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# Boundary News

## BIG ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY

It is amazing to think there are only two weeks left of term! We are all looking forward to Sunday's announcement and hope it is a return to onsite learning in term 4! It has been wonderful to hear about the WebEx's everyone has had the opportunity to be involved in. I have had lots of feedback that this has been a positive addition in Remote 2!

We are continuing to work with students and parents to improve as we develop all our skills in these interesting times together. An interesting observation from a researcher in education is- "All things are difficult before they become easy." Everybody has been in the 'Learning pit' together as we navigate the new 'normal'.

We appreciate your patience and your understanding that as we learn and grow we may make mistakes and have a few 'opps' moments (especially with technology). Thankyou for your kind and positive feedback about how we have improved from last time.

Yes on Sunday we will ALL find out wether we will remain in Remote Learning or if we all return to onsite learning. No matter what the outcome we look forward to continuing our educational partnership wether onsite or not.

## PREP ENROLMENTS

Please let everyone know we are now accepting enrolments for 2021. Our school normally does personal tours but of course with current restrictions we cannot do that at the moment. Please let your friends know and direct them to our website or FACEBOOK page. We thank all those people who have already enrolled. Once enrolled you will receive your confirmation of enrolment letter and be added to our special Prep 2021 SeeSaw page!

We had a fabulous transition session the other night- thanks to Erin Shiels who hosted our online forum. Keep your eye out there will be more to come. Things may look and feel a little different in terms of what is normally done for transition but we are certainly working hard to provide a program to support our families into our learning community.



## Curriculum day

On curriculum day our staff volunteered to be onsite to continue their learning. After a session on child safe standards and the updates provided by the eSafety commission the staff were then involved in a coaching workshop with our Literacy coach Paula.

The staff worked together on 'formative assessment' and developing new insights into how we assess students in the online space. The afternoon was devoted to staff working together in Levels to co-create units of work to support ALL students learning, with a concentration on the skills, attitudes and behaviours for Numeracy, Reading and Writing.

*Have a wonderful week*

*Karen Chaston*

*Principal*

## Child Safety Standards

**Geelong East Primary School's commitment to child safety-**

- Our school is committed to child safety.
- We want children to be safe, happy and empowered.
- We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.
- We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. At no time must anyone treat a child unfavourably because of their disability, age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability, sexuality or ethnicity.
- We have **zero tolerance of child abuse**, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very
- seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.
- We have legal obligations (mandatory reporting) to contact authorities when we are concerned about a child's safety.
- Our school is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.
- Our school has robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers.
- Our school is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.
- We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.
- We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

## For more information

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx?Redirect=1>

### NITS

A reminder that we are currently faced with a unique opportunity. We've already had a number of weeks without a reported case of nits! Please remember our current policy of shoulder length hair or longer being in a head band (boy or girl) remains in place.



We were informed by a family who is not onsite their child has somehow been 'lucky' enough to find a few live lice on their child's head- so be warned they are around!

### JUST A REMINDER      COMMUNICATION TO FAMILIES

The diary and phone calls are the best form of communication with your teacher. They are checked every day and signed by your teacher. You can leave messages if you want the teachers to give you a phone call and they are also a record of their daily reading.

**SeeSaw** is important communication FROM school in terms of newsletters on Monday and Friday from your teacher and samples of children's work. General communication from the Principal to the whole school will also be on SeeSaw. This is set up for the grade. SeeSaw is currently not regularly monitored for parent communication as teachers have onsite commitments and WebExs during the day.

**COMPASS** is another form of communication where we will send your reports and parent, teacher conferences. This is set up just for your child. See the note later in the newsletter.

I hope you have had the opportunity to view our FACEBOOK page <https://www.facebook.com/geelongeastprimary/> or our WEBSITE [www.geeastps.vic.gov.au](http://www.geeastps.vic.gov.au) these two forms of information are for our whole school community. Each form of communication has a different role and never more important than in these times where we are not meeting face to face.

### GEELONG EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPASS PLATFORM

By using our Parent Portal you will be able to:

- Access your child's Student Progress and Semester Reports
- View up-to-date attendance information
- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your son/daughter
- Update your registered email and mobile number (used for SMS alerts)



We are looking at expanding the use of this program in the future to include:-

- Book your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences
- Excursion notes and approval online
- Payments
- Access information regarding upcoming events and news

If you have do not receive an email or need help with the process, please contact the office on 5248 4885.

## COMING EVENTS

### September

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>      End of Term 3 – school finishes at 1.30pm

### October

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October      First day or term 4

## Wellbeing support for students and families.

The following provides information and contact details for parenting and wellbeing support for students and families.

### **BCYF - Family Services**

- Strengthening Family Connections
- Tuning into Kids
- Tuning into Teens
- Dads Tuning into Kids
- Bringing up Great Kids
- Circle of Security

**Phone:** 52668900

**Website:** <https://www.bcyf.org.au/bcyf-family-services/parent-and-family-groups/>

### **Headspace**

- Looking After Yourself and Friends
- Lived Experience Q&A
- Student Led Mental Health Initiatives

**Phone:** 52226690

**Website:** [headspacegeelong@bcyf.org.au](mailto:headspacegeelong@bcyf.org.au)

### **Headspace National**

- Online Group Chats, information and 1:1 support

**Website:**

[https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/?gclid=Cj0KCQjws536BRDTARIsANeUZ58M8vMx0KVvk3DBrWxvDP1imShcSf6tu8pEE6-9\\_5SI2FBHOhP3noaAlivEALw\\_wcB](https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/?gclid=Cj0KCQjws536BRDTARIsANeUZ58M8vMx0KVvk3DBrWxvDP1imShcSf6tu8pEE6-9_5SI2FBHOhP3noaAlivEALw_wcB)

### **Bethany Family Services**

- Family Programs

**Phone:** 52472111

**Website:** <https://www.bethany.org.au/parenting-programs/>

### **Drummond Street Services**

- Drummond Street Services
- Parenting Children who Worry
- Transition to Secondary School
- Managing Difficult Conversations
- Mindfulness in Schools
- Connecting Families
- Wellbeing for Students

**Phone:** 96636733

**Website:** <https://ds.org.au/>

