

#### **VICTORIA AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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Velcome back to another term of wonderful learning. The tudents have settled well and we have many exciting events scheduled throughout the term.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families joining our school community.

I would also like to welcome Ms Isabelle Swan who is the teacher of our newly formed Flying Foxes class.

#### P & C Mother's Day Stall

Our P & C are holding our Mother's Day next Thursday 11 May and Friday 12 May. All gifts are either \$3, \$5 or \$10.

#### **Canteen Opening in Term 2**

Our canteen had a very successful first week. At the end of this newsletter you will find a canteen menu.

Ordering of lunch can be completed via the Flexischools App and information on how to register can also be found at the end of the newsletter. Flexischools would like to offer a promotion whereby they will give \$5 to every parent who registers a new Flexischools account. This money will be loaded onto your account on a specific date before service is released. In addition, they will donate \$5 for every new account to the school.

#### National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) 2023

This year NSS takes place on Wednesday 24 May 2022 at 11:00am. National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare



centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. This year I look forward to reading The Speedy Sloth by Rebecca Young and beautifully illustrated by Heath McKenzie to Kindergarten.



#### National Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 19 May 2023

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport, and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long-term wellbeing of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance. National Walk

Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

#### Premier's Reading Challenge

Victoria Avenue Public School encourages all students to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). This is a wonderful opportunity for you to interact with your child in a meaningful way and for them to experience a variety of quality literature throughout the year. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to



read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government schools.

#### Stewart House Donation Drive 2023

Every year, 1,600 public school children attend Stewart House at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12-day stay, they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and

emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing.

This experience provides children with a much-needed break from their current circumstances. They are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 10 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school.

All other costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations. To support this, they are currently holding their annual donation drive and a donation envelope was sent home with every student earlier in the year. Thank you to all of our families who have already kindly donated to this wonderful cause. Should you wish to donate, and also be entered into their raffle, then please do so by Friday 26 May 2023. Additional envelopes are available from our school office.

#### School Bytes - Making a payment

Our school has implemented a system called School Bytes to manage payments. Parents/carers can visit the School Bytes portal at any time to make a payment online, provide permission, view payment history and apply credit.

All parents will be required to register using the following link:

https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login

This portal can also be accessed through our school website.

A detailed how to guide regarding registration can be accessed via this link:

https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-upyour-parent-portal-account

#### Positive School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and Carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. For further information you can read this brochure from the NSW Department of Education.

Please remember students are encouraged to be In the Gate by Half-Past 8 – Attendance Matters

#### Late Drop off and Early Pick Up

If you are picking up your child early, you must go to the school office and sign them out. If a student is late coming to school, you must sign them in at the front office before they go to class. Students cannot sign themselves in or out of school. Please try to avoid collecting children during our break times. Should this be unavoidable please allow enough time for us to locate them within our grounds.

Have a lovely fortnight.

Elisa Baker Principal

#### **Restorative Practices**

Restorative Practices form the relational basis for Quality Teaching and Learning. Our Restorative Practice Framework, because of its explicit nature, offers a common language and practice capable of fostering healthy relationships. Student achievement is enhanced through Restorative values being embedded as a way of being and learning together. Our approach fosters individual responsibility and helps develop empathy. Inappropriate behaviour or choices and mistakes can be viewed as an opportunity for insight, learning and development in both the academic and social domains.

The explicit framework is inextricably linked to the Quality Teaching Framework and includes the following sets of questions to be asked by children, teachers and parents.

When Things Go Wrong.... When Someone Has Been Hurt

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you may do to make things right?
- What did you think when you realised what happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

The process is empowering as it takes students from the past to the present and gives them hope for the future. It empowers them to make things right and heal any harm that has been done. A restorative classroom setting is one that values dialogue through an inclusive approach where everyone expects to be heard and through this participatory process, students develop the capacity to learn that emotions are an important and legitimate expression of healthy dialogue. This process helps students to deal with conflict, tensions and difference in respectful ways that engender trust and foster healthy relationships.

#### Our Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Keys

Our school values incorporate the 'Help Increase the Peace Keys' to promote a harmonious, nurturing, and challenging living and learning environment.

The HIP program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, co-operation, trust building and conflict resolution.

<u>YELLOW KEY</u> Care for Others <u>GREEN KEY</u> Think Before Reacting <u>BLUE KEY</u> Respect Yourself <u>RED KEY</u> Work Together for a Non-Violent Way <u>BLACK KEY</u> Expect the Best



#### Parent Communication

We use a variety of platforms to communicate information about upcoming events and highlight the great things that happen at Victoria Avenue Public School.

#### **School Enews App**

Important notifications are posted and emailed on the School Enews App. School Enews is a free app available for all mobile devices. Just download the app from the App Store or Play Store by searching for Victoria Avenue Public School. Please ensure that push notifications alerts are turned on so that you can receive information as soon as it is distributed.



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#### **School Website**

Our school website is updated frequently. Our school website is <u>https://victoriaav-p.schools.nsw.gov.au</u>



#### Facebook

Victoria Avenue Public School has its own Facebook page where we celebrate student achievements. Parents are unable to post any news items, but can comment on reports and photos. The page is designed to keep the community up to date regarding all the wonderful things that happen at Victoria Avenue Public School.



#### Victoria Avenue Medical Procedures

#### **Prescribed Medication:**

- When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents/carers must:
- notify the school
- provide up to date information as required
- supply the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
- complete the Victoria Avenue Public School Medical Permission Note (please see the office for a copy of this note).

The administration of prescribed medication in schools is carried out by staff who volunteer and who are trained. Students must not carry medication unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents/carers.

#### Individual Health Care Plans:

An individual health care plan must be developed for:

- severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylaxis
- any student who is diagnosed as having a condition that may require an emergency response
- any student who requires the administration of health care procedures

### If your child has any health conditions and does not already have an existing individual health care plan, please contact the office to collect the required forms.

If your child has an adrenaline auto injector (EpiPen) prescribed by a medical practitioner, an <u>Action Plan for</u> <u>Anaphylaxis</u> must be completed. If the school does not have a current, Action Plan for Anaphylaxis please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has allergic reactions where no adrenaline autoinjector is prescribed by a medical practitioner, an <u>Action Plan For Allergic Reactions</u> must be completed. If the school does not have a current Action Plan for Allergic Reactions please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has been prescribed by a medical practitioner as having asthma, an <u>Asthma Action Plan</u> is required. If the school does not have a current Asthma Action Plan please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.









#### We have been learning to use adjectives and verbs in our writing.











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We commenced our Material World Unit by making telescopes to investigate different materials around the school including wood, glass and metal.







#### IN FITNESS WE ARE LEARNING TO LEAP

IN SPORT WE ARE LEARNING HOW TO TEST AND APPLY VARIOUS TACTIC MOVEMENTS TO IMPROVE OUR CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN TERRITORY GAMES.







## IN ENGLISH WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT CHARACTERS AND HOW AUTHORS DEVELOP

THEM IN STORIES.

WE CREATED OUR OWN TITLE AND FRONT COVER OF the borambled THE BOOK 'THE GOOD EGG' AS WE EXPLORE ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE THE EGG.











## Goannas



The Goannas created artworks to commemorate ANZAC Day.

In math lessons the Goannas are learning to sequence, add and subtract positive and negative integers.





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A lot has been happening in Lyrebirds this week! In Science we have been learning all about forces, buoyancy really blew our minds! In English we have been learning how to use descriptive language to show, and not tell. In Maths we have been using our knowledge of area and perimeter to design Zoo layouts. In Art we have been working on a collaborative Harmony Day mural for our classroom.

ALL GIFTS WILL BE \$3, \$5 or \$10.

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**MOTHER'S** 

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All students will attend the stall on the Thursday. Any left over items will be sold on Friday.

Maximum of 2 gifts per student

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#### **CANTEEN MENU**

#### **RECESS/SNACKS**

Yoghurt Cup	\$3.00	DAILY SPECIALS	
Mixed Berries with Yoghurt	\$3.50		
Fruit Cup	\$3.00	MONDAY	
Vege & Hummus Cup	\$3.00	Nachos (Beef or Bean)	\$5.00
Homemade Muffins	\$2.50	Chicken Nuggets (6 Pieces) - Add Chips	\$5.00 \$3.00
Homemade Cookies	\$1.50		çoloo
Hash Browns	\$2.00	TUESDAY	
Garlic Bread	\$1.50	Sushi	\$5.00
Cheese and Crackers	\$2.00	Mi Goreng Noodles	\$5.00
SANDWICHES		WEDNESDAY	
Available At Lunch		Mac & Cheese	\$5.00
Monday - Friday		Pizza Pockets	\$5.00
All Served on Wholemeal Bread		THURSDAY	
Wrap 50c		Butter Chicken & Rice	\$5.00
Toasted 50c		Cheeseburger	\$5.00
Gluten Free Bread \$2.00			
Vegemite		FRIDAY	<u> </u>
-	\$3.00	Beef Pie Sausage Roll	\$5.00 \$5.00
Tasty Cheese or One Salad Item	\$3.00	Chicken Burger	\$5.00 \$5.00
Egg with Mayonnaise & Lettuce	\$4.50		<i>\</i>
	from		
Ham/Chicken/Tuna	\$4.00		
With Salad	\$5.00		
Salad - Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber			
& Carrot	\$4.50		
		Drinks	4
SALAD BOXES		Water Bottles Just Juice	\$2.00 \$2.50
Salad Box -Lettuce, Tomato,	¢4.00	Milk (Choc & Strawberry)	\$3.00
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add avocado	\$1.00 \$1.00	Frozen Treats Ice-blocks	rom <b>\$2.00</b>
	<b>Υ</b>	Frozen Yoghurt	\$3.00
		Bulla Icecream Cup	\$3.00

#### **NEW CANTEEN ORDERING PROCEDURES**

Our new canteen is happy to introduce online ordering, through the use of Flexi Schools App. Flexi Schools App is a great way for parents to order and pay online, being able to view our selection and ensure their children have wholesome lunches, recess and snacks.

Similar to the Opal Card, it is a cashless card system for greater safety and security, with a simple set up as below:





#### Step 1: Register

New User? Register for an account click on the register button below and add your student to get started.

Cashless Card: Login and follow the prompts to link your student's existing student ID card.



#### Step 2: Top Up

Top-up your account using VISA, Mastercard, PayPal or by direct deposit. We recommend topping up your account by \$20 and you will receive an email reminder when your account is running low.

To ensure that your student always has funds available, we recommend setting an automatic top-up from your credit card.

Cashless Card: Set a daily spending limit for your student.









Order and pay for a range of school services including canteen, uniform shop, events, fundraisers, fees and more.

Cashless Card: Students present their existing student ID card to pay for purchases.

Order nov

#### Step 4: Edit and Review

Canteen Orders: You can view, edit, cancel, or create a reoccurring order by logging in.

Cashless Card: Login to your account to view your students' purchases and/or update their daily spending limit.







SCHOOL FUNDRAISING NEWS

## **STEWART HOUSE**

NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice

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#### Back to normal...

We are pleased to advise that we have scheduled program enrolments and activities in 2023 to return to pre-pandemic levels.

With intake numbers returning to capacity, we thank you for your understanding and patience over the last two years.

We also reaffirm that with sustained fundraising support from schools and regular workplace giving contributions from Department staff, we could continue to deliver our program free of charge to those who need it most.

So, thanks for your support!



#### **In-School Fundraising Ideas**

**2023 Stewart House Donation Drive** (Envelopes & instructions for 2023 are included in this pack!)

As NSW public education's Charity of Choice, all schools receive envelope packs early in Term 1 each year.

The Stewart House Donation Drive is our major annual school fundraising event. Staff and students are encouraged to enter the draw, where for as little as \$2, they could win a prize valued at \$4,000!

#### Host a School Fundraising Event

We depend on fundraising support from public schools to deliver our residential program free of charge to disadvantaged children.

You could host an event in your school to raise awareness of the role of Stewart House and encourage students to support their peers.

Contact our office for planning support and visit our website <u>https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/fundr</u> <u>aising-tool-kit/</u> for resources. Tag us on Facebook with your event photos!

#### **Buy Stewart House Merchandise**

(Our order form is included. Please assist by directing the form to your School Fundraising Committee and SRC leader.)

A fun way to fundraise is by purchasing Stewart House-branded merchandise.

We put you first

Look out for new items coming soon!

Education

## Support Options Available to NSW Education Staff

Become the Stewart House Ambassador for your School

Our School Ambassador Program with the NSW Department of Education further enhances our 92-year relationship in caring for children in need.

The role of the Ambassador is to raise awareness of Stewart House in the school community. It will soon be available to every NSW public school.

Watch out for Union and NSW Department of Education endorsements at the highest level!

Sign up to the Stewart House Salary Contribution Scheme

Join the 9,000+ public education staff regularly giving to Stewart House through their fortnightly pay while also gaining the advantage of reducing their taxable income.

To sign up, complete the form overleaf or register online at

https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/salar y-contribution/.

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