

Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MS HELENE HIOTIS, PRINCIPAL



Last week I forwarded the 'Back to School Parent and Student Guide' approved by School Council on Wednesday 20, May 2020. It details the operational changes and strategies implemented for a transition to on-site learning. Fortunately, no one in our Bentleigh Community has reported a COVID19 infection. As mentioned in previous emails, to reduce the chances of this occurring, I encourage you to continue the good hygiene practices that have been widely publicised. Information about COVID19, including guidance on good hygiene practices is available at the DHHD website: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

During the next two weeks, only the Vivien Street Gate and Clarence Street Gate will be open. Students on bikes are to come through Clarence Street Gate and park their bike in the new bike shed.

The school has made some significant changes to their daily operations to ensure the wellbeing of our students and staff. This includes:

- *Signage in all classrooms and buildings including floor decals to remind people on how to socially distance.
- *All buildings (except portables) will have one ENTRY and one EXIT ONLY for students. Please adhere to signage, 'It's in your hands to socially distance'.
- *Each entry point will have a Hand Sanitiser Stand. Please adhere to signage, 'It's in your hands to sanitise'.
- *Do not engage in contact activities or sports.
- *Down ball is banned in the piazza.
- *Zones will be created for each Year Level.

Student toilet facilities will also be zoned:

Year 7 students will utilise the Year 7 Precinct toilet facilities, *Years 8 - 9 students will utilise the PAC toilet facilities and Years 10 - 12 students will utilise the VCE/da Vinci toilet facilities. In accordance with the Department's Regular Infectious Diseases Policy, please keep your children home if they are unwell until symptoms resolve and seek medical assistance as required. The signage above will be displayed in every door prior to entry to the school and in every classroom.



Again, I remind all our families that everyone can protect against infections by practicing good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene. Here are some tips that everyone at your school can follow:

- *Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
- *Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
- *Wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet, and before eating.

We are all looking forward to catching up whilst adhering to social distancing.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS

MS SCHY PREWETT, CURRICULUM, FEEDBACK AND PRACTICE

As we move back into onsite learning it is a great opportunity to harness the innovative ways we have been Learning Online and take that back into the classroom. We have received a lot of feedback through our Online Learning survey from parents and students suggesting what they would like to see continue when we return onsite.

Some of these include;

- Continue to post lesson plans to Compass
- Parents staying connected with their child's learning
- Continued feedback from teachers on any work not submitted
- Continued use of newer methods of collaboration such as Microsoft Teams
- Continued uploading of learning tasks on compass
- Use of Online tools like Kahootz

The feedback from the surveys will be shared with staff and we will work together as a community to action many of the suggestions. Thank you to all who participated.

To help your child move back into onsite learning you can try the following strategies:

- Create new routines. Routines make children feel safe, especially in changing circumstances.
- Ask about your child's learning. Continue the learning partnership you have forged with your child during this period of Online Learning.
- Focus on what is going well and celebrate successes. Try to work on solutions together for things that they are finding challenging.
- Remind children to have fun, do things for themselves and practice mindfulness. The move from Online to Onsite learning may increase your child's feelings of anxiety. Alleviating some of this stress by doing things they enjoy.
- Monitor any behaviour that may indicate your child is not coping with the transition and utilise services both at school and beyond, where appropriate.

We are looking forward to this next stage in our learning journey. We are so proud of the Bentleigh community and how we have worked together during this crisis for the best of our students.

MR MARC KOENIG, ENGAGEMENT AND CONNECTEDNESS

As we plan for a return to learning on site, it is important to support students to return to normal routines, going to bed and get up times, morning tea and lunch breaks acknowledging the situation, providing developmentally suitable information about what is occurring, as well as providing a safe space for students to raise their concerns and feelings. The Wellbeing Team is available to support students both online and once they return to school. In the days leading up to their return it is important that you listen to any concerns your child may have. This does not mean that you frequently ask how they are feeling, particularly if they are enthusiastic about returning to school. Frequent questions may raise concerns in their mind that were not there before. "There must be something to worry about because mum / dad keeps asking if I'm okay / How I am feeling about going back." You know your child and we are here to support you. We are returning to a new and different normal.

When students return to school, they will not be able to access drink bubblers. Students are required to bring a full drink bottle that can then also be filled at school. If students forget their drink bottles then plastic cups will be made available for them to use during the day.

We have 3 refill taps on the back oval and have ordered five more each with 2 taps. It will be 2-3 weeks for delivery and installation. Locations will be:-

Year 7 precinct

- Two outside the PAC replacing the trough
- Outside the Learning Centre Lab Tech office facing the new stadium
- On the deck outside V1

The final scope for works in the Year 7 Precinct is complete and we anticipate being able to extend these works into the Wellbeing area. The key elements being the installations of synthetic grass, shade sails, garden beds and more trees to provide shade in the future.

The back oval is recovering well following building works and goal posts will be re-installed shortly. Hydromulching will be done on the worst areas surrounding the new stadium as soon as it dries out.

YEAR 7.3 BOYS ART

Ms Sarah Hamilton, Arts Learning Area Head

Over the past few weeks, the Year 7.3 students have explored the art movement, 'Cubism'. They then created their own Cubist portraits using art materials they had at home, which included coloured pencils, markers and paints. The boys worked very hard during this task, and showed great enthusiasm! I commend them on all of their efforts, and for embracing this new online style of learning. Here are a few examples from the class:

HARRISON LIU



OLIVER DRURY



JASHN WALIA



PATRICK ROWLANDS



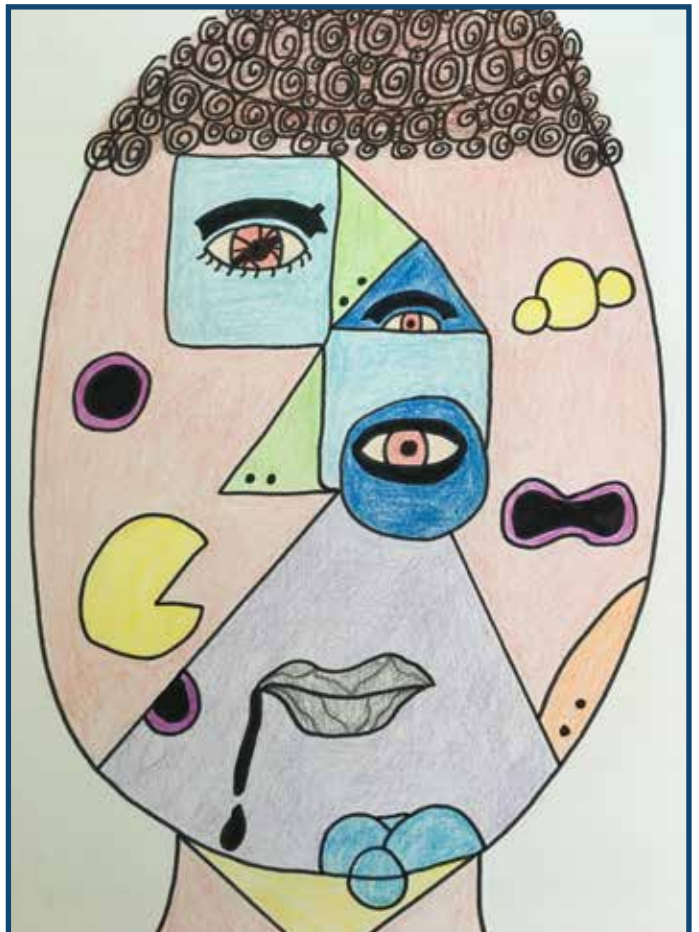
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FRASER MATTINSON



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BRENDAN GUNAWARDENA

SPORTS NEWS

Ms Taylah McConachy, Health and Physical Education Teacher

Year 9 PE students have been working on journals that track their Physical activity, incidental activity and sedentary behaviour to encourage students to remain physically active during isolation. Students have been working through a number of workout videos, routines, skills and drills. Students this week were to be creative with their chosen physical activity for the lesson, and create a video to compile their creative activity. Here are a couple of screen shots below.



DAVID LADYZHENSKII



JACKSON PERRY



Ms Lara Papworth, Health and Physical Education Teacher

We have seen a change in the way sport and physical education has worked through most of Term 2. The Sport and Physical Education department would like to thank all of our students for remaining active during this time!

We have seen our students complete many different forms of exercise, including following online routines, bike riding and participating in class competitions! We are looking forward to seeing you back in class in a few weeks time!

YEAR 8 NETBALLER AYLA, PARTICIPATING IN AN ONLINE COMPETITION FOR MOST GOALS SCORED!



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ACT SING DANCE

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Act, sing & Dance
- Holiday Theatre Workshops**
Every School Holidays
- Ages 4-16**
- Private singing Lessons**

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