



School No.5215

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TERM 1 DATES

**Tuesday 28th
February**

**School Council
Meeting**

**Monday 6th &
Wednesday 8th March**

**Student Support
Group Meetings**

**Tuesday 21st March
Harmony Day**



Principals Update

The Meet the Teacher Night, conducted on Monday, provided a lovely opportunity to welcome so many families back into our community. Thank you also, for the enthusiastic responses provided within the feedback activity. School leaders will be unpacking this further to develop strategies to enhance your engagement within our school community. This week we have sent home preliminary information about our upcoming **Student Support Group Meetings** (detailed below) please return these slips ASAP.

With a positive case identified today amongst staff, COVID is still lurking in our community. RATS have once again been sent home to families to ensure that you have the resources on hand if symptoms present. Your transport concerns raised in the early weeks of term have been directed to DoE, unfortunately, they have been slow in responding. Some bus runs are still experiencing difficulty, we appreciate your patience and understanding. **The Stand Out Group** at JSS celebrates diversity and promotes connection, inclusion and emotional well-being of participants. This year the Stand Out Group will be supported by the school's Mental Health practitioner Steph Hunt and the group have had their first meeting for the year. **The Student Representative Council** will be facilitated by Caoilfhionn Culliton and processes are currently underway to elect the SRC representatives for 2023. 2023 will be the year that this group will make its mark across the school, driving events that promote inclusion and fun at school. The SRC reps will be introduced to you in the next newsletter.



Stay tuned for our **Harmony Day Celebrations**

Harmony Day is observed each year on **March 21st**, it celebrates diversity, aiming to foster inclusiveness, respect, and the idea that people of all different cultures can make a valuable contribution to society. We all have something interesting and authentic to bring to the table.



Student Support Group Meetings

Monday 6th March and Wednesday 8th March

The Student Support Group Meeting at Jennings Street School brings together key people to plan and support the educational, health, social, and emotional well-being of our students. Within this forum, teachers will discuss with parents their priorities and identify how they have used data to inform academic and social learning goals. The forum prioritizes 30 minutes for this important discussion, is collaborative and sets the scene for your child's learning for the year.

To accommodate your busy lives, we will offer a hybrid model, with parents choosing to attend onsite or engage in a Webex meeting with your child's teacher. As you can appreciate, this takes some preliminary organisation. Please send back the slip indicating if you would **like to attend onsite** or via **WebEx**. We will use this information to schedule your meeting and arrange transport and child minding.



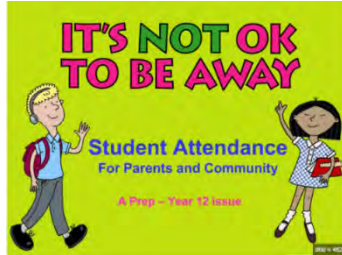
School Council

The first meeting of the school Council will be next **Tuesday 28th February at 6.30** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of School Council will take place in March. A reminder to families that parents can attend School Council in an observer capacity. If you would like to take up this offer, please contact Rosie to find out more.



SunSmart

Jennings Street is a SunSmart School. The school provides hats for students and staff (that remain at school) with all students encouraged to wear these in Terms 1 and 4.



Poor attendance and late arrival are very disruptive for the student and the class. Academic achievement is greatly reduced, and social connections are impacted. Sometimes this creates a cycle of disconnectedness leading to more absenteeism and a further lowering of achievement. All schools are required to track and address irregular school attendance. If you are requiring support to get your child to school, please contact our student wellbeing coordinator Monique Cooley for guidance.

Viva Music Incursion





School Council Elections

School Councils are made up predominantly of mums and dads who are prepared to give a couple of hours each month in order to have a greater connection with their child's learning.

What is the role of School Council?

- Groups who make decisions that set the direction of the school.
- Being a school council member means taking part in shaping the future of the school.
- Some school councils also have community members who are chosen by the council. These members have skill sets, knowledge or expertise in the local community that may benefit the school.

What would be my role in the school council?

- Attend monthly meetings (8 meetings in total) and it would be an advantage if you could also participate in a subcommittee meeting (this is negotiable)
- Help create and check the school's budget.
- Contribute to the school's strategic plan.
- Make decisions on policies like investments, payments by parents, and dress code.

Jennings Street School Council Composition 2023 = 13 members

DET Reps	Parent Reps	Community Reps	Students
Executive Officer – Principal Teacher Rep Teacher Rep 2023 Vacancies = 0	6 x Parent Reps 2022 Vacancies = 2	2 x Community Reps 2022 Vacancies = 2	2 x Student Reps Exempted
Term of Office = 2 years			

Important Dates and Information about the School Council Election process:

Call for Nominations in the category of Parent Member, with vacancies advertised.

School Council Election information, processes and timeline for nominations will be sent home in hard copy today **Thursday 23rd February** and is also attached to this newsletter.

Important Dates and Information about the School Council Election process:

Notice Of Election and Call for Nominations – **Thursday 23rd February**

Closing Dates for Nominations: – **4 p.m. Friday 10th March**

Posting of Candidates on school notice board – **Tuesday 14th March**

Ballot Papers distributed (If Election required) – **Tuesday 14th March**

Ballot Closing Date - **4 p.m. Tuesday 21st March**

Vote Count – **Wednesday 22nd March**

Declaration of Poll – **Thursday 23rd March**



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE 5A: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the.....
.....school council.

Name:

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the
School Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent Member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I
am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate: Date..... /..... /.....

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification of whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 9360 9322.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE 5B: NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to nominate..... for an elected position as a parent member on the
.....school council.

CANDIDATE’S DETAILS: Name.....

Residential address.....

Contact phone (mobile or landline) Email.....

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian ofwho is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school. Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator.....

Signature of Nominator..... Date..... /..... /.....

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate and to nominate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

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Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents, and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect. All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [School's Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information. Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department. On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional well-being, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and well-being.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations. For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk. Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change. When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals' parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g., in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.
- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal.



obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.

- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above. When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school. School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet the duty of care, antidiscrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful. When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent, and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student.

For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers, or others who have a legal right to that information.

Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information \(FOI\)](#) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school. For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Secondary School Immunisation Program

Key messages for school principals to distribute to parents/guardians early in Term 1, 2023

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What is the Secondary school immunisation program?

The secondary school immunisation program offers free vaccines provided by the [National Immunisation Program](#) (NIP) each year to students in Year 7 and Year 10.

Year 7 students

- single dose of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (unless student is immunocompromised)
- single booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine

Year 10 students

- single dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

HPV vaccine schedule change 2023

- From February 2023, the recommended HPV vaccine schedule for most people has **changed from two-doses to a single dose** course using the same Gardasil[®]9 vaccine. There is no change to the amount of vaccine that is given in the single dose.
- The change is based on advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) who have considered the latest international scientific and clinical evidence. **A single dose provides comparable protection as a two-dose course.**
- Most young people who have already received one dose of HPV vaccine are now **considered fully vaccinated** under this program change and will not need any further doses.
- There is no change to the dosing schedule for people who are **immunocompromised**. They should still receive the recommended three doses of the HPV vaccine which are all funded under the NIP.
- The **catch-up program** for adolescents who missed vaccination at school has also been extended to include young people up to and including **25 years of age**. This will allow greater access to and equity of vaccination.

Key messages for parents/guardians

- Parents/guardians of students in Year 7 and Year 10 should **look out for the vaccine information and consent form** coming home from school with your child.
- **Read** the vaccine information, **complete**, and **return the signed consent form by [insert date]**.
- If you choose not to consent for your child to be vaccinated as part of the school-based immunisation program, you also need to return the consent form.



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- For further information about the school-based immunisation program contact the local council immunisation service [\[insert details\]](#).
- To learn more about the Secondary school immunisation program in Victoria visit: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools

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To receive this document in another format, email the [Immunisation Unit](mailto:immunisation@health.vic.gov.au) <immunisation@health.vic.gov.au>

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WELCOME TO LY12!

LY12 have had a great start to the New Year! The students have settled in very well since returning after the summer holidays! We have been getting right back into our Morning Routines, Literacy and Maths units of work as well as our various electives.



In writing this Term, we have been focusing on constructing simple and compound sentences by following the Colourful Semantics structure. The students have been identifying the subject and verbs shown in a picture to help write a sentence. We have also learned to construct compound sentences by using 'and' to join two simple sentences together.

In math our focus has been on time for the first two weeks. We have learned how to construct and follow daily schedules and timetables. We have also been working with analogue clocks to tell time to the half hour, quarter to, quarter past and to the minute.



Students in LY12 have also been participating in their electives which include drawing, painting, animal sustainability, canteen and permaculture. The students have all been settling in nicely to their new schedules and have been enjoying their electives and opportunity to work with students from other classes. We are all very excited for what is to come this year! ☺

What's Happening In PE





Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seekers and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students and \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through Jennings Street School last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, a copy of the 2023 CSEF Application Form is attached to today's newsletter. You can also download the forms and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund web page.

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return the completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

Foster parent under a temporary care order* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes No

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____



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CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent, and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023.



Jennings Street School
2023

POST-SCHOOL PATHWAYS EXPO

Thursday 11th May 2023

From 5.30 – 7.00p.m.

@ Jennings Street School


















(4 Jennings Street, Laverton 3028 VIC)

This is an opportunity for families to develop awareness, networks and connections with an array of post-school options, including recreational and leisure providers and programs, SLES providers, social groups, supported employment, autism specific networks and mentoring.

Light refreshments and afternoon tea will be catered by All Things Equal

Please RSVP by Monday 1st May, 2023



2023 - Tuesdays & Fridays			
Name:			
Class Number:			
Item		Price	Quantity
Chips		\$3	
Margarita pizza pizza base, cheese, mixed herbs		\$3	
Simple Chicken burger bun, chicken schnitzel, mayonnaise	 	\$3	
Chicken burger with lettuce bun, chicken schnitzel, mayonnaise, cheese, lettuce	 + 	\$4	
Toasted cheese sandwich bread, cheese		\$2	
Toasted ham and cheese sandwich English muffin, cheese, ham		\$2	
Salad without chicken Lettuce, cherry tomato, cheese, ranch sauce, pasta	 	\$3	
Salad with chicken Lettuce, cherry tomato, cheese, ranch sauce, pasta, chicken goujons	 	\$4	
Yoghurt cup with strawberries Greek yoghurt, fresh strawberries	 + 	\$1	
Yoghurt cup with peaches Greek yoghurt, fresh peaches	 + 	\$1	
Chicken Pesto Wrap chicken goujons, lettuce, cheese, tomato pesto, soft white wrap		\$3	
Total Cost			
Cash enclosed			
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Change Given (Completed by Canteen)			

Please note: "special requests" and "modifications" to recipes cannot be made.



Moomba

WHEELCHAIR AND MOBILITY The Moomba site and most program activities are accessible by wheelchair and mobility aids – that includes walking aids, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and people with prams. Please note that access carnival rides can vary and some rides may not be appropriate depending on the individual's access requirements.

SOCIAL STORIES

Social Stories support those with disability by preparing them for what they will see, hear and do at an event. They are a way to prepare children and adults with disability for an event, new activity or change to routine. With pictures and simple text, Social Stories help to lessen the anxiety of the new by introducing them to the things that they will see, hear and can do – ahead of time. This enables children to ask questions and familiarise themselves before the day – and supports everyone to have the best possible experience. We have also provided a Quiet Zone located in the Traveller's Aid marquee on Boathouse Drive in Alexandra Gardens for those who need a calm space to unwind.

[View the Moomba Social Story](#) ↗ , print it out and make it your own.

SUNFLOWER INITIATIVE

Moomba Festival and the City of Melbourne are proud supporters of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Initiative, assisting those with hidden disabilities. People who need assistance can choose to wear a Sunflower symbol so that trained Moomba staff can offer their assistance. To pre-order Sunflower symbol or for enquiries, contact us at moomba@melbourne.vic.gov.au. Sunflower lanyards will also be available for free on-site at the event from the Traveller's Aid marquee staff on Boathouse Drive.



Cooking Class

Every Wednesday

4pm to 8:30pm
5 NDIS hours charged

Evening Session 

Day Session 

10am to 4pm
6.5 NDIS hours charged



*Activity includes pick up and drop off from home. Out of pocket cost: \$10.