term we welcomed Viel and her family to the school. Viel has joined Miss Gappa and the 2/3 class. We have also welcomed Ms Gabby to the MACC program.



Kinder Transition

Our transition program for the remainder of this year can now go ahead. Mrs Murray is liaising with the Simpson Kindergarten and will soon make arrangements for teachers to visit the students at kinder and vice versa. We will be doing all we can to make it a smooth transition and help our future students get comfortable with the school and classroom environment before they begin next year.

Graduation/Final Assembly

Our graduation/final assembly will be held on Tuesday 15th December. Graduation will be different to other years. However, be rest assured the students will be given a wonderful whole school graduation. More information will come closer to the date.

Melissa Berry

Janine Murray, Tamara Gappa & Maddison McInnes

P/1 News

In reading /writing and for our Integrated Studies topic, we are learning about Australian animals. We are reading nonfiction animal books and finding out facts and details. We are in the process of compiling an information report about the animal of our choice.

In maths, our focus has been division. We have learnt all the language around division and have been applying our knowledge to division problems. We all understand that the biggest number must be first and the other numbers tell us how many groups. We can then solve the problem to find out how many in each group.

In integrated studies, we have learned all about native and introduced animals to Australia. The students were amazed at the number of animals not native to Australia.

We attempted a Webex with Miss Jane and the kinder children on Tuesday. Technology let us down but all students could be heard. My grade could be seen by the kinder children but unfortunately we couldn't see them. The students presented some interesting information about the toy animal they had to share. They were able to tell the kinder children where their animal was from, whether it was native, introduced or a zoo animal, their habitat and what they like to eat.

Thank you, Janine Murray



4/5/6 News

As we get closer to the end of the year, the weeks seem to go faster and faster! It's great to have everyone back at school together! We have missed seeing everyone's smiling faces. We didn't muck around last Friday and got straight back into routine.

We have loved the Halloween decorations that Paula has put up so much, we decided to incorporate them into our writing this week. We sat down and discussed what we would hear, feel and see. Students then wrote either a narrative or a poem for their writing piece. Everyone did an amazing job at hooking the reader in and using great descriptive language.

In maths we have finished our topic of fractions and decimals and we are moving onto money. Students have been given a task to sell products of their choice. Students must create a budget and work our profit and loss income. This allows students to relate our learning in class to real life experiences.

On Fridays we will still be having library so if need to return books they can do so on Fridays. We are coming near the end of the term where we need to start looking for those missing books at home that have gone missing over the year! I will be writing a list out for all students who have overdue books and if they can be returned ASAP that would be great.



Junior School Council News

Junior School Council were wondering if any families could donate some silage wrap for the Halloween Disco to put on the windows to make the room dark. We look forward to seeing everyone's costumes and dance moves on Monday!



Simpson Trick or Treat

Sunday October 31st 2021

10.30am—3.00pm

Trick or Treaters

Children must be accompanied by a parent.

Bookings are essential and must be made by 5pm October 27th 2021.

Family group will be allocated a start time from Jaycees Park between 10.30am and 2pm and must be on time to avoid congestion at treat stops.

Start times will be at 10 minute intervals and a list of treat stops, in order will be provided on arrival.

Don't forget to dress up and have fun.

Treat Stations

For Householders and business wishing to be designated Treat Stops on the day please contact Debbie on 55943448 to register.

All treats must be wrapped or in bags to minimise handling.

Treats to be handed out at the front gate to avoid breaching "no visitor" restrictions.

Treat stop list to be stamped at each stop to avoid "double dipping". (stamps will be provided)

Family appropriate costumes are encouraged.

Let's all get together and create a fantastic COVID Safe event for the kids.

Bookings and enquiries to Debbie on 55943448 or call in at 11 Jayarra Street, Simpson, 3266

simpson&district
community centre

Cobden Junior Tennis is back! Competition, C Grade coaching and ANZ Hot Shots will start on Saturday morning 6th November. Seeding will take place that day for Competition players and a "Come Try Day" for coaching and Hot Shot groups. Please contact Michelle deBie 0408 175 662 or Nic McVilly 0437 846 984 to register or for more information by Friday 29th October.

Terang & District Netball Association

Netball Term 4 'Covid Cup' is Back!



DATE:- Beginning 9th November 2021 until 14th December (6 weeks)

COST:- \$10.00 Per Player (plus \$58 VNA if not already paid for 2021)

VENUE:- Terang Rec Reserve Courts

REGISTRATION DETAILS:- Interested players to send Name, Parents name, School, Year level and contact details to tdna3264@gmail.com

Expressions of interest ASAP please. Entries close on 31st October.

AGE GROUPS:

Juniors (Grade 3/4) To be placed in a team by the Association

Intermediate (Grade 5/6) To be placed in a team by the Association
(Years 7/8 are more than welcome in Intermediate if you don't wish to play Seniors)

Seniors (Years 7 – 12) Seniors are responsible for submitting their own team. This is to be one email by the Captain with team members details attached. The Captain is responsible for making sure the team submits payment. These teams can either be boys, girls or mixed.

Open (18 years +) Submit own team. This is to be one email by the captain with team name attached. These teams can either be female or mixed. To be run as a 'Rock up Netball' competition - pay as you go per game and no VNA required.

PAYMENT:- Payment to be made to Netball Victoria. Instructions to be made available soon. Payment will be required prior to Round 1.

TERM 3 PLAYERS: Those who were playing in our Term 3 comp are welcome to join the Term 4 competition free of charge, please register as per above details.

Please contact Alison with any queries, email tdna3264@gmail.com or phone 0437841103

Camperdown Little Athletics Centre



Family, Fun and Fitness!

Little Athletics is back again for 2021-22
For all Girls and Boys, 5 to 15 years of age.

Competition commences Friday 5th November, 4.00pm for a 4:30 start.

Venue: Aths Track, Fuller/Frederick St (behind Basketball Stadium)

Please register online at www.lavic.com.au/memberships and click on Registration to join up
New athletes can register as a trial athlete and participate for 2 weeks before payment is due

For additional information, contact
Kathy Hallyburton (President) 0419671300 or Cindy McDougall (Secretary) 0427141028

Due to COVID restrictions, athletes must be registered at least 24 hours prior to competition night, no walk-ins on Friday nights.
Please contact Kathy or Cindy for details

Simpson & District Lions Club

Present

Junior Fishing Competition!

Location – The Dam

Sunday, Nov 14th 2021

From 10.30am – 1pm

Prizes for biggest and most impressive catches, so make sure you register your name and age on the day.

Sausage sizzle for all!
All welcome

