



Linton Primary School

Newsletter

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Respect Responsibility



Pride

From the Principal:

It has been a busy few weeks at Linton Primary School. Students have been building on routines, staff are completing valuable professional learning and we are all enjoying welcoming families back on-site to share learning and celebrations.

Prep Students

A reminder to prep families that students will be starting full weeks from next week! It will be great to have the Preps at school for Science each Wednesday.

Welcome BBQ

Please see information below for our welcome BBQ next Monday at Linton Recreation Reserve. It would be great to see all families there to celebrate a great start to the year!

School Uniform

It has been nice to see the Linton uniform proudly worn so far during term 1. If for some reason students are out of uniform, please send a note or message to the school explaining this. We have several second-hand uniforms available at school. Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

Auslan

Students have been loving Auslan with Mrs Munson. Please see a copy of the Auslan fingerspelling alphabet below – students have been working on spelling out their name 😊

School Assembly

Our assembly is held each Friday @ 3:15 pm. All are welcome to celebrate student learning and achievements!



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Important Dates

Monday 28 th February	Welcome BBQ @ Recreation Reserve
Monday, 14 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 17 th March	Linton District Sports
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Term 1

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.

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.

Staff Professional Learning

Staff are continuing their professional learning around the Berry Street Education Model. We have two more days to complete the training. It has been very powerful and relevant learning for all staff!

Respectful Schools

Please see the poster below outlining the new Department policy on Respectful School communities.

COVIDSafe updates

Please see below further information on the continuation of COVIDSafe practices for schools. Recommended Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) will continue for term 1. RATs will be sent home later this week.

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

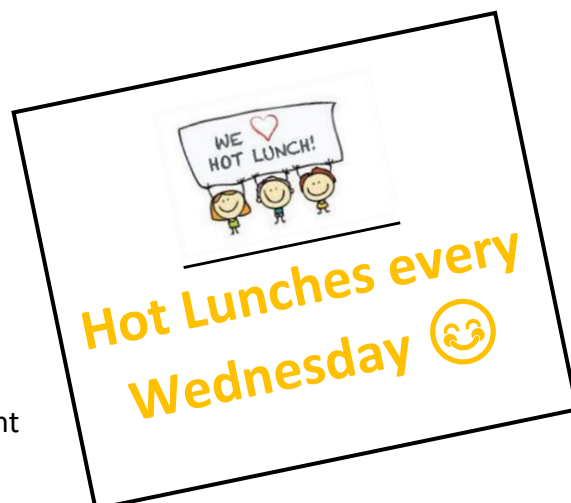
I appreciate the staff for their efforts during the busy start of the year.

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.

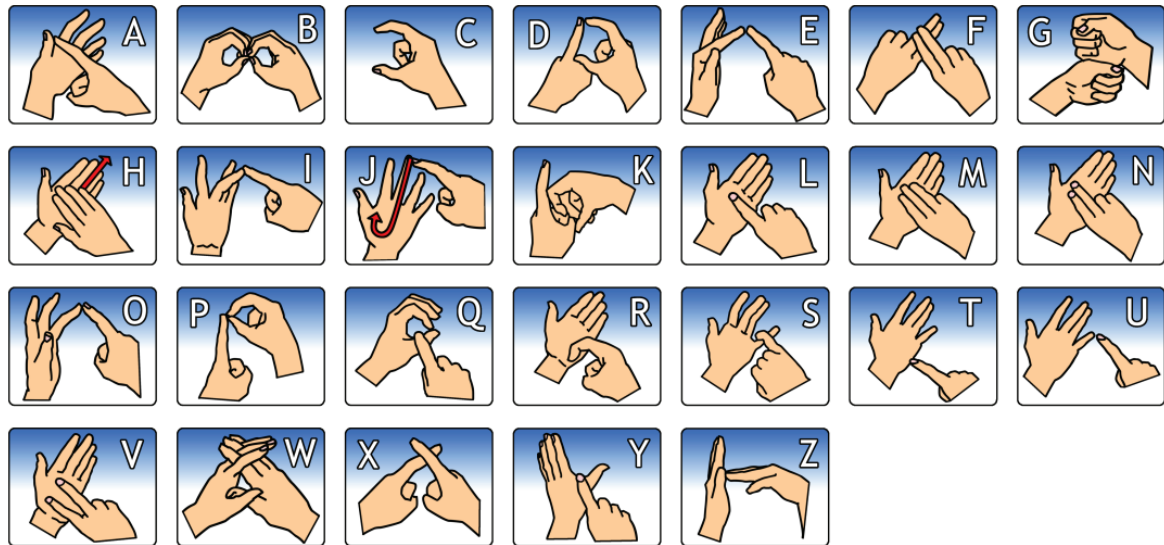
Have a great week and stay safe!

Stuart Robinson 😊

Acting Principal



AUSLAN - FINGERSPELLING ALPHABET



LINTON PRIMARY
SCHOOL

**WELCOME
BBQ**

LINTON RECREATION
RESERVE

Join us and celebrate the start of learning for this year!
Come along and enjoy some time together outside of school — school families and staff are all invited.

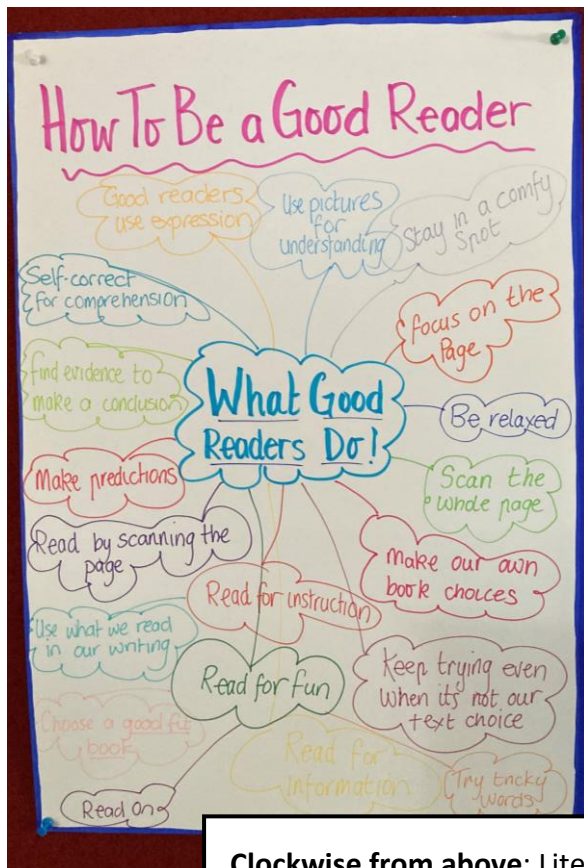
Current COVID-safe practices will apply.

When: 5:00 pm start, Monday 28th February

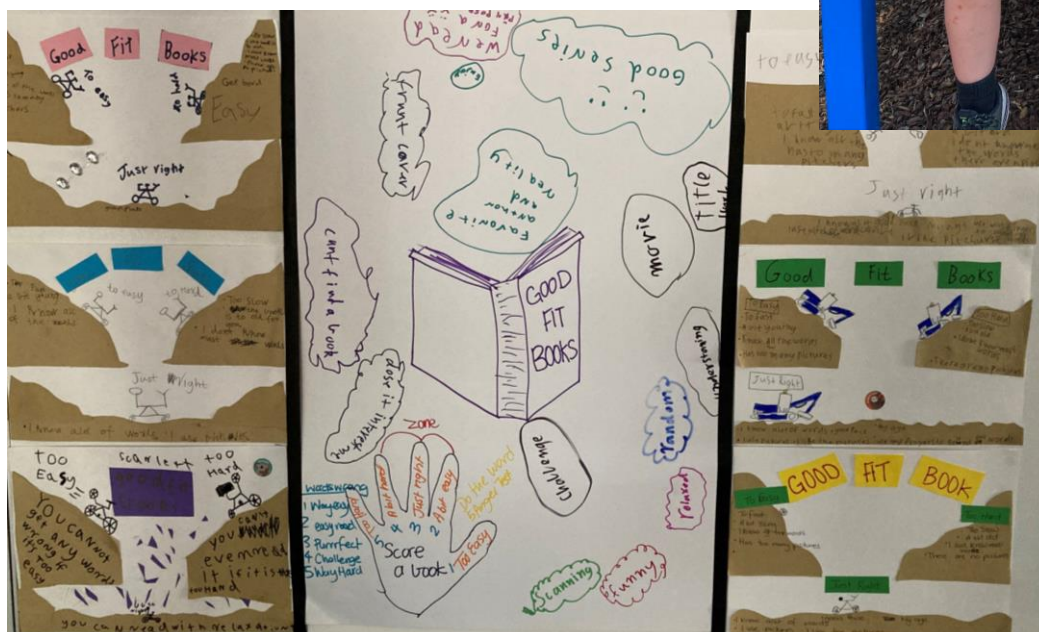
Where: Linton Recreation Reserve

What to bring: Chairs, picnic blankets and drinks for your family—there will be a **free BBQ** if this takes your fancy.

In the Classrooms...



Clockwise from above: Literacy Anchor Charts, signing Happy Birthday to Miss S, Keegan and Chase, good fit books and the learning pit (3-6) 😊



COVIDSafe measures extension 17 February 2022

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

Rapid antigen tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modelling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone. Their modelling indicates, assuming a 75 per cent compliance rate with screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
- around 400 hospital admissions.

The department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use. Tests will be sent home as soon as they are available.

Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff.

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

Vaccination

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open.

There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- * online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
- * by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- * In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.
- * using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government Department of Health

In addition, schools provide a trusted place among the community to access vaccination, particularly for families who may experience language or social barriers.

Following successful implementation of school pop-up clinics at the commencement of Term 1, more than 230 schools across Victoria are currently hosting mini-vaccination clinics led by GPs and pharmacists. Many of these clinics will also make vaccinations available the broader school community, inclusive of families of students and school staff.

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools. Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

Stuart Robinson

SKIPTON & DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

TRIATHLON

SUNDAY 6th MARCH

WHEN: SUNDAY 6TH MARCH
WHERE: SKIPTON POOL @ 9AM
COST: \$5 INDIVIDUALS / \$15 TEAM
FREE FRUIT & WATER FOR PARTICIPANTS
BBQ - \$1 PER SAUSAGE

FORMS AVAILABLE FROM POOL OR SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community:

- ⊗ Threats
- ⊗ Violence
- ⊗ Rudeness

- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Discriminatory and derogatory comments

- ⊗ Aggression
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online.

For more information ask your school about the **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**.