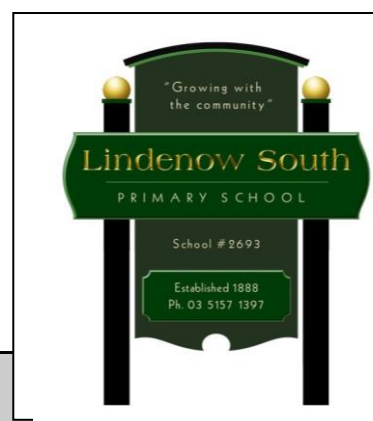


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Newsletter

7th February 2022

WEEK 6

Upcoming Dates:

14th March – Labour Day Public Holiday

Principals Report

Hello and welcome back to the start of school for 2022. We are in fact one week into the first term, and things have gotten off to a very smooth start. I have been approached by several parents who want some more information about DET's current COVID policies as they pertain to them. Here is my current understanding. DET has not yet issued enough RAT tests for me to provide every family with the number they would need in order to test twice weekly. When I get enough, then I will distribute them. Taking the tests is 'strongly recommended' but is still up to you. If a positive test happens then the child/children must isolate for seven days and have a negative RAT test in order to return to school. All students need to wear a mask indoors and use hand sanitizer regularly. Parents need to minimise their time at school, also wear masks and socially isolate. Staff at the school need to have their third booster shot and regularly perform RAT tests, if a positive test is returned, they must isolate for seven days and can only return to school following a clear RAT. That's about it at the moment.

If you have any specific questions that I haven't answered then please just make contact and I will do my best to get you an answer.

Michael Walker



- Please do not drop your child off at school before 8:00am and NEVER drop them if there is not at least one staff car in the carpark.
- If you have to visit the school, please keep it to the absolute minimum time on site, wear a mask and observe social distancing.
- If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, then please ensure they have a helmet in good working condition to protect their valuable brains.
- **WIDE BRIM HATS ARE NOW REQUIRED BY ALL STUDENTS FOR RECESS AND LUNCHTIMES.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Funny School Joke

The little boy had just started school.
When he returned home the first day,
his mother asked,

Billy, what did you learn today?
I learned to write.
Oh, what did you write?
I don't know. I haven't learned to read yet.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

IT ALWAYS
SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE
UNTIL
IT'S DONE.
-NELSON MANDELA

Coronavirus

COVID-19

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CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE
NOVEL
RESPIRATORY
ILLNESS
SPREAD
DROPLETS
VIRUS

COUGHS
SNEEZES
BREATHE
TOUCHING
SURFACE
MOUTH
NOSE
POSSIBLY

EYES
CLOSE
CONTACT
INFECTED
RISK
HEALTH
CARE
WORKERS

MILD
SEVERE
DEADLY
FEVER
COUGH
SHORTNESS
BREATH

Victoria's Back-to-School Plan

What's new:



Free rapid antigen testing

- more than 14 million rapid antigen tests to be delivered to schools and early childhood education and care settings
- twice-weekly voluntary testing at home
 - o primary school students and staff
 - o secondary school students and staff
- five-times-weekly voluntary testing at home
 - o specialist school students and staff



Enhanced support to keep schools open and safe

- extra staff ready to step in where essential school staff are unable to work
- updated procedures and notifications to families when there are COVID-19 cases
- extra planning and support for school leadership



Keeping schools open and as safe as possible

- remote learning only considered as a localised, short-term, last-resort option

Continued COVIDSafe measures: the 3Vs



Vaccination

- staff required to be vaccinated or medically exempt
- more than 90% of children age 12 and over are now vaccinated
- roll-out of vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 through state vaccination hubs, pop-up school vaccination sites and in-reach grants



Ventilation

- delivery of 51,000 air purifiers to schools before day one of Term 1



Vital COVIDSafe steps

- physical distancing
- face masks
- regular hand hygiene
- testing