



# NEWSLETTER

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*Learners today Leaders tomorrow*

## RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING FOR OUR SENIOR STUDENTS

It has been amazing to welcome back our 3-6 students for 2 days this week. After such a long period of remote learning, having students back in the classroom is simply lovely! It is important to recognize that it will take a little time to reconnect with routines and friendships (in person). We remind families to keep in touch with classroom teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

## STAGGERED RETURN - WEEK THREE

We look forward to having students in Year 3-6 back onsite in a staggered manner next week. Although a repeat of communication from October 1st, it is important we follow the expectations developed by the Victorian Government. Week 3, as in this week, students will attend on the following days:

P-2 Continue Monday – Friday

Year 3/4 Homegroups: Tuesday and Wednesday





Year 5 and 5/6 Homegroups- Thursday and Friday

Onsite supervision will be available for children in Year 3-6 when not attending on a designated day. This is for students previously approved in Term 3, where parents and/or carers are considered authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an authorised provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made and/or children experiencing vulnerability. Please make contact with the school if you require further information and guidance.

We will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing and sanitising. If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice. These changes are consistent with health advice around physical distancing between adults and they will apply until further notice.

## THESE INCLUDE:

- Restrictions on adults accessing the school site (other than school staff)
- Parents are asked not to enter the school site unless it is absolutely necessary.
- If parents need to enter the school site for any reason, they must only come to the School Office and check in using the QR code.
- Physical distancing whilst in the School Office is crucial and masks MUST cover noses and mouths when visitors enter the building.

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## FACE MASK MANDATE FOR STUDENTS YEAR 3-6:

From Monday 18th October, it will be **mandatory** that masks be worn indoors at school by students from Years 3 - 6. This is a health directive that all schools must follow. Given that students do not need to wear a face mask outside at recess, I would encourage families to send a zip lock bag so that students can place their face mask into it when they leave the classroom for the recess breaks. Even sending a spare face mask might be an idea as we get used to these new requirements. We have a number of children already wearing face masks, and they are managing very well.

Families need to supply students with masks, but we will have a small supply at school for emergencies. Although some students won't be on-site until later in the week, we will still have students in for on-site learning. Many thanks for your support with this.

## VACCINATIONS

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has issued directions that require COVID-19 vaccinations for people who work in schools, to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent future outbreaks in our schools. Our school will meet the requirement.

## SUNSMART

As a SunSmart school we are required to wear sun smart hats from September through to the end of April. Please ensure that your child has a hat to wear during school hours, otherwise they will be asked to remain under the shade sails in the Court yard at breaktimes as of Tuesday 26th October. This area is provided to protect students in a shaded area.

## ENROLMENTS IN 2022

If your child / children will not be attending Lightning Reef PS in 2022, please let us know now, as this information is crucial for planning.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

At this stage we are hoping school photos will still go ahead on November the 3rd if the current restrictions change.

Have a great weekend

Joanne Ryan  
Acting Principal

Year levels	From Monday 4 October	From Wednesday 6 October	From Monday 11 October	From Tuesday 26 October
Prep	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 1-2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 3-4			Tuesday-Wednesday	✓
Year 5-6			Thursday-Friday	✓
Year 7		■	✓	✓
Year 8-9			Tuesday-Wednesday	✓
Year 10			Thursday-Friday	✓
Year 11		✓	✓	✓
Year 12 (VCE units 3/4 and final year VCAL and IB)	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Happy Birthday to Caleb M, Kyaw San M, Kaden J-W and Tadiwa M.**

**We hope you have an amazing day.**



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**Please remember smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all Victorian Schools and within the school grounds, this includes our shared entrance and the bus stop**



**PLEASE NOTE THAT SWIMMING HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR.**

**Calendar of events:**

**Thursday 14th October & Friday 15th October**—Year 5/6 attend school

**Tuesday 19th October & Wednesday 20th October** - Year 3/4 attend school

**Thursday 21st October & Friday 22nd October**—Year 5/6 attend school

**Tuesday 26th October** - All students back onsite

**Wednesday October 27th** - Bendigo Cup Day - NO SCHOOL

**Friday October 29th** - Glasses For Kids program

**Wednesday November 3rd** - School Photos

**Wednesday November 10th** - Student free day—NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday December 1st**— Student free day—NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday December 14th** - Student led conferences

**Friday December 17th** - Last day of Term 4

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One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

## What you need to know

### 1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

### 2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

### 3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

**Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma** whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

**Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms** such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

### 4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

**Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.**



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services

# 3 DAY EVENT 14<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS



## 20% OFF\*

### SCHOOLWEAR & EVERYTHING ELSE!

DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR  
ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS

\*T&C'S APPLY, SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES. INSTORE & ONLINE



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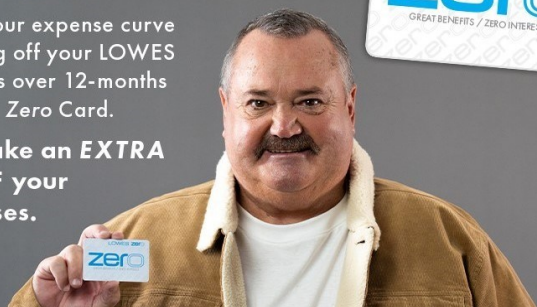
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**LOWES PRACTISES COVID SAFE MEASURES.**

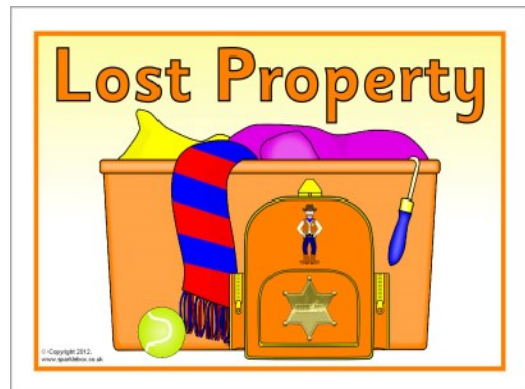
### PAY-AS-YOU-WEAR!

Flatten your expense curve  
by paying off your LOWES  
purchases over 12-months  
with your Zero Card.

**PLUS take an EXTRA  
5% OFF your  
purchases.**



Don't forget to check lost property if you are missing any items. It is located in the foyer of the gym and it is filling up fast.



Just a reminder hats need to be worn outside from September 1st. Hats are available from Lowes Marketplace. Please make sure your child's name is on their hat.

