

NEWSLETTER



A very warm welcome back to you all and a special welcome to our new students and families. I hope the break was a relaxing one and that you all managed to spend some down time with your families. 2020 threw many challenges at us and, as a school community, we rose to the challenge and made it a very productive year. I think I speak for everyone when I say that we're looking forward to a better 2021. From a school perspective, we are looking forward to the return of some of the events that make school special. Camps, excursions, sports days, concerts and other community events are things we can look forward to this year.

We've had a wonderful start to the school year with all students, including 147 new ones, arriving with a smile on their face and ready to do their best. During the first week I visited each classroom to have a chat to the students. Together we identified two things that we all need to focus on to ensure it is a fantastic year. They are to 'Be Your Best' at all times and to treat each other with kindness. If we do these things everyday, everything else will take care of itself.

I wish you all the very best for a wonderful 2021 school year.

Matt Gallagher
Principal

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2021

5th - Student Leadership Photos

5th - Call for School Council nominations

8th & 9th - Parent Teacher Interviews

10th - Prep free Wednesday

12th - Nominations for School Council close 4pm

15th - Nominations displayed at school

22nd - Close of ballot and votes counted

17th - Prep free Wednesday

19th - Grade 6 Camp deposit due

24th - Prep free Wednesday

26th - School & Sibling photos

MARCH

3rd - School Council AGM & School Council meeting

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More 

2021 TERM DATES

TERM 1 - Thursday 28th January to Thursday 1st April

TERM 2 - Monday 19th April to Friday 25th June

TERM 3 - Monday 12th July to Friday 17th September

TERM 4 - Monday 4th October to Friday 17th December

WELCOME BACK

A big welcome back to Ally Gaiser and Kendra Rizkallah who have been on maternity leave, its is great to have your back on board

NEW STAFF

Please welcome our newest staff members, Shandy Iurato, Diana Reid and Nick Roberts. We are thrilled to have you with us at Woodlands and look forward to a fantastic 2021

Join the P & F

Have you thought of becoming more involved in your child's school community? Thinking about joining the Parents and Friends at Woodlands.

We would love you to join our team.

CHECK OUT THE FACEBOOK PAGE OR KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION

[It is a great opportunity to come along and find out about our upcoming events at school, how you can lend a hand, share ideas and ask any questions about how parents and friends help to improve our already fantastic school!](#)



SCHOOLS PRIVACY POLICY

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal Information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website https://woodlandsp.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Collection_Statement.pdf

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in nine community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

A reminder to parents regarding the procedure for late arrivals, early departures, dropping of items for you child/ren and parent access.

LATE ARRIVAL - If your child is late to school, Please bring them up to the office and sign them in at the office on the Compass Kiosk (Children are not to sign themselves in). **All Late entries must be entered on the Compass kiosk not on your personal device.**

PLEASE NOTE: Compass will automatically process absent students at 10am every morning and sent out emails to parents of absent children. If you are at an appointment or similar and intend on bringing your child in later that day, please ignore the message as when you sign your child in at the office it will update the absence record to late arrival.

EARLY DEPARTURE - Please come to the office and let staff know you are here to pick up your child/ren. The office staff will call through to classrooms and have your child/ren sent to the office whilst you sign them out on the Compass Kiosk. **All Early departures must be entered on the Compass kiosk not on your personal device.**

PLEASE NOTE: If you have an appointment we recommend you call through to the office, 15 minutes prior to arrival to organise your child/ren to be ready when you arrive to sign out. We also recommend you know your child/rens timetable as we do not do announcements during class times and trying to organise children to come to the office during their sport or assembly will be very tricky and time consuming. Collecting students during recess (11am-11.30pm) and lunch (1.30pm-2.30pm) times can also be time consuming and tricky.

DROPPING OF ITEMS: If your child has forgotten something and you need to drop it off, please come straight to the office. The office will organise for the item to either be collected by your child or dropped to the classroom.

REMINDER PARENT ACCESS: Parents and visitors are permitted to enter the school grounds at drop off times (From 8.45am) and pick up (From 3.15pm), provided they stay outside of the classrooms. Please be mindful that these areas also are used for outside class time. If you see a class utilising these areas please wait well away from the class, preferably at the front gate until the bell.

Due to density limits, a maximum of 2 visitors are permitted in the reception area at one time. Unfortunately density limits and the size of our classrooms prevent parents from coming into classrooms

Please do not enter late arrivals or early departures on your device, by doing this, it creates inconsistencies with our attendance records.

All day absences are the only absences that should be updated on your device.

2021 CSEF

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a **valid means-tested concession card**, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances or another child has started this year.

If you would like to apply for the first time, download a copy of the form, from the CSEF Compass post or collect a hard copy from the office.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Call the school office if you are unsure (03 9788 8333), and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. Please make sure you bring your eligible concession card with you to copy.

2021 SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

ELECTORAL PROCESS

The Department of Education and Training has approved the commencement of the electoral process for the elections of School Councillors for 2021. Below is an outline of the process and a timeline for the completion of the elections. I have also included some information about School Council, its membership establishment and role within our school.

Membership

Our School Council consists of 8 elected parent members, 4 elected members of staff, and the Principal, with two optional School Council appointed community members.

Terms of Office

The term of office is for two years.

Retiring School Councillors

The following members of School Council retire at the end of this month.

Parents: Lisa Meddings, Simon Maddock, Will Sederino, Daniel Boyle and Glenda Stewart.

Retiring members are eligible for re-election

Parent Positions Available: 5

Staff: None in 2021

Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

Staff Position Available: 0

Timetable for Elections

- Fri 5th Feb: Call for Nominations (Nomination box located at the office).
Nomination forms can be collected from the Principal's office.
- Fri 12th Feb: Nominations close 4:00 pm.
- Mon 15th Feb: Nominations displayed at School. Election held if Required.
- Mon 22nd Feb: Close of Ballot and Votes counted.
- Wed 3rd March: School Council AGM & School Council Meeting.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent category.

More than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school. □

A mandated elected school employee category.

Members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members. [1]
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An optional community member category.

Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

CANTEEN MENU

Lunch orders are available by placing an order on a paper bag with the money inside or you can order online on the www.mykidslunchbox.com.au website. MKLB is in the process of developing an app and hopefully this will be available soon.

We are also serving over the counter starting Monday 1st February with some COVID safe measures implemented.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR CHILDS NAME, YEAR & ROOM NUMBER ON YOUR ORDER TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION!

WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL TERMS 1-4 CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2021

Please note a few increases in prices this year due to supplier increases

GREEN CHOICES (choose more often)

SANDWICHES & WRAPS

on wholemeal bread OR wrap unless specified
fresh shredded chicken is used in sw's & wraps

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| Salad (lett, tom, carrot, cuc, mayo) | \$4.50 |
| Vegemite, strawb jam, or cheese s/w | \$3.00 |
| Tuna | \$4.00 |
| Chicken, lettuce, mayo wrap or s/w | \$4.50 |
| Chicken & salad, mayo wrap or s/w | \$5.50 |
| Low fat ham wrap or sandwich | \$4.00 |
| Low fat ham & salad | \$5.00 |

EXTRAS

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| MAYO, TOM OR SOY SAUCE extra | \$0.30 |
| Grated or sliced low fat cheese-each | \$0.60 |
| Avocado | \$0.50 |
| Lett, tom, cucumber or carrot - each | \$0.50 |
| Sour cream (low fat) | \$0.50 |
| Roll long white | \$0.80 |

HOT FOOD

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| Spirals (homemade with meat sauce) | \$4.50 |
| Toasted Cheese sandwich (low fat cheese) | \$3.50 |
| Toasted low fat ham & cheese | \$4.00 |
| Nachos (low fat cheese, sour cream, salsa) | \$4.50 |
| Spaghetti in tom sauce, 250g | \$3.00 |
| GARLIC BREAD EXTRA (2 slices) | \$0.50 |

FROZEN ITEMS**

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| **Bulla Frozen Yoghurt | \$2.00 |
| ** Frozen apple, orange or pineapple tubs | \$1.00 |

DRINKS

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| Bottles water (600ml) | \$2.00 |
| Calci Yum milk - choc or strawb | \$2.50 |
| ** Slushie | sm \$2.50/lg \$3.50 |
| Juice box (100% juice) orange or apple | \$2.20 |

MISC ITEMS

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| Koala Popcorn (lightly salted) | \$1.50 |
| Apples | \$1.00 |
| Muffin (low fat) large/mini | \$1.00/\$0.50 |
| Honey Joy | \$0.50 |
| Pretzels | \$0.05 |
| Mixed bag of .05 & .10c snacks | \$0.50 |

MEAL DEALS - AVAILABLE ANY DAY

Choice of drink (sauce is extra .30c)

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| Hot dog & quench, milk, slushie, or water | \$6.20 |
| Spirals & milk, slushie, water or quench | \$6.50 |
| Sausage roll & quench, milk, slushie or water | \$5.20 |
| Chicken wrap (with lett & mayo) milk, slushie, water or quench | \$6.50 |
| Pie & quench, milk, slushie or water | \$6.20 |
| 5 nugg & quench, milk, slushie or water | \$6.50 |
| Plain chick, ham, vegemite or cheese s/w and water | \$4.00 |

GLUTEN FREE

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| Pie | \$5.00 |
| Spirals | \$4.50 |
| Chicken nuggets each | \$1.00 |
| Gluten free ice cream tubs | \$1.20 |
| GF toasted cheese or ham & cheese | \$3.50/ \$4.00 |

Canteen is open Monday to Friday 9.00-2.00

PLAY LEADERS

At the end of last year, our new cohort of Play Leaders completed training, and we have a bunch of excited grade 5s who have started running games in the yard at lunch time.

The Play Leaders are part of our THRIVE program, and a great leadership opportunity for grade 5, as well as a huge support in the yard. This is a great option for students in Foundation to grade 3 who might be a little unsure of what to do in the playground, as well as those who just love playing some organised games.

Students who want to join in should meet at the friendship tree!



What is Book Club?

Book Club offers students a wide range of titles in each issue, from popular and award-winning fiction series and charming new picture books, to fascinating nonfiction titles and hands-on activities that stimulate creativity and encourage problem-solving.

Book Club catalogues arrive at school up to twice a term, so make sure you keep an eye out for when it arrives home in your child's school bag! Every order you place earns the school FREE books and learning resources.

Ordering books through Book Club is the easiest and most affordable way to offer students the best in children's books for the home and to encourage independent reading for fun.

1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Order online via the Scholastic Australia LOOP website or app and the school will take care of the rest!

(LOOP orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)

4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

HOW TO ORDER ON THE LOOP

Log in, or create a new account at [**scholastic.com.au/loop**](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

The 1st Issue of Book Club will close on Friday 12th February.

Happy reading.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



School costs sorted with Saver Plus

- ✓ Your savings matched to \$500 for laptops, uniforms, books and more
- ✓ Free online money skills training
- ✓ Support to achieve your savings goal... *money power for you and your family!*

"I would say go for it, best thing I ever did! Paying for school uniform, shoes and computer seemed overwhelming, but not when you do Saver Plus" - GC

If you have a Concession Card you may be eligible

Contact us today!

FrankstonSP@bsl.org.au 0407 948 506/ 0490 857 044
Saverplus.org.au Saver Plus Facebook

Start saving now....2022 costs sorted!





Frankston YCW Junior Football Club

2021 Registration Day!

SUNDAY FEB 14th 10am-2pm

Jubilee Park - Hillcrest Rd, Frankston

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

GIRLS & BOYS AGES U8 - U17

New players registering for 1st time - please bring birth certificate for proof of age

www.stonecats.com.au

Contact Jason McMillan 0433 057 797 or email juniorpresident@stonecats.com.au









Join NOW for 2021.
Your Girl Guide friends are waiting.
guidesvic.org.au

We have units in Langwarrin, Carrum Downs and Seaford catering for girls aged 5-15.

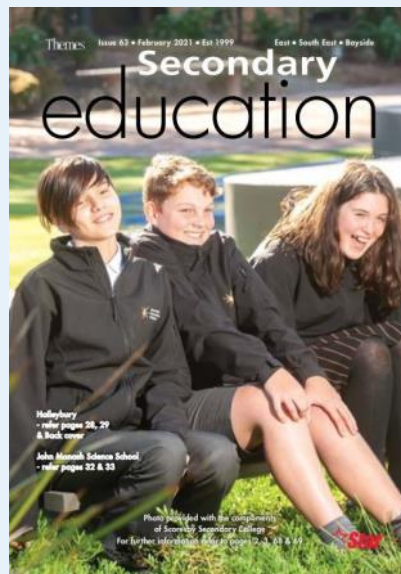
Our FREE membership continues for Term 1.

We also welcome adult women to volunteer with us to help empower the women of the future. You will make new friends, learn new skills, and contribute to the Frankston community.

For more information, please contact
Frankston District Manager,
Deb Abbs – 0438 787 570

Email: frankston@guidesvic.org.au

NOTICE BOARD CONT...



To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2022 and beyond, Please find below a link to the 84 page **February 2021** edition of the **Secondary Education Guide**.

Please copy the following link into your browser:

<https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/secondary-education-east/>

positive partnerships
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free to attend

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home/school partnership

Learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Location:
Functions by the Bay
Cnr Plowman Place & Young St,
Frankston VIC 3199

Morning tea and a light lunch provided

Frankston, VIC
Tuesday 16th February, 2021
9.15am - 3.00pm

Interpreters available

To register, visit
positivepartnerships.com.au

For help, call:
1300 881 971

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment through the Helping Children with Autism Packages and is delivered by Autism Spectrum Australia. This event is supported by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment.

Langwarrin Fire Brigade is a 100% volunteer organisation who respond to around 400 emergency calls per year and we are currently recruiting people for **weekday** response.

If you:

- Live in the Langwarrin area
- Have some time available during business hours
- Are interested in gaining some new skills, and
- Are interested in assisting at emergencies within in your community and surrounding suburbs

Then come to our information session about volunteering with the Langwarrin Fire Brigade

Wednesday 16th December at 11am
Langwarrin Fire Brigade
184 Centre Road, Langwarrin

To RSVP or if you have any questions email recruit@langwarrincfa.org.au or call 0407 316 889

NOTICE BOARD CONT...

Anglicare Victoria



PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

FREE one off ONLINE interactive session for parents, step-parents, grandparents and carers living in the Southern Region

Join us online to share experiences and ideas, and learn strategies to support your child/ren

ENCOURAGING GOOD BEHAVIOURS

- What is good behaviour?
- How can we teach our kids to be 'good'?
- Practical ideas to encourage the behaviours you want to see in your child.

You will need access to a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone and an internet connection. Support to access Zoom is available.

DATE: Monday 7 Dec 2020
TIME: 1.00-2.30pm
WHERE: ZOOM Online
COST: FREE

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES
 Sandra Phillips at ParentZone
 Call / text: 0447 500 355 or email sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE BETTER TOMORROWS

anglicarevic.org.au

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ADHD, neurodiversity and additional needs

CFC Frankston Community Workshop Series is designed for local sport and recreational groups, parents, carers and volunteers who are seeking information and practical strategies

Presented by Rebecca Perkins of My Special Child, this workshop will equip attendees with an understanding of:

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- The impact of combined diagnoses and additional behavioural challenges
- Strategies for assisting ADHD kids to thrive
- Where to find appropriate resources and gain assistance.

DATES: Thursday 10th December 2020
TIME: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
WHERE: Zoom Webinar - pre-register by scanning QR code below
FREE: Pre registration essential
 All enquiries contact: CFC_Southern@anglicarevic.org.au

Communities for Children is funded by the Australian Government - Department of Health Services.

My Special Child

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Bring out the best in your child with singing.

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 Australian Youth Choir

Enrolments for the Australian Youth Choir are now open to boys and girls from 7 years.

An opportunity to develop singing, build confidence, self esteem and make new friends.

Weekly rehearsals in Frankston during school Term; workshops and concerts included in the year.

TRY OUT NOW
EMAIL OR CALL US ON:
office2@niypaa.com.au or **9836 2877**
Take your child's singing from the shower to the stage!

Visit our **website** www.niypaa.com.au

[@niypaaofficial](https://www.facebook.com/niypaaofficial) [australian_youth_choir](https://www.instagram.com/australian_youth_choir)

The Australian Youth Choir is a division of National Institute of Youth Performing Arts Australian (NIYPAA) ABN 28 907 124 629

Anglicare Victoria



Supporting our vulnerable families

Trauma Responsive Practice with Families and Supporting Parents who Experience Mental Health Issues

Communities for Children (CFC) Frankston presents this two day training suited to community, child and family sector professionals, facilitated by the Australian Childhood Foundation.

DATES: Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th March 2021 (2 sessions)
TIME: 9.00am to 4.30pm (refreshments provided)
WHERE: Sandhurst Club, 75 Sandhurst Boulevard Sandhurst

See over for details

TO REGISTER PLEASE SCAN:

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