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# Essendon North Primary School

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## DIARY DATES

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Community Engagement  
Father's Day Choice Board – stay tuned for more info!

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

ENPS turns 100!!  
Centenary activities and special assembly 2:45pm – stay tuned for more info!

**Every Monday 2:15pm**

WebEx Community Workshops  
Click [here](#) for details

**Every Tues, Wed, Thurs 2:15pm**

Mr Mather's WebEx Fun and Fitness Sessions  
Click [here](#) for details

**Every Friday 2:45pm**

WebEx school assembly  
Meeting number: 780 637 920  
Password: ENPS

**Weekly**

ENPS Community Challenge (run by Year Six Students)  
Click [here](#) for details

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Footy Dress Up Day!  
End of Term Three

# ENPS NEWS

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## 100 DAYS BRIGHTER!



On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August our fabulous Foundation students celebrated their 100 Days of School! It was such an exciting day and we had lots of fun together through WebEx. Students received a special pack in the mail with lots of activities to do at home. Each class met in the morning to celebrate and students shared their '100' projects with their classmates. In the afternoon we enjoyed a lovely story with Julie and danced the day away with a virtual disco. The Foundation teachers are so proud of our students who have been bold, brave and connected through all of the new experiences this year. We cannot wait to see what they can achieve in their next 100 days of school and beyond!



Loads more photos inside!!

# SCHOOL CAPTAINS' REPORT

Hello everyone, wow, it's half way through the term and we only have a month left! We hope lockdown has been treating you well and hopefully we can go back to school next term!

It's been great seeing lots of students participating in our Community Engagement activities and challenges, it's so cool to look at everyone's entries. Unfortunately due to everything that's been going on, in Year Six we haven't gotten to do lots of exhibition work as usual this year, but we have been looking at taking action and human rights. Doing learning at home has been an interesting experience as our last year of primary school.

We hope everyone has a great weekend!

Thomas and Abbey

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Isn't it wonderful how a day of celebration and happiness, like the Foundation 100 Days of School last week, can brighten up a whole community! Thank you to the enormous efforts of the Foundation team and ENPS staff, our fantastic Foundation students got to recognise their special milestone, even though we are all in Stage Four restrictions. Such joy, fun and excitement for everyone involved. We are appreciative of the extra effort that families went to as well to make the day, and whole week one to certainly remember.

And from one milestone to another, our Year Six students have this week received their secondary school placements for 2021. Exciting times ahead, even if a lot of things are strange at the moment.



### Staffing

Last week we had a new specialist technician join our school. Marc Alexander has replaced Vincent Dinh as our DET provided technician support and will work alongside our ENPS staff. We welcome Marc to our school and community.

### Community Support

In the past weeks, our school community has once again demonstrated tremendous compassion and care, supporting our well-loved crossing guard, Gordon Bell. Gordon has been a part of our school community for over 15 years and last week, Gordon's wife Joy, sadly passed away. On behalf of Gordon, I pass on his immense gratitude and love. Thank you to everyone who has sent messages and provided support through this very challenging time for Gordon.

### Special Things Happening in our Community

Some really special things have been happening in our community to make people smile. Congratulations to Chloe C (Year Six) for her artwork being showcased in the Incinerator Gallery Social Justice Art exhibit. Make sure you check it out [here!](#)



This week we also had a special delivery of Kindness Badges handmade for our ENPS staff by sisters Charlotte and Rosie K (Year Three and Foundation).

Thank you also to Abbie and Lucas (Year Two and Four) for a delivery to help staff feel special.

Right now these little acts of kindness make everyone feel better.



### Our Centenary is Coming!

While we can't have the big community celebration that we were hoping for this year, we are still planning some very special things in September to commemorate our school's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September our school will officially turn 100. Keep an eye out for what fun things we have planned (even during lockdown!).

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## Student Attendance

While we appreciate the challenges of remote learning for everyone, please know that we do, and are still required to, take all student attendance and absences seriously. All unexplained student absences will be followed up on and where absence rates are a concern, parents will be contacted directly by myself or a member of the Executive Team. All children are expected to attend remote learning everyday. Please ensure you submit any explained absences on Compass.

## Importance of Compass

We ask that parents please make sure that they are reading messages sent through Compass. It is an expectation that we have efficient and clear communication between home and school, and that is a shared responsibility. We acknowledge that this year our Compass communication to parents has increased significantly however this is a primary source of providing information to you all. If you, or other family or parents you know of, aren't getting this Compass communication, please let them know that they can contact the office for Compass set up assistance.

Thank you all again for your ongoing support. Please stay safe and look out for each other in our community.

Take care,



Kate Barletta  
Principal

## Stay Connected - ENPS Facebook Page and Group

For the socially savvy, make sure you like the [Essendon North Primary School Facebook page](#). This page will be used to promote the wonderful things are school does.

There is also the [Essendon North Primary School Centenary Reunion Facebook group](#) connecting past students and staff, as well as sharing stories and memories from the past.

# FAMILY RESILIENCE

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, the Department of Education and Training is presenting a free webinar for parents and carers by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, on building family resilience during coronavirus (COVID-19).

Parents and carers play a vital role in helping children feel safe through uncertain times.

Dr Carr-Gregg's webinar is aptly named *Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era*. In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown and remote learning. Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- further resources and where to get help.

Dr Carr-Gregg's presentation will run for 45 minutes. This will be followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session in which parents and carers can ask Dr Carr-Gregg questions.

### Webinar details:

**When:** Tuesday 25 August

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Duration:** 45-minute presentation followed by 15-minute questions and answers session

**Format:** online via WebEx

**Cost:** Free

### How to register:

To register and for more information visit [Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era eventbrite page](#).



# ANDREW NUNNS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Dear parents, carers and students,

I hope you are all well and staying safe. Thanks for all the replies to the questionnaire and thanks for the pics and videos that have come in. We have some seriously talented musicians at ENPS. Please keep the videos coming in!



As you know I'm fairly obsessed with music, so I'm recommending for you to watch THE SOUND on ABC TV at 5.30pm on a Sunday. It has a great focus on new and old Australian talent, who knows one day that could be you. Also THE MASKED SINGER on Channel 10 (Monday and Tuesday 7.30) is great happy vibes viewing.

Please take care, stay safe and keep rocking.

Cheers

Andrew Nunns

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## CHLOE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

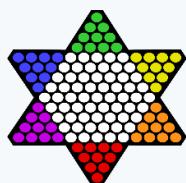
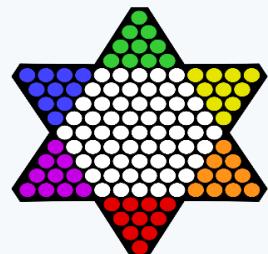
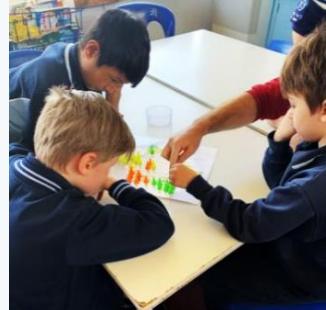


In exciting news, ENPS' very own Chloe from 6EG been selected to have her artwork '**1.5m separation 2020**' displayed in the Incinerator Gallery Social Justice Art exhibition. Due to lockdown, the exhibition is now online and can be viewed at [incineratorgallery.com.au/social-justice-art-exhibition](http://incineratorgallery.com.au/social-justice-art-exhibition). Be sure to check out Chloe's incredible artwork!

## MANDARIN – CHINESE CHECKERS

During our recent Upload Free Day, on-site students learnt how to play Chinese checkers. They played in teams of three and had so much fun!

Mì Lǎo Shī  
LOTE (Mandarin) Teacher



## ES JOKE OF THE WEEK



They say laughter is the best medicine! Our Education Support (ES) are our amazing integration, office, ICT, grounds and library staff. In this section, one ES team member shares a joke to bring a smile to your dial...

**Why does a chicken coop have two doors? Because if it had four, it would be a chicken sedan!**  
– Alexandra Brace

# FOUNDATION 100 DAYS BRIGHTER!



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## FOUNDATION 100 DAYS BRIGHTER CONTINUED



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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – TERM THREE EVENTS UPDATE

All Community Engagement events for the remainder of Term Three will take place within an online platform. Now more than ever it is so important to maintain our sense of connection as a school community.

The Community Engagement Committee are excited to offer further opportunities for our community to build connections with one another through our upcoming events.



## Book Week POSTPONED - New Dates 17<sup>th</sup> – 23rd October (Week 4, Term 4)

Book Week has been postponed until Term Four. Once we hear an update from the Department of Education of our return to on-site learning, we will begin planning our annual Book Week Dress Up Day and our Book Fair.

## Father's Day Celebrations: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

As a way to celebrate and show appreciation for fathers and father figures, in Week 7 of remote learning students will spend some time creating gifts

and / or planning special activities for Father's Day, Sunday 6th September. Students will receive a Father's Day Activities and Gifts Choice Board and time will be set aside within our Remote Learning Program in Week 7 for students to work on one or more tasks from the many options on the choice board.



## Centenary Celebrations: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September (Week 8 of remote learning)

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September we will celebrate our centenary! Essendon North Primary School officially opened on September 9<sup>th</sup> 1920 and our school community has achieved so much over the past 100 years.

To celebrate this milestone we will be having an ENPS Centenary Celebration on Wednesday 9th September. A range of centenary themed activities will replace regular learning tasks for the day.



We will also have a special 100 Years themed Dress Up Day and special assembly on Wednesday at 2:45pm.

There will be other fun activities throughout the week including a time capsule task and year level Trivia Afternoons. Further information will be communicated in the coming weeks via Compass and at assemblies.



## Footy Day Dress Up: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept (Last Day of Term)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September is Footy Day! Dress up in your favourite AFL, soccer or rugby team colours. Mr Mather's Community Engagement Fitness live sessions will have a footy theme during week 9. We look forward to seeing you in your favourite footy gear at our last assembly for Term Three.



# ENPS HISTORY: DID YOU KNOW...

Last newsletter we took a look back at the 1990s.... This week we look back at the 2000s as two of our current teachers, Macalie Vlah and Anna Pietrolungo share some fond memories. In addition, our Year Two students have undertaken a spot of detective work! After learning about the 1990s, they were very curious about what ENPS was like in the 2000s. They developed questions and presented these to some of our teachers who were at ENPS during the 2000s. Read on to find out what they said!

## Anna Pietrolungo:

I have fond memories of the 2000s at ENPS. Many may not know this, but I was the teacher who introduced Italian as a second language at ENPS at the end of the 1990s and beginning of 2000s. For a very short time, my current classroom (2AP) was the Italian learning space but sadly soon after, it needed to be used to house a grade.

So began my enormous job of teaching the entire school from Prep to Year Six. I had a fancy trolley that I used equipped with all my resources, from picture story books, to games, to my trusty CD player, Italian anchor charts, coloured paper, Italian artefacts and the list goes on. I loved teaching Italian. I loved sharing my passion and excitement for the language. Back then, we would have an annual 'Carnevale' day. Wow! So much preparation on my part but for that entire day, every single classroom was immersed in an incredible Italian cultural experience. The best part was having pizzas and gelati for lunch. Mrs Lapira and I shared the role of teaching Italian during the latter part of the program.

After I had my second child, I returned to Essendon North Primary School on a part-time basis and was given the opportunity to teach in the Art Room with Miss Apollonio. Yes, she was the Visual Arts teacher in the 2000s. Eventually Miss Apollonio left the Art room.

Years later (always in the 2000s), I had the privilege to return to the Art room in a bigger capacity. I absolutely loved teaching Art. It was very challenging at times. I learnt so much and I am most proud of the amazing Art Exhibitions that were held in our gym. I remember the extraordinary amount of art that the students created. Thank goodness I got heaps of help from my colleagues. I am grateful to Essendon North Primary School for giving me an amazing and diverse professional journey.

## Macalie Vlah:

Some of my many wonderful ENPS memories include:

- Taking students to New Zealand for an exchange program was amazing, a wonderful opportunity for students and families to experience school and life in another country. A wonderful professional development opportunity for teachers too as we experienced a week inside another school!
- The Essendon North Primary School Balls – EPIC! Such an exciting event where teachers and families celebrated nights of dancing, auctions, connection and fun – very high school spirit and the balls were enjoyed by so many.
- Whole school concerts that were held at Dallas Brooks Hall in the city. Each class prepared an item during weekly music sessions, led by the music teachers Bronwyn Vandali, Geoff Maddern, Dan Macdonald. There was always a theme and teachers went above and beyond to ensure their class had the night of their lives!
- Our desktop iMac computers were big and bright and we thought they were so cool.
- Edcube was a digital portfolio that our technician developed and we ran with. It was very exciting to be a part of the initial Edcube development and teachers came from many schools to watch us incorporate this and other technology into our everyday classrooms. Technology was a very big part of all classrooms at ENPS.
- 'Learning to Learn' Laine Clarke was a huge focus for the school as we began to delve into inquiry.
- The Year One room was called the TLC – Thinking and Learning Centre. Each class would have weekly or fortnightly 1 and ½ hour sessions incorporated with library in the TLC, where we would incorporate 'STEM' focuses where we had lots of space and Linda to assist.

## Year Two Questions:

Mr Mather	
Question	Answer
Have you always been a PE teacher at ENPS?	No, I was a classroom teacher from 2001 – 2016. I even taught Foundation for two years.
Was the gym built when you began teaching at ENPS?	No, there was just a large oval and the Year Three and Four playground was where the gym is now.
Did you have any special events?	We used to have a golf fundraising day at Medway golf course. Once we had a police helicopter land on the oval to show all of the kids how it works. That was awesome.
Has anyone from our school you taught become famous?	A couple of AFL footballers went to ENPS. Rylee West and Josh Honey play for the Bulldogs and Carlton respectively.

## ENPS HISTORY: DID YOU KNOW... CONTINUED

Mrs Vlah	
Question	Answer
How old were you when you started teaching at our school?	I was 22 years old!
What technology did you use as a teacher?	We had iMac desktop computers in the classrooms - they were all very bright colours! I had an Apple laptop that was bright aqua and was the shape of a shell. We also used digital photo cameras. Kidpix was a very popular app.
How did students use technology?	Students used the desktop computers during literacy and maths, there were some great apps however we used to make our own digital tasks. We had 4 – 5 in each classroom and they almost took up a whole table.
What games did children play during recess and lunch times?	Children enjoyed ball games on the oval, playing on the playgrounds - there was actually a real cubby house in the Foundation area! Yo yos were popular at one stage and powerball was the best game. We also used skipping ropes a lot, especially to get our brains ready for learning in the mornings, and then group skipping was enjoyed at playtime :)
Mrs Pietrolungo	
Who was the principal when you began teaching at ENPS?	Mr Michael Giulieri
Have you always taught Year Two?	No. I have taught Visual Arts and mainly the junior grades.
Have the classrooms changed much since the 2000s?	They have changed considerably.
Were the subjects the same as what we learn now?	Well some are still the same like literacy and mathematics. We used to have social studies which kind of like Inquiry. However we learn in a different way now.
Mrs Elsbury	
What grades have you taught at ENPS?	I have taught Foundation, Year One, Year Two, Year Four, Year Five, PE, EAL and Reading Recovery. My favourite is PE!
Was learning different in the 2000s?	Learning was not overly different. We followed the 'I do, We do, then You do' program. The one thing that was different is that we were all learning how to be inquiry based learners. We were also lucky enough to be a 'technology wise' school, known as a Navigator School. We had four to five Apple computers in each classroom and the children would each get a turn on the computers for each subject.
Did we have a school canteen?	Yes we did have a canteen! There was a Milk Bar across the road and it was the canteen for about five years. The students had to write their order on a brown paper bag and put their money in it. The owners of the Milk Bar came to collect the orders from the office in the morning and then returned them at lunch time with your lunch. You could order hot dogs, chips, pies and lollies.
What is one of your best memories of the 2000s?	My best memory of teaching in the 2000s was when Mr Mather, myself and two other teachers took a group of Year Six students to New Zealand for a 'sister school' exchange program. ENPS students stayed at the students' of New Zealand houses and we did lots of fun activities. We went to Rotorua and Mr Mather and I had a luge race. I won because Mr. Mather crashed.

# GETTING TO KNOW.....

# CHERIE WATSON

**What is your favourite TV show?** Adventure Time! I absolutely love going on adventures with Finn and Jake in the Land of Ooo! Who says cartoons are just for kids?!

**Do you have any pets?** I had a gorgeous little Parrot, a Pearly Conure named Fina. Unfortunately she passed away earlier this year, but she will live on forever in my heart.

**What is your favourite movie?** The Fifth Element! It's a good old Bruce Willis movie, I loved watching it as a kid with my sister, and it's my 'go to' chill out movie.

**Why did you want to work in education?** When I was a child I was quite shy and kept to myself. My Kindergarten (Foundation equivalent) teacher really helped me to grow, come out of my shell and develop my self-confidence as a learner and as a little person! I loved her dearly! As I grew older I realised that the way she supported, nurtured and believed in me is exactly how and what a teacher should be! It is because of her that I chose education, to show the kindness, love and support that she had given me to future generations! Mrs Messiter was my 'Miss Honey' and now hopefully I can be that to others too ☺

**What kind of dog are you getting and what is its name? (question provided by Oliver, 1AW)** Thanks for your question Oli! I am getting a Miniature Dachshund! She is all black like the night sky so we have decided to name her Lunalee ☺ She arrives to us on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, the day before my 30<sup>th</sup> birthday so that will be a pretty special birthday present!

**If you were a plant, what kind of plant would you be and why?** If I were a plant I would be a Sunflower! Because they are bright, happy, and make people smile! Just like I hope to do!

**What can't you live without?** Bananas! I cannot get enough of bananas! Banana in cereal, banana on toast with peanut butter, banana bread! Bananas are the best!

**What is your favourite type of music?** Jazz! I love chilling out and listening to Jazz music. Fun fact - I was in a Jazz band when I was young, I played the Alto Saxophone and Piano for five years.

**What are you most proud of?** ENPS! The way we always come together as a community is just wonderful. I am so proud of all the staff, students and parents for being so resilient, open-minded and flexible during this challenging time to just keep calm and carry on! I am so proud to be a staff member at such a great school!

**Favourite holiday destination?** Byron Bay, so I can spend time with my Mum where I grew up, and visit my friends and family who are a short drive away on the Gold Coast.

**What are your 3 top favourite foods? (question provided by Elyan, FET)** Thanks for your question Elyan! My top 3 favourite foods would be... 1) Hot chips with chicken salt! But only as a treat sometimes ☺ 2) Bananas, as you have read I just can't get enough of Bananas! 3) My Mum's special fried rice - we call it 'Mumma rice'

My portrait drawn by  
Daniella, FCW



**What is your "spirit animal" and why?** A bird! I am very much a free spirit and I just love everything about birds!

**Do you have any hobbies?** I love Macramé! It has been my go-to screen free time during isolation. I also enjoy yoga and meditation with crystals.

**On a rainy day, I like to....** curl up on the couch in comfy clothes and watch a movie with snacks!

**Can you share a joke with us?** Where is the Octopus ticklish?.....On his tenTICKLES! Hahaha ☺

**What inspires you?** Kindness. People who go out of their way to do something kind or nice for someone else for no reason at all. Kindness that has no gratification from social media for doing a good deed, with no expectation for reward. That is what our world needs more of. People who are kind to each other just because! That is what is truly inspiring to me - unconditional kindness.

**What are the three things you love most about your job?** 1) The kids! Seeing the children to grow, learn and succeed is the most fulfilling job in the world! The relationships I have developed with my students over the years is just so special ☺ 2) My colleagues! There are some pretty incredible people at ENPS and I have made some lifelong friends! 3) The Families! The community of ENPS is so wonderful. I have made some really lovely connections with families of children I have taught over the years and that is pretty wonderful!

**Do you have any special talents that would surprise us?** I am quite musically talented, I can play the piano, saxophone, flute, clarinet, percussion, drums, bass and guitar! It has been a while since I played but I can still read all the sheet music, and I'm sure if I picked up an instrument it would be like riding a bike! ☺

**What makes you laugh the most?** My partner Aaron! He is the funniest person I have met, and he always know how to make me laugh and smile no matter what!

**Have you ever been given some advice that changed your life?** 'Don't be afraid to be different, be afraid of being the same as everyone else!' I am a big advocate for being true to who you are! Being unique is all about being different! ☺

**What would be your audition song on The Voice?** I'm not much of a singer, but I would give 'What a wonderful world' by Louis Armstrong a good crack!

**What three things would you need to survive on a desert island (besides food and water)?** Sunglasses, sun cream and my partner Aaron.

**Does pineapple belong on a pizza?** Yes absolutely! I am mostly a fan of Meatlovers but occasionally I'll enjoy a Hawaiian!

**Any suggestions for coping with lockdown?** Have a hobby that is away from technology! Make sure you get outside and enjoy fresh air for at least 30 minutes a day. Enjoy the little things like wearing comfortable clothes and slippers all day! We're all in this together, be kind to yourself and each other ☺

# GETTING TO KNOW.....

## CRAIG MATHER



**What is your favourite TV show?** Seinfeld and Breaking Bad.

**What are your favourite sports?** AFL and golf.

**Do you have any pets?** No, but we have a cat that lives at our house and thinks it's ours, but it comes from across the road.

**What is your favourite food?** Lasagne.

**Why did you want to work in education?** I had some mean teachers in primary school and I wanted to make a difference in a positive way.

**What is your favourite movie?** Saving Private Ryan.

**What are you most proud of?** My two kids who are 18 and 16 years old.

**If you were a plant, what kind of plant would you be and why?** Grapevine because they need warm weather and they provide yummy fruit.

**Other than sports, what are your hobbies? (question provided by Aslan, SBL)** Watching movies, going to the gym, listening to music and reading non fiction about things that have happened in the world.

**Have you ever been given some advice that changed your life?** Property advice.

**Best suggestions for keeping fit?** Make a commitment to it and mix it up. Try different things to keep it interesting.

**What is your favourite type of music?** I love the eighties and anything not too headbangy. Bruce Springsteen is my favourite.

**Favourite holiday destination?** New York.

**What would be your audition song on The Voice?** You Can Call Me Al (80s song).

**Which AFL team do you support?** Richmond.

**What can't you live without?** Muffins, playing golf and Bruce Springsteen.

**What inspires you?** People who have survived real hardship and still find the inner strength to keep going. Bushfire victims etc.

**On a rainy day, I like to.....** watch a good movie.

**Who or what makes you laugh the most?** Eddie Murphy (actor and voice of donkey in Shrek).

**What three things would you need to survive on a desert island (besides food and water)?** iPhone, Bluetooth headphones and plenty of sunscreen. I don't know where I would plug the phone in though.

**What is the funniest thing that has happened to you recently?** While trying to hit a half submerged golf ball out of water I slipped and fell into the drink up to my waist.

**Any suggestions for coping with lockdown?** Give each other some space and exercise regularly.

In our next issue, we shine a light on some of our musical superstars!

**Do you have a question for Adrian Jones or our ANSOM music teachers Andrew Nunns, Lisette Payet or Gary Young? It could be like the questions above, or one of your own!**

If yes, please email your name, class, question and who it's for to [Fran.Milic@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Fran.Milic@education.vic.gov.au) by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

# OFFICE NEWS

During these uncertain times we are following Department of Education guidelines and we thank you for your time and patience in this matter, we know it will be difficult for everyone. Please contact the school office on 9379 3979 or via email [essendon.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:essendon.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au) should you have any queries.

## VISITORS ON-SITE AT ESSENDON NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

There will not be more than 3 people (visitors) in the school's office at any given time. You may be asked to wait outside until we have ample space in our office for you to enter. When entering the office you will be asked to maintain the 1.5m distance and use the hand sanitiser provided. **A face mask must be worn by anyone entering the school.**

- Visitors to Essendon North Primary School's grounds will be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations (e.g. student health and wellbeing services, specialist curriculum programs, maintenance workers).
- Given the current circumstances parents will only be able to enter the school grounds when essential to do so. **Please contact the school by phone or email as required.**

## STUDENT ABSENCES AT ALL TIMES INCLUDING REMOTE LEARNING

Schools are requested by the Department of Education to upload attendance/absence data on a daily basis, this is usually completed weekly and provided to the Department of Education. Teachers mark their class roll twice a day every day.

It is very important for parents to enter your child/ren's absence in Compass prior to the school day commencing. Please enter whether your child is sick or if it is parent choice. Please be aware that if you do not enter your child's absence on Compass your child's teacher will mark the student as unexplained and you will need to update this soon as possible.

This is applicable for all students from Foundation to Year Six.

Please see the step-by-step instructions below on how to enter an absence in Compass. If you are unclear on how to complete this please call the office and we will talk you through this process. It is the parent/carer's responsibility to enter your child/ren's absence on Compass (not the teacher or the office).

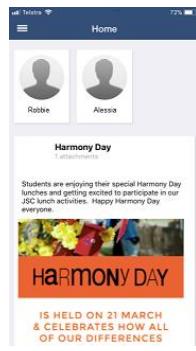
## FIRST AID / FAMILY DETAILS

This is a timely reminder for all families to please check that details for your child/ren as shown below are up to date in Compass:

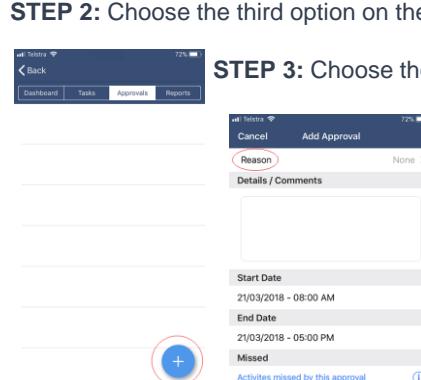
- Medical details
- Home address
- Mobile phone contact numbers

If you require any changes made to your child/ren's details, please email the school at [essendon.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:essendon.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au) and they will be updated immediately.

### How do I log my child's absence?



**STEP 1:** Log into Compass on your device. On your home page, select your child.



**STEP 4:** Complete details for your child's absence – Reason; Comments; select Dates and then press "Add Approval".

Two side-by-side screenshots of the 'Add Approval' form. The left screenshot shows the 'Reason' field filled with 'Illness/Medical' and other fields like 'Dentist' and 'Bereavement' partially filled. The right screenshot shows the 'Start Date' field filled with '26/03/2018 - 08:00 AM' and other fields like 'Doctors appointment' and 'Religious/Cultural Observance' partially filled. Both screenshots show a large blue 'Add Approval' button at the bottom.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 9379 3979

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Supporting our local family businesses during this challenging time



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