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College Principal's Report

On Thursday 27 May the Acting Premier announced a 7-day lockdown which included the closure of schools. Friday 28 May was declared a state-wide pupil free day. Our teachers used today to prepare for remote learning for all students on Monday.

As of Monday, students are to follow their normal timetable on Google Classroom. Next week there will be provision for children of essential workers and vulnerable children as per the previous lockdown.

Please contact the General Office on 9407 9700 (between 8.45am and 3.30pm) if your child is eligible for supervision. We are all very hopeful that this will be for a short period.

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Principal Team Report

CURRICULUM DAY

On Tuesday 25 May, staff were treated to a presentation from our students who are part of "Students Against Racism". They were very impressive and made a thought-provoking presentation about ways to reduce racism at school. This was followed by CUST (Cultural Sensitivity and Safety Training) delivered by three amazing Koorie Education Support Officers.

The session was made more powerful by the presenters sharing their family stories. The afternoon session focused on staff wellbeing, in particular looking after our mental health, with a presentation by Maria Roberto.

HELPING CHILDREN COPE

Resilience in the face of adversity isn't a fixed personality trait. Resilience is an ability we can help children build. This is an important fact for children who suffer from a serious illness or experience a grievous loss or setback.

What are the best ways that parents can support traumatised children?

- Tell them they are loved and are not alone. Children need to hear this over and over again.
- Show them that they matter. This is the question children ask as they grow up: Do I make a difference to others? Do other people notice me, care about me and rely on me? When young people think that they don't matter, they're more likely to engage in self-destructive and antisocial activities, or simply withdraw.
- Companionship. Parents and other adults can make a difference simply by walking alongside troubled children and listening with undivided attention, forming warm relationships, communicating openly and allowing children to talk about their thoughts and fears.
- Discuss coping mechanisms. These can include understanding that:
 - It's okay to be sad and take a break from any activity and cry.
 - It's okay to be happy and laugh.
 - It's okay to be angry and jealous of friends and relatives who are not suffering.
 - It's okay to say to anyone that we do not want to talk about it now.
 - It's okay to ask for help.
- Establish positive rituals. This could be something like a family dinnertime practice of each person sharing the best and worst moments of the day the things that made them sad and those that made them grateful.
- Embrace family history. Having a sense of their roots builds children's sense of mattering, of being connected to something larger than themselves. This includes knowing where their parents and grandparents grew up, what their childhoods were like and how the family fared in good times and bad.
- Keep memories alive. Remembering a loved one who has been lost builds mental health and even physical health over time.

Acknowledgement: "How to Build Resilient Kids, Even After a Loss" by Sheryl Sandberg in The New York Times, April 24, 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday 9 June GAT day
- Friday 11 June Report Writing Day no classes will be held, no students at school
- Monday 14 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- Friday 25 June Last day of Term 2



Trish Horner College Principal



Senior Campus Principals Report

Although we have done everything possible to try to avoid it, we are now in our fourth lockdown and have had to revert to remote learning again. Hopefully this will only be for a short period of time and we can get back to face to face learning soon.

When it comes to learning via remote, we have all become very well practiced in using google classroom, online programs such as Maths Pathways and online discussion programs such as zoom.

It is important during this time that students continue with their school work as close as possible to their normal school day so that daily routines are still in place when school returns. This means getting up in time to log on at 8:55am and completing work as close to the scheduled times as possible.

Most affected will probably be Year 12 VCE students who would have had SAC's scheduled during the remote learning period. If we return to school when expected on Friday 4th June, these SAC's will be able to be rescheduled to the following weeks so students need to be prepared for an increased number of SAC's upon returning to school.

NEW SENIOR CAMPUS ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Welcome to Kate Clinton as the new Senior Campus Acting Assistant Principal. Due to Simon McRae moving to the Middle Years Campus to take over the role of Campus Principal in Karen Eastlake's absence, Kate Clinton has taken over his position as Senior Campus Assistant Principal.

Kate will continue to teach one of her Year 12 Psychology classes and work with the Careers team but will be a welcome addition to the Principal team.

ATTITUDE TO SCHOOLS SURVEY

Each year, all school students at Government schools are asked to complete an 'Attitude to Schools Survey'.

Year 12 students have already done this in Pastoral lessons but as we have now moved into remote learning,

Year 10 students are asked to complete this next week while at home.



GAT

The General Achievement Test (GAT) is an important test for all students completing a Year 12 VCE subject. This includes many Year 11 students. This is planned to be held on Wednesday 9th June at the Senior Campus Gym. Due to the running of the GAT there are no classes on this day however Year 10 students should be preparing for this exams the following day for the subjects on Science and Humanities.

REPORT WRITING DAY AND CAREERS WEEK

Friday the 11th June is scheduled as a report writing day. There will be no classes on this day as all teachers will be involved in writing reports. The following week, Year 11 and 12 students will start their Semester 2 classes while year 10 students have a careers week planned. Hopefully this can still go ahead as there has been a lot of planning go into it by the careers team and a very exciting and informative program has been planned.

College Sports Report

Whittlesea Division Athletics

On Friday 14th May there was definitely a case of quality over quantity as Mill Park SC won the perpetual shield for Champion School in the Whittlesea Secondary Division Track and Field. Being one of the schools with the least amount of competitors, the MPSC students showed a great amount of competitiveness and tremendous support for one another as they took home the shield on a total of 688 points for the day.

Open Combined Team Scores

Place	Team		Points
1	Mill Park SC	MILL	688
2	Epping SC	EPP	669
3	Hazel Glen C	HAZC	655
4	Whittlesea C	WHTS	605.50
5	Thomastown SC	THOT	405
6	Gilson C	GILS	399
7	The Lakes South Morang C	THEL	312.50
8	Mernda Central P-12 C	MECE	269

The following students came first in their event/s for their age group and will continue on to the Northern Metropolitan Finals on Wednesday 1st September.

- Zara L (100m, high jump, triple jump)
- Kiara W (400m)
- Abbie T (high jump)
- Haylee K (high jump)
- Baylee C (shot put)
- Dayne G (shot put)
- Darci L (shot put, discus)
- Ashmitha M (discus)
- Bianca E (discus, javelin)
- Adam C (100m, 200m)
- Jack T (200m, high jump, triple jump)
- Ahmed A(1500m)
- Paul V (1500m)
- Jack W (high jump, javelin)
- Uchenna O (long jump)
- Mohammad H (triple jump)
- Jordan S (triple jump)



Congratulations to all competitors and we wish those going forward to the next round good luck!

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Ticket Pricing:

Adult - \$20.00 Child / Concession - \$15.00 Family (2 adults & 2 children OR 1 adult & 3 children) - \$50.00

Tickets are now available for purchase through the following link: https://www.trybooking.com/BPEMK



College Report

Mill Park Secondary College Alumni

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE OR ARE YOU A PREVIOUS MILL PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE LEAVING MPSC?

We would love to hear from you and share your story with our school community. Please contact Renee at mill.park.sc@education.vic.gov.au







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CoVID-19 Lockdown PSW Retail Operations Update

Thursday May 27, 2021

Dear Valued Customer,

In response to the recent statement from the Victorian Government, please be advised that our PSW retail stores will be closed, effective immediately. We would like to remind you that our 'Click & Collect' service will not be interrupted and we will continue to process online orders without any interruption during this period.

Our stores will remain closed for the 7 day period as instructed by the regulatory department which means that in-store shopping and scheduled uniform fittings *will not* be available. Stores will reopen on **Friday June 4** at 9am. Our Kingsford NSW store will remain open.

Please check our website - www.psw.com.au - for updates which will be posted regularly.

We are optimistic this will be only a temporary closure and will continue to communicate as official information is made available to us. The health and well-being of our employees and customers remains our highest priority, and we will continue to act thoughtfully despite the disruption and uncertainty this situation has once again bought to our daily lives.

As we work together through these difficult times, we remain committed to offering excellent customer service to our loyal partners and wish to thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Steve Ciuffini General Manager - Sales & Marketing



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