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Week 5 Newsletter:

Student Led Conferences

SLCs – Monday 30th May – Week 6

SLCs will run from 3:40pm-7.00pm. All SLCs will be conducted online via Teams. Please book in using the email from WMYC with a link and access code.

Climbing outside

In full recognition that we are a circus school, can I remind everyone that, for safety reasons, students should only climb on actual climbing equipment. Trees, buildings, tables, and chairs do not qualify as 'climbing equipment'. When we are on yard duty, we cannot have eyes on every student. We would appreciate your reinforcing this at home.

TEMPO

Rehearsals for TEMPO are underway. We will ensure the students are kept up to date with class work while they are rehearsing and away from school. We look forward to seeing the show during the school holidays. Chookas to all involved.

Prevention of the flu and Covid-19

With borders opening and the arrival of colder weather, cases of influenza (the flu) are increasing throughout Victoria. Our community is at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by the flu or COVID-19 this season.

What to do if your child gets sick

To help keep your child and our school community safe, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms:

- * take a COVID-19 test and follow the current Department of Health isolation requirements if a positive result is shown
- * keep your child at home until their symptoms pass
- * common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired
- * diagnosis of the flu can only be confirmed by a doctor after a nose or throat swab
- * encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

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Upcoming Events.

1. **Friday 27 May – Student Enrolment Information forms due back at school**
2. **Monday 30 May – Student Led Conferences Online**
3. Monday 13 June – Queens Birthday Public Holiday
4. Tuesday 14 June – Pupil Free Day

COVID-19 vaccination

COVID-19 vaccines are available free of charge to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia.

It is important that children and young people have the best possible protection against the flu and COVID-19 by getting vaccinated.

Ensuring your children are protected against serious illness helps to protect everyone in our community, including older family members who may be at higher risk, along with younger children who can't receive vaccinations yet.

You can book COVID-19 vaccinations through the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 or at a participating GP, pharmacy, or community health service.

Some local schools are also holding walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics on school grounds. Vaccination settings can be found at the Vaccine Clinic Finder.

Flu vaccination

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from the flu and are eligible for free vaccination under the National Immunisation Program including:

- * anyone aged 65 years and older
- * pregnant women (at any stage of pregnancy)
- * all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged from 6 months and over
- * people 6 months or older with: heart disease, chronic lung disease (including people with severe asthma who require frequent hospital visits), chronic neurological conditions, impaired immunity, haemoglobinopathies (blood disorders caused by genetic changes), diabetes or kidney disease
- * children on long-term aspirin therapy from 6 months to 10 years
- * children aged from 6 months to under 5 years.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. If you would like more information about the flu vaccination, visit the Better Health Channel.

Update on RATs

There are changes to the provision of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) in our school for the remainder of Term 2. RATs will continue to be distributed to you as they have been throughout this school year for the remainder of this term.

However, from Monday 23 May 2022, students will no longer be recommended to undertake the twice weekly RATs.

RATs however will continue to be required by students who are household contacts to attend school (5 negative tests over a 7 day period) or who have symptoms.

The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers will have them should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms.

Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive RAT result. Additionally, you should inform us if any of your children are household contacts.

Thank you also to all families who has had their child vaccinated. Vaccination continues to remain the best way to protect students and staff in our school.

Getting vaccinated is easy and bookings can be done via the coronavirus website. If you have any questions about the vaccines, I encourage you to speak to your GP or a health practitioner.

Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation and support during this time.

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6/7 Chemistry / Science

Sodium Bicarbonate + Acetic Acid can produce a new substance – CO_2 gas.



TEMPO



Our fabulous Tempo cast have leapt into rehearsals this week with Jake Silvestro leading the charge. We are so excited to have both Jake and Ania, our wonderful



musical director, back in the building for the creation of this exciting performance. Tempo will premiere at the CUBE Wodonga before heading off to perform on the Sydney Opera House stage in July.

BOOK NOW!

THE CUBE WODONGA

Friday 1 July, 6:30pm

Saturday 2 July, 11am & 2:00pm

Use Code **orchestra** to access \$20 tickets!

<http://www.thecubewodonga.com.au/>

COCREATE

CoCreate will be starting rehearsals this week from Wednesday. 17 of our fantastic performers will flaunt their fabulous talents on Saturday 4 June in the courtyard between Hyphen and the Cube in Wodonga. We hope to see all our Fruit Fly Community there cheering us on and supporting all the local artists on show that night. The event kicks off at 4pm with Fruities taking the path from 6:30pm. The night is completely free and promises to be wonderful family night out.



BYRON HUTTON

Byron Hutton will be joining us on the floor this week showing students some of his tips and tricks showcased last week in his incredible showing with the Throw Catch Collective. Byron is a juggling extraordinaire based in Melbourne and will be working with students across the main program throughout this week.

IMPORTANT DATES

23 May – 27 June: TEMPO Rehearsals

24 May – 3 June: CoCreate Rehearsals

4 June: CoCreate Performance

27 June – 8 July: National Training Project