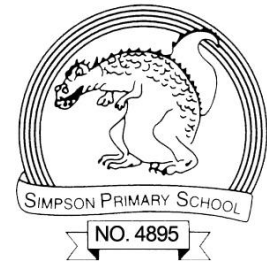


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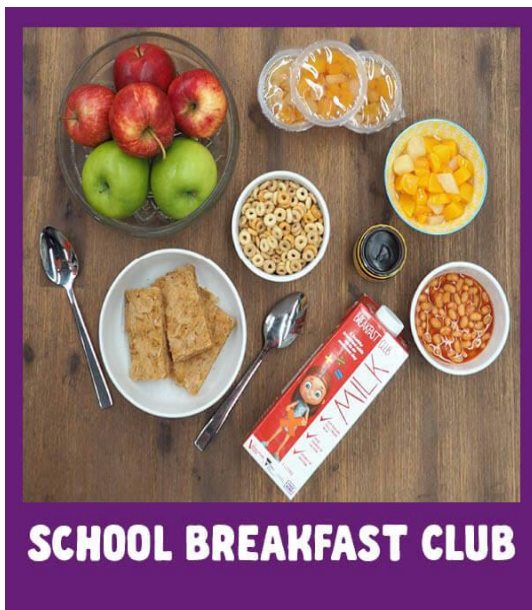
SCHOOL MISSION

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

*Simpson Primary School
Enriching learning through
opportunity*

**Thursday 25th November 2021
Term 4 Week 8**

BREAKFAST CLUB



**Thank you to Amanda & Lorraine for helping with
Breakfast Club this week 😊**

Last week we welcomed back parents to assist with breakfast club. If you would like to assist on a Tuesday morning 8.30am – 9am please ensure you have sent through a copy of your Working with Children Check and COVID-19 vaccination certificate.

Simpson Primary School Calendar Nov/Dec 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
21	22 Art Van	23 Breakfast Club	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Breakfast Club Kinder Visit/Buddy Lunch @ 12.30pm	1Dec	2	3 Kinder Parent Q & A @10.30am 11.30am Kinder Visit to classroom	4
5	6 Art Van	7 Breakfast Club State-wide Transition Day	8	9 Werribee Zoo Excursion	10	11
12	13	14 Final Assembly/ Year 6 Graduation 12pm End of Term 4 Students Finish 3.15pm	15	16	17 Final Day for Staff	

Acting Principal

Melissa Berry

2022

Planning for next year is well underway. We will again run three classrooms, learning specialist areas: PE, Science, Chinese, MACC/MARC programs. It is extremely pleasing that the Education Department have announced that funding for the Tutor Learning Program will be extended into 2022 to support students who have not made the expected growth in their learning due to the continuous interruptions over the past 20 months. The primary means of identification will be teacher judgement using existing classroom-based observation and assessments. We are extremely pleased with the learning gains our students have made who have been part of the program this year.

Staffing 2022

Our 2022 P-6 staffing list and class structures have been finalised and passed at school council. Student numbers have heavily influenced the class structure for 2022. In 2022, we will also welcome 2 new staff members, Miss Sienna Turner & Miss Abbey Carlin.

We wish Miss Tamara Gappa all the very best with her new teaching adventure at Colac South West Primary School and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the students and families at Simpson Primary School over the past 2 ½ years.

2022 Staffing

Prep/1 – Mrs Janine Murray

1/2/3 – Miss Maddison McInnes

4/5/6 – Miss Sienna Turner

Science & P.E – Mrs Naomi Marr Vogels

Education Support – Mrs Paula Newcombe

Education Support Trainee – Miss Abbey Carlin

Business Manager – Mrs Tabatha Robb

Acting Principal – Mrs Melissa Berry

I am also pleased to let families and community members know that I have accepted an extension to my Acting Principal role until mid-May 2022.

Booklist & Parent Payments

We are extremely grateful for the response we have received for 2021 payments, with many of our families making financial contributions to the school and to supplement additional programs we deliver.

As there are ***new changes to the parent payment policy in 2022***, I encourage families to read the updated information sent home today. Could families please fill in the attached forms and arranged payment for 2022. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education for our students.

For the 2022 year, we will see the introduction of a booklist for all students. Booklists and forms regarding parent payments. Booklists and online ordering details have been sent home today in an envelope addressed to parents.

You are required to complete the order online by **Sunday 12th December 2021**, to qualify for free shipping. To ensure delivery prior to Term 1, 2022, please place your order by 09 January 2022.

Packs will be sent to your home address. Parents can arrange for separate orders to arrive for each child, you will need to order separately otherwise it comes in a box together with a list.

If you choose to purchase your booklist independently, please ensure all products are purchased and that the writing books are those listed, as they are specific to each year level.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Melissa or Tabatha between 8:30am and 4:15pm.

Covid Safe Procedures

The school continues to monitor operational guidelines and government restrictions to ensure we are keeping everyone safe. The Department of Education provided further clarity on the vaccination requirements for visitors to schools. This is in addition to the current restrictions in place for anyone entering school buildings.

Vaccination requirements for parents, carers and other visitors not performing work.

Parents, carers, and other adults who enter school buildings or attend outside events held at school must have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by Monday 29 November 2021 or a valid medical exemption. The following limited exceptions apply:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/ carer

- when attending for a short time that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

This vaccination requirement applies to all school activities, including but not limited to, kindergarten transition activities, tours, graduations, fetes, school theatre and music productions. Parents, carers, and other adult visitors attending an outdoor event or gathering held at schools are required to be fully vaccinated. In these instances, parents, carers, and adult visitors must check in using the QR codes and schools must sight vaccination information.

These requirements will be applicable to our planned Final Assembly.

Masks

Face masks will now only be required by staff, visitor's and Grades 3 to 6 students in an indoor space within a primary school (or schools which have primary students such as P-12 school). The wearing of masks remains recommended for Prep to Grade 2 students and in circumstances where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

End of Year Dates/ Reminders

- December 7th – State-wide Transition Day.
- December 9th – Whole School Werribee Zoo excursion.
- December 14th- Final day of formal classes, Final assembly & Year 6 graduation.
- December 15th and 16th – Pupil Free Days – 2022 planning & First Aide.
- December 17th - Final day for staff.

2022

- Monday January 31st - Classes begin for all students commence school.
- Prep students will have Wednesdays off until the long weekend in March.

Sunshade grant

I am very pleased to inform families that we have received a state government grant approval to proceed with a new sunshade sail area at the end of the basketball courts, on the grassed area. The new shade sail will provide an outdoor classroom area during class time, excellent shade play area during recess and lunchtimes and our school sporting events. At a cost of over \$25K, the sunshade sails will be installed and completed by the end of Term 1, 2022.

Kinder-Prep Transition

On Tuesday our first Kinder-Prep Transition day. The kinder students came over and joined in a P.E lesson with Ms Marr-Vogels.

We look forward to the next visit from the kinder students on Tuesday 30th Nov.

Transition Dates:

- Tues 30th Nov 12.30pm – Visit and lunch with Buddies.
- Fri 3rd Dec 10.30am - Kinder Parents Q & A
11.30am – Kinder students classroom visit
- Tues 7th Nov 9am – 10.30am – Statewide Transition Day (Kinder students come to school on the bus)



Janine Murray, Tamara Gappa & Maddison McInnes

4/5/6 News

I can't believe how quick this term has gone. With only 3 weeks left we still have lots of learning and crafts for Christmas to complete. In maths we are learning location and how to use a grid reference system to describe locations, describe routes using landmarks and directional language.

In reading we are focusing on comparing and connecting the information the author is giving to what they already know. This allows student to create a mental picture of the new information you're learning.

In Writing we are creating a picture story book on an animal in America which links to our integrated studies unit. Once we have finished designing our books, we will be reading them to our buddies one Friday afternoon.

On the weekend the staff were lucky enough to go and see one of our students shine bright in the Shrek musical. Lucy Jones was an absolute superstar and blew the crowd away with her acting and singing. The practice has paid off even if it meant driving Miss McInnes crazy in class rehearsing your lines!! Keep an eye out for Lucy she will be the next Cameron Diaz.



I would like to congratulate the following students on being House Captains and Junior School Council representatives for 2022. The Junior school council format will be changing next year. We will still have representatives from grade 2-5 but they will stay on for two terms not just one. This allows the Junior School Council to set challenging goals to raise money for the school as well as charities throughout the year.





Community News

2021-2022

NIPPERS

PORT CAMPBELL



**CONFIDENCE IN THE OCEAN
IS A SKILL FOR LIFE!**

A 10 week program for 6-14 year olds aimed at surf awareness, skills development and fun! Activities include games, beach running, flags, surf swimming and board paddling.

**Saturdays from 11 am on
Port Campbell beach**

Starts Saturday 4 December

- Register membership online at <https://sv.com.au/clubs-members/support/join-a-life-saving-club/>
- Uniform sales from 10 am. Uniform includes cap (\$20), High vis singlet (\$20) and sunhat (\$10) **EFTPOS AVAILABLE**
- Sign in from 10:45 am
- Program starts 11 am sharp

Contact Brooke Barnewall on 0438 580 419 or email ajandbrooke@bigpond.com

Please note: To be eligible to start Nippers in the U7 age group, children need to have turned six by 30 September 2021 or currently be in Prep.

U14s (SRC program) will need to provide proof of full vaccination.

**NEW FAMILIES WELCOME TO
COME AND TRY OUT.**