



# Linton Primary School Newsletter

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**Respect Responsibility**



**Pride**



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## WELCOME BACK!

Amazingly, we are past the halfway point of the school year. Students have adjusted well to being back at school, with staff commenting on how settled and focused they have been. It was great to hear what activities students got up to during their break! I spent time with family and celebrated my daughter's first birthday, which was very exciting. Hopefully, I will get to somewhere warmer next holidays 😊

This term, staff are continuing to have a huge focus on improving differentiation for students, particularly in the maths classroom, whilst also implementing Consistent and Predictable Routines (CPRs) across the school day.

Important Dates	
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Glasses for Kids Program Visit
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Student Free Day (Staff Professional Practice Day)
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week!

**Important Dates for Term 3**

- *Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August* – Sleepover at School – all students!
- *Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August* – Teacher Professional Practice Day (student-free day)
- *Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August* – School Photos
- *Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August* – Book Week Dress Up Celebration
- *Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September* – Log Cabin Camp (Creswick) – all students!
- *Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September* – the final day of Term 3

**Health & Body Unit**

Students will be starting a unit of work on Health & Body this term – please see the note attached. If you have any questions – please contact Miss Mitchell.

What Zone Are You In?			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Disgusted Out of Control



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.

**School Uniform Reminder**

The start of a new term is a great reminder to make sure students are in school uniform. We have several donated, second-hand uniforms at school available for families. Please contact the office if you need a hand with this. Alternatively, new school uniforms can be purchased from [Beleza School Uniforms in Ballarat](http://Beleza School Uniforms in Ballarat). We do understand that the weather has been very cold and understand when students need to wear warm beanies, vests, or jackets over their uniforms!

**RAT Testing**

If your family requires any RAT tests, please contact the office at school 😊

**Pre-Service Teachers (PSTs)**

We are lucky enough to have two PSTs completing placements with us at the start of term. Please say hi to Tegan or Naomi if you see them and welcome them to the Linton PS school community!

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on each Friday @ 8:30 am with Janenne. All students are welcome 😊

### Illness

There is a variety of different illnesses travelling around the community now, and this is only expected to worsen as we move further into Winter. We ask that you please keep students' home from school if they are unwell so that we can limit the spread in our school. Families have been very conscious of this so far, and we would really appreciate if you continued to do so.

### Sleepover and School Camp

We have been lucky enough to secure a free School Camp at Log Cabin Lodge in Creswick as part of the DET Positive Start initiative (Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September). In preparation for this, we would love to host all students at school for a sleepover – on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August. More information will be out to families shortly!



### Prospective Family School Tours

If there are any families interested, we welcome you to come along and see our beautiful school.

Personal tours for prospective families are available by appointment and can be made by calling or emailing the school (5344 7341 / [linton.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:linton.ps@education.vic.gov.au)).



### Staff emails

Miss S. – [kirsty.sizeland@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kirsty.sizeland@education.vic.gov.au)  
Miss Mitchell – [erin.mitchell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:erin.mitchell@education.vic.gov.au)  
Mr Robinson – [stuart.robinson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:stuart.robinson@education.vic.gov.au)  
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### Appreciation

I appreciate our students for being so responsible when packing up at the end of lunch play!

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

Have a great week!

Stuart Robinson 😊  
Acting Principal



Dear parents and carers,

For Semester 2, 2022, the Department of Education and Training has provided schools with the option to hold each teacher's allocated professional practice day on the same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective and efficient use of this day.

As a result, we have scheduled our professional practice day for **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of August**. Students will therefore **not** be required to attend school on this day.

Regards,

Stuart Robinson  
Acting Principal  
Linton Primary School



Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible.

We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

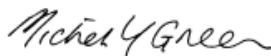
We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.



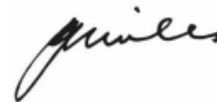
**Dr David Howes**  
Deputy Secretary

Victorian Department of  
Education and Training



**Michelle Green**  
Chief Executive

Independent Schools  
Victoria



**Jim Miles**  
Executive Director

Catholic Education  
Commission of Victoria

### **One Liners!**

**F-6: All students have been doing daily check-ins with how they feel and why. The first image below is a check-in tool, you can use this by taking a moment to look at the images and discussing which image is reflective of how you feel now and why!**

**We have also looked at grounding (calming) techniques – there is one below that families can try at home if children (or adults!) are feeling unsettled, take a moment to look inward and focus on yourself and your senses 😊**

**\*you might like to put these on your fridge and use them at home\***

## Every minute counts

Only missing	That equals...	Which is...	From Prep to year 12...
10 minutes late a day	50 minutes a week	1.5 weeks a year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes late a day	1 hour and 40 minutes a week	2.5 weeks a year	Nearly a year of school
30 minutes late a day	Half a day a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1.5 years of school
60 minutes late a day	1 day per week	8 weeks a year	Over 2.5 years of school

Only missing	That equals...	From Prep to year 12...	Which means...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	1.5 weeks a year	Below average attendance
1 day a week	40 days a year	2.5 weeks a year	Poor attendance
2 days a week	80 days a year	4 weeks a year	Very poor attendance rate
3 days per week	120 days a year	8 weeks a year	Very poor attendance rate

Grounding and anchoring techniques

## Focus on your senses



**5 things  
you can  
SEE**



**4 things  
you can  
FEEL**



**3 things  
you can  
HEAR**



**2 things  
you can  
SMELL**



**1 thing  
you can  
TASTE**



