

NEWSLETTER Thursday May 21 2020



Monday May 25

Pupil Free Day for all students

Tuesday May 26

Foundation, gr 1 & 2 students return to school

Thursday May 28

School Council Meeting 7.30 pm

Tuesday June 9

Gr 3 - 6 students return to school

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		Term 2	April 14	June 26		
Term 3	July 13	September 18	Term 4	October 5	December 18	

Dear Parents

Monday May 25th is a Pupil Free Day with no students attending school.

On Tuesday May 26th we will be excited to welcome Foundation, grade one and grade two students back to a normal school routine.

Following updated Department of Education guidelines there will be no temperature testing of students at school.

*** Survey on 'Remote Learning' for all families - please fill in the survey and return to school ☺

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR A SAFE AND EASY RETURN TO SCHOOL

ANY STUDENT WITH A RUNNY NOSE, COUGH, SNEEZING, TEMPERATURE OR ANY OTHER COLD OR FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS OR FEELS UNWELL MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL AND MEDICAL ADVICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT.

ANY PARENTS WITH COLD OR FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS OR FEELS UNWELL SHOULD NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL, AND SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE

IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH ANYONE WITH THE CORONA VIRUS PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL

There will be yellow markers on the front fence for parents to easily maintain social distancing.



Parents are requested to drop off and pick up students at the gates of the school

Please don't enter the school grounds without prior arrangement with staff

Please don't gather at the front of the school, but leave as soon as possible to leave parking for other cars

FOUNDATION, GRADE ONE & GRADE TWO STUDENTS

SCHOOL ENTRY & EXIT POINTS

Foundation students use the small front gate

Grade 1 -2 students use the large driveway gate

MORNING DROP OFF

A teacher will be at the front gate to meet students

Please have students at school no later than 8.50 am to allow teachers time to be in their classroom after supervising student drop off

If you are going to be later than 8.50 am please ring the school before dropping students off

AFTERNOON PICK-UP

SCHOOL ENTRY & EXIT POINTS

Foundation students use the small front gate

Grade 1 -2 students use the large driveway gate

Pick-up will be staggered to assist with social distancing

Families with surnames between **A – G** pick up their children at 3.10 pm

Families with surnames between **H – Z** pick up their children at 3.30 pm

Staff members will wait with students at the front gates, or at the undercover area if it is raining.

Parents should line up on the nature strip at the front of the school, at the relevant gate noting the yellow markings 1.5 metres apart, and staff will bring children to the gate

To ensure this system works smoothly for everyone, please be on time, and phone the school if you are running late.

We understand some families may have commitments which mean these times are not possible. If so, please contact me as soon as possible to arrange a suitable weekly time.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Families who use the After School program will need to check with Neerim South PS to see if this is running. Please let me know the arrangements for pick up for this program.

We understand this is another very different way of doing things for everyone.

Please see me if you have any concerns

Kind Regards

Wendy Arnott

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EVENT CANCELLATIONS

Unfortunately Canberra Camp, the Coonwarra Gr. 3 – 4 Camp, the Swimming Program and the Music Soiree have been cancelled.

I will be at school each day and parents are welcome to call me on the school phone 5628 5293 as well.

PHOTOS: We have received lots of fantastic photos during the week. Please keep them coming.

Please email photos to the school email address: jindivick.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

School Newsletters will be available on the school website; jindivickps.global2.vic.edu.au if you need to catch up on one.

COMPASS

If you are having trouble accessing Compass, please ring me at school as there is important information being uploaded regularly.

** If you have lost your Compass password, please email the teacher or ring me and I can give you your password again.

Please, be kind to yourselves as well as your children.

All of the staff at Jindivick PS are just an email or phone call away

Take care

Wendy Arnott

BUBBLE TAPS – the bubble taps are not able to be used. Please send a refillable drink bottle with all students when they return to school.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – RETURN TO SCHOOL

12/5/20

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the **first stage**, students in **Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2** will return to school from **Tuesday 26 May**. To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, **Monday 25 May will be a pupil-free day**.

In the **second stage** of our return to on-site schooling, **all other year levels** will return to school from **Tuesday 9 June**. For those students **who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children**, the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June.

All other students in these grades and year levels will continue learning from home until **Tuesday 9 June**.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means, if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will strictly monitor frequent hand washing.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of changes to our school operations to maintain physical distancing for adults:

- We ask that access to the school site is restricted to immediate school staff and students.
- We ask that children be dropped off and picked up at the school gate, a teacher will be there to greet them.
- All staff and students will be temperature checked on entry to the school grounds (hand-held, non-contact forehead thermometer).
- If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, (even a runny nose), **they must not attend school**. They must remain home and seek medical advice.
- We ask that all parents/adults maintain social distancing during pick-up and drop-off.
- If parents need to speak to any staff member, please call in advance and we can arrange a meeting.
- All children will require a **re-fillable drink bottle** as the bubble taps will be unavailable.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

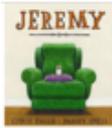
More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom.

MARC Library News Term 2

During Term 2 remote learning I have developed a few ways for children to continue their love and appreciation for books and reading.



1. Remote library lessons, It is great to hear (virtually) children talking about books, whether it is being entertained or informed.



2. Home book deliveries – Thank you to all of the families that have ordered a delivery of books. I will continue to deliver a bundle of books fortnightly to your home. Please contact me kim.james@education.vic.gov or MARC ph: 0491 226 891 if you would like to be included in the next delivery.

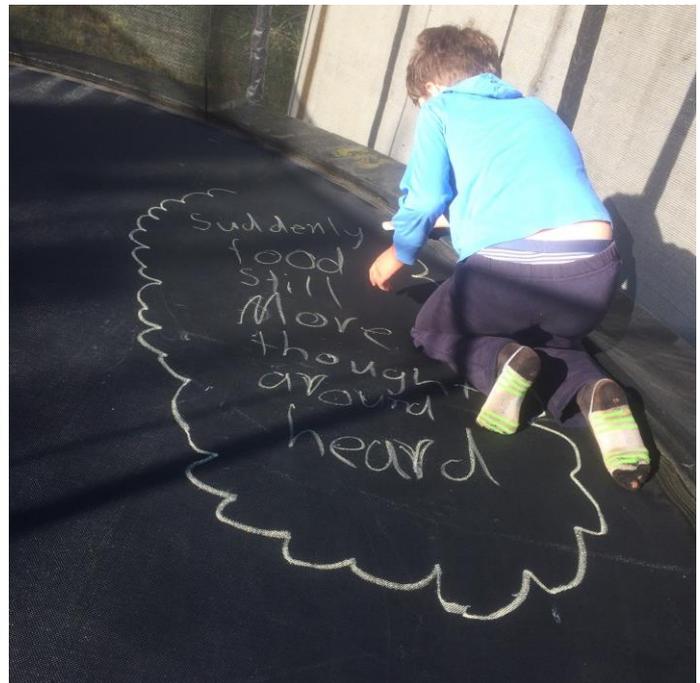


3. MARC facebook group for parents – This is a space where I share links to authors, illustrators and all things books and information that may interest you for your children. Search: Tarago MARC Library.

Don't forget 'reading takes you places when you have to stay at home'.

Kim James

Adam has been researching fungi, and using his trampoline for spelling practice 😊



A Parent's Guide to Compass

The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal that allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers
- Update your family contact information
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's Semester Reports and Progress Reports
- Book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

Your school may be using some or all of the modules indicated in this article. Likewise, within your parent portal you may have access to some or all of the functions listed.

Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps.

To download the app to your device, search '**Compass School Manager**' in the applicable app store.

If you are having trouble finding the Compass link for our school, go to

<http://schools.compass.edu.au> where you can search for our school to access our link.

Logging in to Compass

To log in you will require your unique family username and password.

You will initially be provided with a temporary password that you will be prompted to update to one of your choosing when you login for the first time.

Upon first login, you will be required to confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by the school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

The Home Screen

The home screen provides you with relevant alerts and news, as well as quick access to your child's profile.

Main Menu

Allows you to access other Compass and school resources. The options available here may vary based on your school's use of Compass, more information on these icons is provided in the next section.

Tools

The Tools Menu (cog icon) allows you to update your contact details and change your password.

Alerts

Custom notifications for items that require your action or attention. These may include excursion notifications, ordering options for school photos, absence notifications, surveys, student report availability and more.

- Outstanding absences or late arrivals that require a note or approval
- Course Confirmations or payments that need processing
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences that are available for booking
- Excursions or Events that require consent and/or payment
- Semester Reports or Progress Reports that are available to download.

Your Child

This section provides you with a quick summary of available options, and highlights a summary of upcoming and overdue tasks. To access more information click on the relevant quick link or select 'Profile' to access details information about your child. Options here may include:

- Your child's profile page
- Email functionality
- Attendance pages customised for your child, where notes/approvals can be entered
- Academic reports for your child
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conference bookings
- Any overdue Learning Tasks that your student has not yet submitted.

News

Recent school news items and information relevant to parents. This may include newsletters, details of upcoming events and much more.

Adding a Note or Approval

If your child has any unapproved absences or late arrivals, you will receive an alert on your Compass home page letting you know this, and allowing you to add a Note or Approval.

Clicking on this notification will take you to the Unexplained tab for that child's attendance, where you can choose to add a Note or Approval for one or more absences. To add a note or approval, select one or more of the absences listed, then select the 'Explain with Note/Approval' button.

Please note that you cannot edit your notes or approvals after they've been created. If you do need to make any amendments please contact your school, as they can do this for you.

Adding a Note/Approval for a Future Absence

You can also enter notes and approvals in advance, if you know that your child is going to be absent from school (e.g. scheduled family holiday).

To do this from your homepage, click on the 'Add Attendance Note/Approval' link listed underneath the name of the relevant student.