



# EASTMONT NEWSLETTER

## June 2020



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Many of our families returned to Kinder after 25th May (when schools returned) and it was lovely seeing the happy faces of the children coming back to Kinder again.

Thanks to the staff for all the extra work they have been doing to prepare for the children's return and during the sessions. Thanks also to all families who have been social-distancing out the front of kinder and waiting patiently on the footpath to drop off and pick up their children. We have limited the adults that can enter the kinder premises with only the staff and committee members (and only if absolutely necessary) entering the Kinder.

Term 3 invoices for current 3-year-old and 4-year-old families will be handed out at the first session back of Term 3. These will be due Friday 24th July.

Since we were unable to hold our Open Day this year, the committee has set up a 'Virtual Open Day' on our website.

There is a tour from a current Eastmont child, an information video, flyers, pamphlets, and a 360-degree tour of inside and outside the kinder. Please refer any prospective families you know to our website.

The 3-year-old and 4-year-old offers for 2021 have been emailed out. Please check your emails if you are expecting an offer. The deposit and forms are due back by 4pm on Tues 23rd June.

If you would like a new or 2nd hand Eastmont Uniform then please contact Melissa at [vicepresident@eastmont.org.au](mailto:vicepresident@eastmont.org.au)

At this stage, we are tentatively scheduling our next working bee for Sunday 12th July (so the last day of the holidays). More information to come closer to the day through the Skoolbag App.

Enjoy the last part of the term and I hope you all have a great holiday.

*Cassie*



### DIRECTOR'S REPORT / 4YO GROUPS REPORT

The children are very happy to be back at kinder and we have been surprised at how quickly and easily they have adapted to the new drop off and pick up routines. Over the last couple of weeks there have been between 15-18 Koalas and 21-23 Possums attending each day.

Following health advice, we are running indoor/outdoor sessions and avoiding group/mat times so the daily routines have also changed and are running smoothly. Inside, the children have been enjoying painting, collage and dramatic play in the Eastmont Hospital corner as well as playing, in small groups, with the blocks, trains, construction sets etc. The reading corner and puzzle table have also been busy.

All the children have also been enjoying outdoor play-in the sandpit, on the swings and play equipment and building with

the large wooden blocks on the grassed area. The children have also been using chalk to draw and practice writing letters and numbers on the cubby house blackboard and concrete.

The children have also been dancing and listening to some favourite songs and stories inside and outside via the Bluetooth speaker. We have been eating outside, at tables under the pergola and on wet days have lowered the blinds to make use of this space to bring table activities outside.

Early next term we will be contacting families to arrange times for parent/teacher interviews via phone, however please feel free to contact us at any time before then if you would like to discuss anything concerning your child.

Thank you to all the families for your cooperation and support over this challenging time.

*Sonya & Kate*



## 3YO GROUPS REPORT

Children in the 3 y.o. groups have shown surprisingly high level of resilience and understanding of personal hygiene when resettling into the setting after a long break.

It is great to see how they quickly

reconnected with us and their peers such as engaging in social-dramatic play and playing chasing games outdoors. In hindsight, we think it is partly because of the Skype calls and learning packs, which helped them to maintain the connections with our preschool during the closure period.

Inside, children have been enjoying pasting dots to make different shapes such as triangle, pentagon, circle and square. They also practiced their fine-motor skills and problem-solving skills by creating their own jigsaw puzzle. They have shown great interests in being archaeologists and observing dinosaur fossils with magnifiers. To extend their interests in dinosaurs,

dinosaur stencil painting was introduced to the classroom. For National Reconciliation Week, children coloured Aboriginal symbols and discussed what they represented as well as using the colours on the Aboriginal flag to paint. We also did a traditional Indigenous game outdoors, which invited children to make footprints in the sandpit and guess which person owned specific sets of them.

Other activities children have been enjoying playing outside included treasure hunt which helped to support their spacial awareness, pirate ship pretend play, basketball and arrow jump that aimed to facilitate their gross-motor skill and symbol understanding.

If you have any queries regarding your child's needs, learning progression and our curriculum which are updated fortnightly, please speak to our staff at drop off or pick up times or ring or email to arrange a time for a chat.

*Julie*

## COVID-19 UNMASKED – RESEARCH PROJECT



Researchers from [The BRAVE Program, The University of Southern Queensland, Griffith University](#) and [The University of Queensland](#) are conducting an online research project "COVID-19 Unmasked". They are seeking parents of children aged 1-17 years to help them learn more about the emotional effects of COVID-19 on Australian children and families. The researchers intend to use this information to help caregivers, educators and health professionals learn how best to support children and adolescents now and in the future. Can you help?

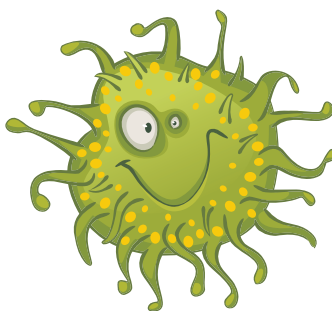
For parents of 1-5 year olds, click here:

[is.gd/covid19\\_unmasked](https://is.gd/covid19_unmasked)

For parents of 6-17 year olds, click here:

<https://rebrand.ly/covid19unmasked6up>

## 'NO JAB, NO PLAY' – ARE YOU COMPLIANT?



'No Jab, No Play' is the name of legislation that requires all children to be fully vaccinated, unless they have a medical exemption, to be enrolled in childcare or kindergarten in Victoria. As of 1 January 2016, all parents/guardians seeking to enrol their child at an early childhood service in Victoria must provide evidence that the child

is fully immunised for their age or on a vaccination catch-up program or unable to be fully immunised for medical reasons.

Please ensure your child has received all of the required immunisations or holds a documented medical exemption, and that the Eastmont staff are provided with up-to-date evidence demonstrating your compliance with this requirement.

## STAY UP TO DATE WITH YOUR KINDER



Install the Skoolbag app available in the App Store or Google Play, and add Eastmont

Preschool to get all our latest news and notifications.



If you'd like to keep up with the social side of life at Eastmont, you can follow us on

Facebook at [www.facebook.com/eastmontpreschoolvermont](https://www.facebook.com/eastmontpreschoolvermont)

# PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION INFORMATION FOR FOUNDATION 2021

For families with a child currently in one of our four year old groups who are looking at starting school next year, school choice and enrolment information are probably already top of mind. A number of our local schools have had to pause in-person tours and transition programs due to Covid-19, but the good news is there are virtual events up and running.



**Antonio Park Primary School** is holding a Virtual Open Night on the 22nd of June at 7pm for interested families and also have [online tours](#) available on their website.



**Heathmont East Primary School** is offering telephone tours and also has a virtual tour and various enrolment and transition information available via their [website](#).



**Rangeview Primary School** held their virtual information session on the 11th of June. If you missed it, you can find all the information and take on online tour on their [website](#).



**Weeden Heights Primary School** will be running their first Prep 2021 transition session online on the 19th of June at 12:30 and 4:30pm.



**Great Ryrie Primary School** are running live Zoom chats Wednesdays at 9:30am and Fridays at 11:30am until the 26th of June.

Information sheets provided by the schools are also attached to this newsletter.

## YOUR 2020 KINDER COMMITTEE

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### Position Vacant - 3yo Enrolment Officer

We are seeking a Three Year Old Enrolment Officer for the remainder of the year. Eastmont Pre-School cannot operate without our committee - we need your assistance to ensure we can continue to provide high quality education for our

children. The role involves responding to enquiries, contacting prospective families, sorting group allocations for the new kinder year and offering places to families, in line with our enrolment processes, policies and criteria. This amounts to around 1 hour of work per week plus attendance at our monthly meetings (currently conducted via video conferencing due to COVID-19). Please [email Melissa](#) if you are interested or would like more information.



## SHOP AND SUPPORT EASTMONT



**Bendigo Bank Wantirna Mall** donates to the kinder when you open an account or take out insurance.



**Bakers Delight Brentford Square** donates 5% of any purchase to the Kinder through their Dough Raisers program.



**Bright Star Kids** donates 20% of your purchase price if you select Eastmont PreSchool Vermont at checkout.

SCHOLASTIC



**Scholastic Book Club** donates back 20% of any purchase for the Kinder to purchase new books and educational aids.

## CONTACT US

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# ANTONIO PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



## VIRTUAL OPEN NIGHT 2020

A Video Walkthrough Of Our Wonderful School

- Hosted by our Principal - Mr Richard Lambert
- Meet some of our teachers
- See our facilities
- Learn about our curriculum opportunities

... and much, much more!



**Virtual Open Night: Monday 22nd June @ 7pm**

Interested parents need to contact the school for the link to join and further details.



## **Virtual Information Session**

### **Foundation 2021**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 4.00pm**

**Rangeview Primary School will present  
a live stream information session for pre-school parents and  
guardians with children beginning school in 2021.**

**View live at  
Rangeview Primary School Parents & Friends Facebook page.**

- \* **Discover the Foundation curriculum (Literacy, Numeracy, ICT) Specialists (Art, Music, German, Physical Education) & our Wellbeing Programs.**
- \* **Find out about enrolment procedures, school tours and transition.**
- \* **Meet this year's Foundation teachers and take the opportunity to have some of your questions answered.**
- \* **This live session will be recorded and uploaded to our school website.**
- \* **Comprehensive information is available now on our school website. A number of informative videos can be accessed via the Upschool tab.**

**Visit our website at [www.rangeview.vic.edu.au](http://www.rangeview.vic.edu.au)**



# 2020 Bright Beginnings Transition Program for 2021 Prep Students



## Re: Session 1 of the Transition Program

Dear future Weeden Heights PS families and students,

Due to the current situation caused by COVID – 19 we are unable to run our very first transition session at our school. However, we will be conducting our first session with the children via a video conference because we want to begin building our relationship with your child and your family.

### Student Session

Pre-schoolers (and their parents) are invited to join a Webex meeting with our current prep teacher, Mrs Michalski for around 20 – 30 minutes. During this session, the students will be involved in a few activities which also will include some activities that will be sent out to you.



**When:** Friday 19 June (the advertised day on our transition brochure)



**Time:** 12.30 pm or 4.30pm

*Please note; We are running Session 1 of the transition program twice to fit in with kinder times. We understand that parents will most likely be unable to take a child out of kinder for a remote transition session. We look forward to seeing you for one of the above sessions, you are not expected to attend both.*

Please email the school at [weeden.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:weeden.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or speak with Cindy/Kerryn on 98020663 and we will send you the link so that your child may participate in their first transition session.

### Meet the Principal Parent Session

The session with the Principal will remain as scheduled:



*Friday 19 June at 9.30 am (and will conclude approximately at 10.10 am depending on your questions)*

Please email the school at [weeden.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:weeden.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or speak with Cindy/Kerryn on 98020663 and we will send you the link so that you can participate in the information session.

We are looking forward to meeting you all.

Kind regards,

*Kylie Campbell*

Principal

*Melinda Michalski*

Junior School Co-ordinator

*Futures are Bright...at Weeden Heights PS!*