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Important Dates

Thursday, 10 th February	Sporting Schools (Tennis)
Monday 14 th	MARC Van (weekly)
Friday 18 th	Assembly @ 3:15
Wednesday 23 rd	School Council Meeting
Thursday 17 th March	Linton District Sports

Linton PS is
a Child Safe
School

School Bank Details

Parents wishing to make
payments via direct deposit:

BSB: 063838

Account: 10018078

Please use student or family
name in the reference field.

Linton Primary School Newsletter

9th February 2022

Issue 1 - 2022

Respect Responsibility

Pride

From the Principal:

Welcome Back!

A huge welcome back to everyone in the Linton Primary School community. Staff are looking forward to a brilliant year with students getting back into routines and participating in some school activities they may have missed out on over the last few years.

A special welcome to our new Prep students. They have started their schooling journey like absolute champions. Well done!

New Staff

We would love to welcome Kirsty Sizeland to the Linton community. 'Miss S.' as the students know her, is teaching in the Junior classroom, she joins us from Journey Kindergarten, where she worked in 2021 after previously teaching as a CRT and a year at Warracknabeal PS. Away from school, Kirsty loves Netball!

MARC Van

Mrs Munson was super excited to be back at Linton on Monday. She will be taking all students for MARC (Mobile Area Resource Centre) library, Auslan and PE each Monday.



Drop Off & Pick Up Times

Families are reminded that our school policy states that formal school supervision begins each day at 8:40am and concludes at 3:45pm. Before and after these times, teachers plan and prepare learning programs and meet to discuss school matters. Please respect this as important time for teachers in their professional practice; and ensure that you drop off your child/ children between 8:40-9:00am each morning and collect them before 3:45pm.

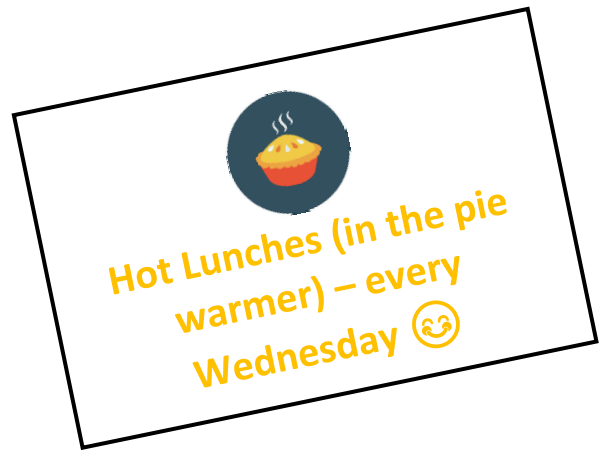
If you require to collect a child early or drop off a little later due to (for example) a medical appointment, please enter via the front door and sign him/her in the Sign In/Out booklet.

Lunch Orders

A reminder to families to please have lunch orders in each Wednesday – for lunch on Thursday 😊

School Assembly

Thanks to everyone who attended our first assembly of the year on Monday. Due to students having MARC van on a Monday, staff have agreed to change the assembly time to Friday @ 3:15 pm (starting next week). We would love to see as many families and community members at our assembly again!



Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement found on our website.

Department Notes

There are several notes at the end of this newsletter from the Department around vaccines for kids and being COVIDSafe. If anyone has any questions or concerns with any of this information, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Staff Professional Learning

All teaching staff will be taking part in professional learning around the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) this Thursday. This will be completed remotely – teaching staff will be onsite, but released from classroom duty. The BSEM enables teachers to increase engagement and meet student learning needs, whilst also working towards improving self-regulation, relationships, growth and academic excellence. It is a wonderful opportunity for our staff!

Sunsmart

A reminder to students to please wear a wide brimmed hat!



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide

Building Project Update

Mrs Dyer has informed us that the building works will officially start on the 5th April, which is super exciting and will completely transform the school. The school community will be very busy during the first term, clearing out classrooms in order for the works to commence. This is a great chance to acknowledge Mrs Dyer for all of her efforts relating to the Building Project and I would also love to thank her for her support during the principal handover process.

COVID Updates

As you may have seen, the Department has a number of things in place to make the return to school as safe as possible. We have received 3 ventilators to run in each of the learning spaces.

Each student has received a packet of Rapid Antigen Tests. It is recommended that these tests be completed twice a week. We expect another delivery this week to last until the end of Week 4. If your child returns a positive RAT test, please contact the school so that the appropriate procedure can be followed.

We will also make the most of our lovely outdoor learning spaces and have received a grant from the Victorian Schools Building Authority to get another shade sail which will provide us with more space for outdoor learning when it is nice weather.



Enrolments in 2022 and beyond

Reminder: Enrolments are now being encouraged and welcomed for students starting in any year level in 2022 and beyond. If you know of a local family with children who need to experience our fantastic neighbourhood school, please let me know.

Staff emails

Miss S. – kirsty.sizeland@education.vic.gov.au

Mrs Mitchell – erin.mitchell@education.vic.gov.au

Mr Robinson – stuart.robinson@education.vic.gov.au

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Appreciation

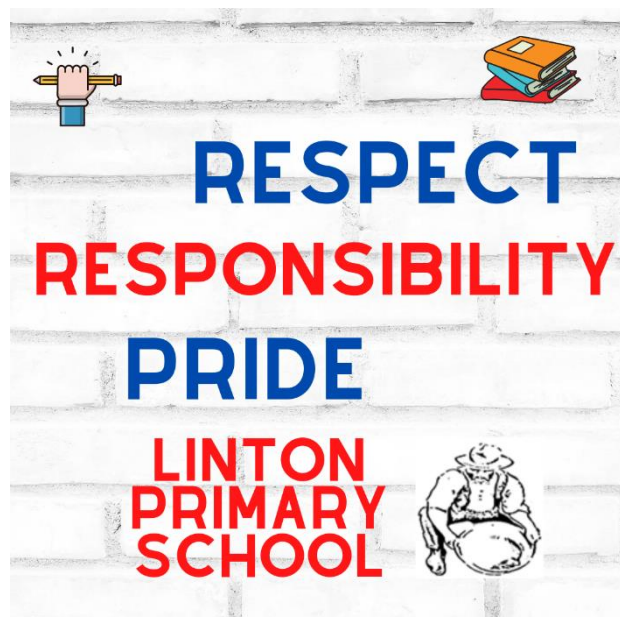
I appreciate the warm welcome I have received from students, staff and the wider Linton community. I also appreciate how settled our students have been as they get back into some awesome learning routines!

As always if you have any issues or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school, myself personally, or your child's classroom teacher.

Have a great week and stay safe!

Stuart Robinson 😊

Acting Principal



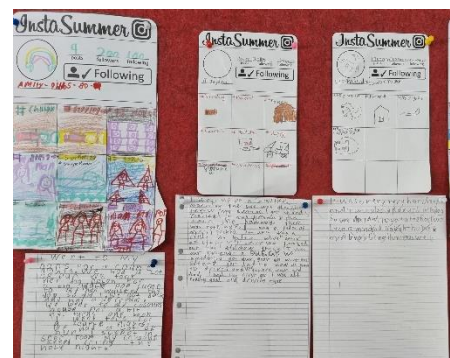
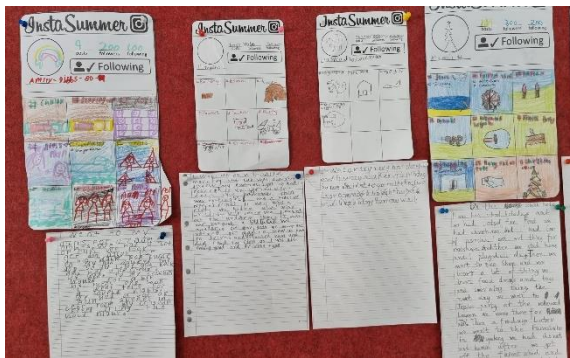
In the Classrooms...



Seniors

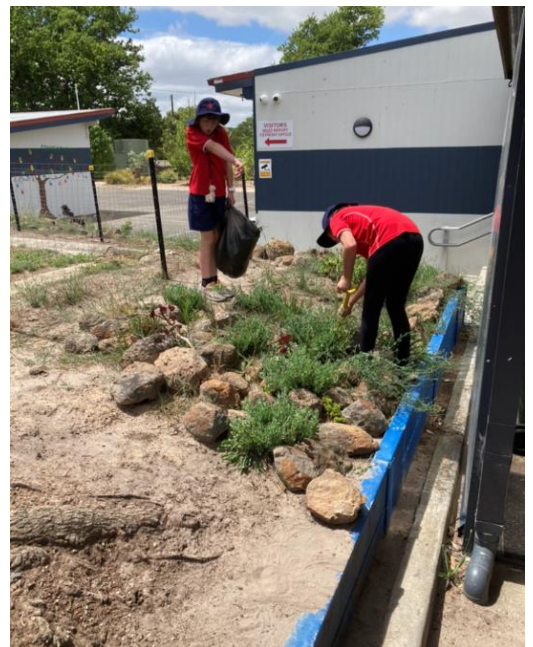
The seniors have done an amazing job on their return to school, they have helped Mr Robinson and Miss Sizeland in my absence and should be very proud of themselves, they sorted their books and learning areas and went straight back into routines. The entire class have shown what good learners look like by working hard at all their tasks, creating some amazing writing pieces already.

This week we have been writing for information, as a whole school we investigated the like cycle of sunflowers.





Clockwise from above: Campbell doing some hard thinking in Maths, students helping tidy the garden, our first assembly, playing at recess and tennis with coach Peter 😊



Vaccinations

It's been really fantastic to see such excitement around the return to school and we want to keep it that way. A crucial part of that is getting as many students vaccinated as possible.

Alongside ventilation and other vital COVIDSafe steps such as regular rapid antigen testing, supporting as many students as possible to be vaccinated will help make our school as safe as possible.

Bookings for children aged 5 to 11 to receive the paediatric Pfizer vaccine are open and we encourage parents and carers to get your child vaccinated, if you haven't already done so.

The [Pfizer vaccine is safe and recommended for children](#). The vaccine will help protect your child from getting sick from COVID-19, help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and help ensure kids can have more time at school and playing with their friends.

Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 years old are delivered at 2 appointments, 8 weeks apart. Children with specific medical vulnerabilities can access their second dose 3 weeks after their first dose.

If you'd like more information about this, you can read a recent statement from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI): <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-update-following-weekly-covid-19-meeting-19-january-2022>

To book an appointment

You can book at your local GP or pharmacy: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking>

You can also book at a family-friendly vaccination centre by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

You can also make vaccination centre bookings for your children online, though you will need to use an email address that has not been used in the system before: <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/>

Helping children to get their vaccination

Vaccination centres understand that children may feel anxious about vaccination or have other support needs. A range of options are available to help children get vaccinated. Please discuss your child's needs with the vaccination centre when you book an appointment.

Appointments are also available at Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations.

👉 Find out more about vaccination for kids: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers>

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

This information is about students attending school. It is for their families and carers.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

You and your child are an important part of your school's community.

Students will be returning to face-to-face learning in Term 1 and great things will be happening at your child's school this year.

We are so excited to have your child in the classroom, where they can receive the support that they need to succeed and have a happy experience at school this year.

Every day of attending school counts. Being at school supports your child's learning, social and mental wellbeing.

Supporting our students

Schools will be making sure classrooms are as safe as possible for students and will be monitoring their mental, physical and social wellbeing.

Your child's school will support students who need to catch up. Teachers will work with students to understand who may need extra learning support. Some students may be offered tutoring or other assistance to ensure that they are able to participate and enjoy their lessons.

Schools also have programs and staff who can respond to a range of student health and wellbeing needs.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, you can contact your child's teacher or school principal, and you can talk with them about how the school can support your child.

Providing a COVID Safe environment

Your child's school is operating in a COVIDSafe way. Schools will make sure that staff and students wear masks, stay home when unwell, and physical distance when appropriate.

Schools will provide free, regular COVID rapid antigen testing for students to help keep them safe.

There will be voluntary rapid antigen testing in place for the first four weeks of Term 1 2022. The Victorian Government will deliver more than 14 million rapid antigen tests to schools and early childhood education and care services.

Your child's school will let you know if there has been a positive COVID case at school and what you need to do.

Helping keep your school community safe

Everybody has an important role to play. Mask wearing, hand washing and having your child vaccinated are all very important. All children aged 5 years and over can receive a vaccination and help to protect their family, friends and school community.

If your child is unwell, or has symptoms, keep them at home and notify your school.

Be prepared and know how to support your child's return to school.