

St Arnaud Primary School

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Today's Learners: Tomorrow's Future

Term 3 Week 2
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New carpet



What's New at School

Over the holidays new carpet was laid in the Year 6 class as well as in the Senior Gallery area. Both areas are now looking and feeling warm, fresh and inviting. This now means that almost our whole school has new carpet. We hope to finish the area in the next holidays with fresh paint in the Gallery (all classrooms were painted 3 years ago) and a split system for heating and cooling the space to replace the gas heater. If you haven't been in for a while, we'd love to welcome you in when restrictions permit—we think you will agree that our school is looking fantastic.

School Dance

The proposed new date for the School Dance will be Wednesday 11th of August, 7-8pm, Town Hall. We are excited and hopeful this will be permitted.

Term 3

Week 3

Tuesday 27th 5.30pm —
Joint Councils Meeting at STASC

Week 4—August

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd—Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 5

Wednesday 11th-7-8pm
School Dance

Friday 13th NUDE FOOD DAY

2pm Brilliant at Being Resilient, visiting Incursion

Week 6

Friday 20th August—
Donald Aths (Monday 23rd Back Up)

Week 7

Monday 23-27th—Book Fair

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Principal's Report

Year 5/6 Urban Camp

Last week our Year 5/6 students along with Mrs Weir, Mr Moore, Mrs Torney and Michele were able to enjoy the majority of their camp before the lockdown was issued for Thursday night. Thankfully students did not miss a significant portion of their planned activities. Any funds to be refunded (if any), will be calculated in coming weeks when all invoices have been paid. If you have any questions, please contact the General Office and Jenny will assist you.

Regional Cross Country 2021—Duncan Kirk, Yr4

Last week—again within hours of the state lockdown being issued, Year 4 student Duncan Kirk participated in a very fast Cross Country event in Warrnambool. Duncan finished mid-field and was very pleased to have been able to enjoy the experience. Well done Duncan and a big thank you to Nic for getting Duncan to and from Warrnambool for his event—this probably won't be the last time this determined young man represents our school!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program—Cooking fees

All outstanding fees must be paid up by next Friday 30th July. Teachers have sent reminder emails to parents who need to pay for their children's fortnightly cooking. The school is very flexible to providing the option of paying fortnightly (\$4 per child), by the term (\$20 per child) or for the year (\$80 per child).

Electronic Signs for the School Crossing

These signs are now installed and functional, in Charlton Rd at either side of the Primary School. We are pleased to see these additional safety measures being provided for our school community.

Get Active Kids Vouchers Program

Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment. Special consideration also applies for children named on their own Australian Government Health Care Card or residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applications for vouchers in round two of the program close at 5pm Friday 30 July. For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the Get Active Victoria website, www.getactive.vic.gov.au

Bridging the Digital Divide (BDD)

A letter to eligible students was sent home on Monday/Tuesday of this week. The timeline for this project is for allocated BDD laptops to be distributed by the end of Term 3. All acceptance sheets (**regardless of your wish to accept or decline the offer**) should be returned to the school by next **Wednesday 28th July**, for processing to commence. These can be scanned and emailed to the school email address for those at home.

Following the receipt of the acceptances from families, the School Council needs to purchase the replacement devices to ensure there is no gap in provision for students when at school. Depending on the delivery timeline, the BDD devices (current devices in classroom use) should be on course to be sent home with students before the end of T3. Further updates will be provided in due course.

CSEF

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students and \$225 for eligible secondary 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.

Principal's Report

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. If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the General Office on 54951028 and ask for an application form.

Parent Opinion Survey 2021

The annual Department Parent opinion Survey is an online survey which takes only 10 minutes to complete. Randomly generated parents will be asked to complete the survey between 19th July and 22 August. If you receive an email with the link asking you to participate it would be great if you could do so—our participation rate is also measured by the Department!

Hockey 7's

Unfortunately our Hockey 7's Team who were all set to travel to Dimboola for the next stage in their competition, have suffered a COVID set back, with the event being postponed at this time. An email was sent to all participants earlier this week. A notification will be sent when a new date is known.

Pupil Free Day CANCELLED - Friday 30th July

The Pupil Free Day that had been scheduled for next Friday 30th July to allow staff to attend Professional Learning has been cancelled. All students (pending extension to lockdown orders and Remote and Flexible Learning) will be expected onsite for a regular school day.

Inter House Athletics—5th August

Red, Blue and Yellow Houses will battle it out at the Annual School Athletics Day on Thursday 5th August. The events will be run on the school grounds and will involve all students from P-Yr6. Students are encouraged to wear their House Colours to show House Pride as they do their best and have loads of fun.

At this stage we do not know what restrictions will be in place but we do hope that parents will be able to come along and enjoy supporting their children from the side lines. More details to come closer to the day.

Parent Teacher Interviews—August 2nd and 3rd

Interview time slots are available for booking through the COMPASS portal. In the event these are not permitted in a face to face setting, phone or Webex interviews will be offered. All families are expected to make an appointment with their child's classroom teacher. This year we have extended the opening times to cater to working families. As such bookings are available between 3.15-5pm and 6-7pm. If you have any questions about your child's academic progress, goal attainment or social/emotional adjustment - this is the opportunity to meet with your teacher to discuss these.

Specialist Paediatric Support Program

Did you know that St Arnaud Primary School has access to Dr Billy Garvey and Dr Claire Nogie from the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, for the referral of students at our school?

If you have a developmental, medical etc concern for your child and do not have a regular paediatrician, we can refer your child for an appointment via telehealth. Waiting times are generally less than 2 weeks and all consults are free of charge. Please contact your child's teacher or myself if you wish to discuss your concerns. This is not a service available in all schools and we are exceptionally grateful to have access to this service.

Melissa Mitchell,
Principal





The Green Team are eager to see students reduce the amount of single-use plastics in lunchboxes. They want to help protect our beautiful community and create a cleaner environment to reduce the amount of rubbish placed in the bins.

With this, The Green Team are running a NUDE FOOD DAY on FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST.

A day where they ask you to pack waste free food.

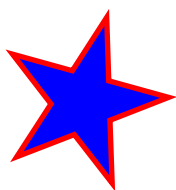
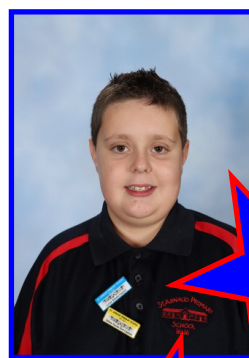


Green Team

The Green Team are inviting all students to participate in a Nude Food Day on Friday 13th August to reduce the amount of litter in our lunch boxes and to raise awareness in students and parents of using reusable packaging instead of gladwrap and zip lock bags.

The most commonly found litter in our yard is the dreaded ZIPLOCK plastic bags! And chip packets!!!! Can we work together to reduce this nasty product from getting into the environment?

Celebrating our Students



Value Award Winners

Prep/1 Ezard	— Dee Evans
Yr2/3 Gould	— Cruz Klyn
Yr3/4 Driscoll	—Alexia
Yr4/5 Moore	—Dayne Reyne
Yr6 Weir	—Tom H
Art	—Lincoln McCauley
P.E.	—Latisha Jackson
Music	—Bailey Henry & Finn Green

EVERY DAY COUNTS ...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

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CSEF Application Form

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation of Services to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____



CSEF Application Form

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
 - on the first day of Term three.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2021) term two (19 April 2021) or term 3 (12 July 2021).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2021 closes on the 13 August

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