



Bronze Award 2020

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE
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Welcome back! It is wonderful to see everyone back at school together. There was a buzz around the school this morning as students caught up with their friends. I appreciate all that our community has done throughout this lockdown and hope that we are able to maintain some form of routine now. Please read the newsletter carefully as there are quite a few changes that you will need to be aware of.



Congratulations

We wish to congratulate Katelyn and Anthony Matthews on the birth of their first child. Ivy Kate made an earlier than expected appearance.

Outside School Hours Care

Our new program providing outside school hours care commences on Monday! We are excited to announce that TheirCare is our new provider. Please find information about TheirCare further in the newsletter if you wish to book a place in the program.

Transitions

We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Prep and the Grade 6s moving into Year 7. We will inform parents of these students of the arrangements that will take place.

Camps

We will not be holding camps for any year level this year. We intend to hold 'special' activity days for each year level in the last weeks of the year. We did this last year and the students had lots of fun on their special activity day.

Hats

All children are required to wear school bucket hats in the yard at all times from September 1st through to April 30th. If a student does not have a hat they must sit under the shade outside their class door. Our school actively supports Sunsmart policies. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly named. Names often wash off over time, so a 'rename' would be a great idea.

Cleaning

Additional cleaning is being implemented at all schools. The extended and increased cleaning involves progressive cleaning throughout the day, with a focus on high-touch surfaces. All classrooms have had the carpet, tables and chairs thoroughly cleaned during this lockdown.

Hygiene Practices

We are actively encouraging the students to maintain rigorous hygiene routines throughout the day. They have access to soap and water and hand sanitiser to keep the germs away.

Ventilation

To improve the movement of fresh air in classrooms we are opening the windows and doors. Staff are also embracing the use of outside areas for instruction and learning.

Dropping off students

Please make sure that you are wearing a mask if you are walking your student to their classroom. There are QR codes at both gates and on the classroom doors for check in. These measures are in place for the health and safety of our school community.

Assembly

We will not be holding whole school assemblies at the moment. Students will still receive their 'Student of the Week' certificates in class.

Concert & Athletic Sports

We are still extremely keen to run these events. The format will definitely be different and we are looking at dates and ways to make this work.

Fees

A reminder that any outstanding school fees are now due. If you have any outstanding amounts you will receive a statement via email. Payment can be made at the Office or by direct depositing money into the following account with **your child's name as the reference or the reference number on the statement;**

BSB: 063 520

ACC: 10104523

School Council

The next meeting of the School Council will be held on Wednesday 24th November at 6:00pm.

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COVID-19 vaccination directions

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has issued directions for required vaccinations for education workers. These directions are specific to education workers and supersede those for other authorised workers.

All staff who work in schools will be required to have a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 18 October 2021 or be able to produce evidence of a vaccination booking within that week.

All staff are required to be fully vaccinated by 29 November 2021 unless a medical exception applies and will be required to show evidence of their vaccination status.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your colleagues and students and the whole school community. Getting vaccinated will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent future outbreaks in our schools.

The Victorian Government's coronavirus website has information about COVID-19 vaccines in 63 community languages at [Translated information about COVID-19 vaccines](#).

The Department of Education and Training's website has frequently asked questions about the vaccine requirement.

All employees who perform work at a Victorian government school are required to provide information about their COVID-19 vaccination status to the department before Monday 18 October 2021.

All volunteers and visitors working on school sites must provide vaccination information when attending onsite. If they are unable to provide evidence of vaccination, they must be directed to leave the school. This includes visiting parents and carers (once visitors are permitted).

QR Codes and visitors to schools

The use of Service Victoria QR codes for electronic record keeping is now mandatory in all schools to enable the effective contact tracing of any COVID-19 cases.

Who needs to check in?

- All visitors on school site (including contractors, external Department staff and building and maintenance staff)
- All parents who enter school buildings when on school site

Student Attendance

All students are expected to attend onsite as their year levels return to onsite learning, unless they are formally registered as being home-schooled. Parent preference is not an approved absence reason.

Understanding COVID-19

As COVID-19 is a new virus, new scientific research is regularly emerging. Currently, the World Health Organization suggests that COVID-19 can be transmitted by contact with droplets or airborne aerosols from an infected person, and contaminated surfaces. Airborne aerosols are tiny particles that float in the air. This understanding may change as more research emerges and more is learned about COVID-19.

Droplet transmission

A person can be infected with coronavirus (COVID-19) by touching respiratory droplets such as saliva or tears from an infected person. These are spread through coughing, sneezing, kissing, talking or singing. These droplets can enter your mouth, nose or eyes and cause infection. This can happen by having close face-to-face contact, being within 1.5 metres of someone with coronavirus (COVID-19), or by touching a contaminated surface before touching your face.

Airborne transmission

Saliva or tears from an infected person can stay in the air after they cough, sneeze, talk or even sing. This means that coronavirus (COVID-19) can be spread through these tiny infectious particles suspended in the air. Sometimes, the virus can remain in the air for some time in settings such as in indoor spaces with poor ventilation.

Contaminated surfaces transmission

Coronavirus (COVID-19) can spread when secretions or droplets from an infected person land on surfaces. The virus can live on surfaces for hours or days, depending on the temperature, humidity, type of surface, and how much of the virus is present.

If you touch an infected surface, you could become infected by then touching your nose, mouth or eyes. You could also spread the virus from one surface to another and infect other people. For more information on the science behind COVID-19 see [Facts about coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). A combination of strategies is required to minimise transmission risk. No single strategy completely reduces risk and not every measure will be possible in all educational settings. Where some controls are not feasible, others should be enhanced. Strategies should also be adjusted over time in line with the changing risk of transmission in the community.

Masks

To support the return of on-site learning, the Victorian Chief Health Officer has announced new rules around mask wearing to keep everyone at school safe.

We know that returning to school will look a little different this time and it's important that we support you and your children with effective ways to keep everyone safe and well.

One of the most important and effective things we can do to help keep students in the classroom is to wear masks to help minimise COVID-19 transmission risk.

When worn properly, masks can play an important role in reducing the transmission risks of Covid-19 that could happen from common activities in school.

Students in Grade 3 and above

- Face masks will be required for all school students in Grade 3 and above indoors including at Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs, unless a lawful exception applies. Face masks can be removed while outdoors at school for primary students.
- Students in Grades 3 to 6 are required to wear face masks from the first day they return to onsite learning.
- Face masks are strongly recommended for Prep to Year 2 students.
- Students with a medical condition or disability that make wearing a face covering unsuitable are not required to wear a mask.
- Face masks are required for students in Year 3 to Year 6 unless an exception applies. Exceptions include students with a physical or mental disability where their disability means it would not be suitable. Parent/carers of a student/s who meet the criteria for an exception must provide their approval in writing for their child/ren to not wear a mask to school.

We will try to maximise outdoor learning where possible and offer more recreation and breaks wherever practicable to further support students.

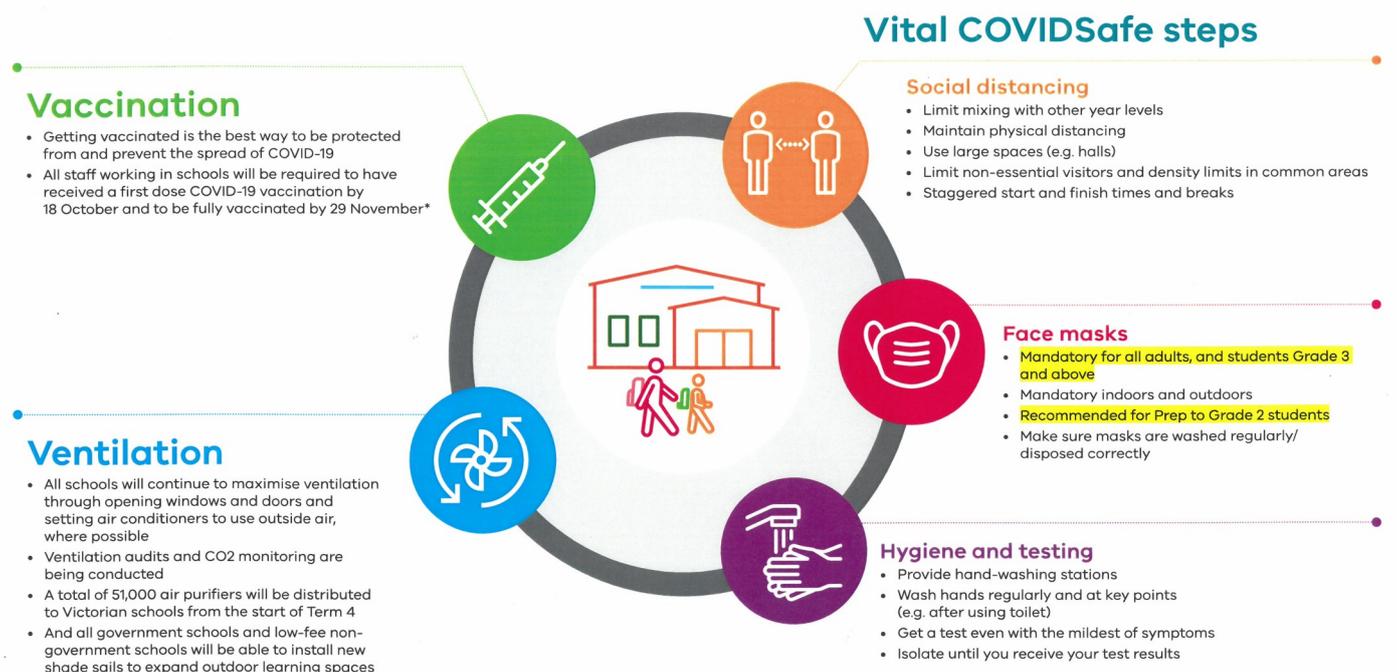
We can work together to support students by having conversations around the importance of masks in preventing COVID-19 transmission.

We encourage you to discuss wearing masks with your children to keep kids in the classroom and minimise COVID-19 transmission risk. The Raising Children Network has resources that can help you with [having conversations with your children about wearing masks](#).

Return to onsite learning: Keeping safe at school



Updated: 17 October 2021
(Changes in yellow)



*Exemptions will only be for staff with a signed medical certificate

CALENDAR 2021, Term 4

	WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
OCT	4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	NOVEMBER	5	1	2 Cup Day	3	4	5	6
6		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8		22	23	24 School Council Meeting	25	26	27	28
DECEMBER	9	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	10	6	7	8	9	10 Colour Run	11	12
	11	13	14	15	16	17 End of Term 4	18	19

Bring Your Own Device Program

At Irymple South Primary School we are striving to support and prepare our students for the world in which they live. We believe that the use of technology enriches and supports their learning. Digital technologies are dramatically changing how we educate our students. Through increased access to devices, where all students have access at any time to digital technologies; students can leverage learning that is interactive, differentiated and collaborative.

We believe we play an important role in the integration of technology to enhance learning with our students and ensuring it is used appropriately to enable efficient and effective learning and teaching practices and prepare students for life and work.

1:1 Learning Program

At Irymple South Primary School we value our 1:1 learning program where each student has access to a device to complete learning tasks.

The preferred model at Irymple South is based on:

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) – students bring their own iPads which are either purchased or leased directly by families.

Preferred models:

iPad 9th Gen Wi-Fi / 10.2 / A13 / 64GB
Model Number: MK2K3X/A
OR
iPad 9th Gen Wi-Fi / 10.2 / A13 / 256GB
Model Number: MK2N3X/A

You can find the policy on the website

<https://www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au/byod/>

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep G

Louis Gauci

Prep S

Ty Holland

Willa George

Prep M

Archie Duncan

Milla Burke

1C

Violet Madden

1M

Mario Delorenzo

2W

Jimmy Brady

2S

Sevannah Ruhs

2B

Sawyer Gauci

3V

Orlando Costantino

3P

Iglesias Miki

3T

Zaiden Herbert

Allegra Giugno

4R

Thomas Chiswell

4C

Will Allen

Maddie Endrizzi

5A

Mia Woolfrey

5C

Kylah Sutton

6S

Dannika Accola

6H

Ashlee Peters

Art

Austin Phillips-Savage

Remi McDermott

PE

Eva Whitworth

Mrs Mac

Jacob Merrett

Science

Alex Le Roux

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER

Peggy Thornton (18th)

Caleb Sharman (21st)

Max Woulfe (21st)

Zoe Lee (23rd)

Brodie Holland (23rd)

Josh Ralph (23rd)

Johnny Panuccio (24th)

Connor Merrett (24th)



About the program

TheirCare provides adventurous and stimulating Before & After School Care Programs in a safe environment for all children. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Irymple South Primary School has partnered with TheirCare to provide this service to your school which includes quality care, booking flexibility, amazing programming for your children and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average^
After School Care	3:15pm - 6:00pm	\$28.00	\$4.20 - \$28.00	\$4.20
Pupil Free Day	8:00am - 6:00pm	\$62.00	\$9.30 - \$62.00	\$9.30
Late Booking Cancellation Fee	Within 48 hours	\$5.00		
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0460 621 104 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

Visit TheirCare website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs

^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located

2021 DATES

Term Dates 2021

Term 4 4th Oct-17th Dec

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2021

Cup Day - Tuesday 2nd November

**Students will return to school
in 2022 on Tuesday 1st
February**

Term 4 Projects

Throughout this term, students will enjoy a number of Leaders of Evolution Projects. Organising and facilitating these projects provides the opportunity for our Grade 6 students to transfer their leadership skills into authentic situations.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

WHEELIE DAY (Whole School)

Every Friday
(each year level will be allocated one day)



Organised by Jarome, Jethro, Dawson & Josh

HUT BUILDING (P-2)

Every Tuesday



Organised by Ale, Jordan, Alessio & Jeremy

FORT BUILDING (3-6)

Every Monday



Organised by Isaak, Oliver & Ned

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP SESSIONS

(P/1)

Weekly sessions (in class)



Organised by Eliza, Summer & Dannika

MAJOR EVENTS

COLOUR RUN

Friday 10th December
(each year level will be allocated a separate time)



Organised by Maddi, Pippa, Willow & Annelise

SMITH FAMILY FUNDRAISER

Friday 10th December
(BBQ and Zooper Doopers will be sold at the Colour Run)



Organised by Georgia, Lilly & Mackenna