



## Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

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# Newsletter

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Term 4 Week 2

### WELCOME BACK

Father John Paul has the honour of delivering some very important news this week which deserves top spot in our newsletter.

*Dear Parents,*

*I have the great pleasure of announcing that I have appointed Patrika Rowley as the new Principal for our Catholic primary school. Patrika will commence her appointment at the beginning of the 2021 school year.*

*Patrika is currently Principal at St Anthony's Primary Noble Park and we look forward to her enriching our school and community over the coming years.*

*Once again we give a word of gratitude to Monica Coyle who is retiring at the end of this year. Patrika will bring a wealth of experience and gifts to continue to build on Monica's great work.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Principal Appointment Panel for their time, commitment, insightful contribution and expertise throughout the Principal Appointment Process. I thank them most sincerely for their support and guidance. I would also like to thank the staff, parent community and the students of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish Primary School Rosebud for the many prayers offered during this time of discernment.*

*Later in the year we will invite Patrika to our school and formally introduce her to the students, staff, parents and parishioners. Details will be forwarded to you in the near future.*

*In Christ,*

Fr John Paul Mount  
Administrator  
Our Lady of Fatima Parish



I am very happy to hear this news as I know Fatima will be in very good hands under Patrika's leadership. Prior to taking up the position of Principal at St Anthony's Noble Park, Patrika was Deputy Principal at St Joseph's Sorrento, so she knows the Peninsula well. Patrika has a real passion for education and student wellbeing where the best interests of the child are the central focus. While bringing her own knowledge, skills and talents to share with the community, I know Patrika will support and enhance the essence of what makes Fatima a special place to learn and grow.



## TERM FOUR

It is wonderful to have the students back at school after so much of the year spent in remote learning. Thank you to all of you for your resourcefulness and commitment supporting the teaching and learning process at home. Your efforts have been very much appreciated and I hope the return to a more normal school routine provides you with a little time for yourselves after many weeks of juggling the demands of remote learning alongside your own work or home commitments. As advised at last week's assembly, my Principal's Award goes to all parents and carers involved in the remote learning. Well done to you all.

I have visited all the classrooms over the last couple of days and spent time in the yard to catch up with students and see how they are settling back into school routines. It is so good to hear children's voices and see their energetic play in the yard. There is a real buzz about the place and many happy faces. Early observations of their work in class have been very encouraging. Clearly the learning has continued at home. Where we find students are lacking confidence or have missed some key concepts, we will be adjusting the teaching program and providing support to help them.

See Mr Perry's Deputy Principal page for details of Book Week activities and Footy Day fun next Thursday October.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

**Friday 23rd October: is a Public Holiday for the 2020 AFL Grand Final**

**Monday 2nd November: is a school closure day staff involved in 2021 Planning**

**Tuesday 3rd November: Melbourne Cup Day**

## 2021 PLANNING

With only 9 weeks now until the end of the 2020 school year, the planning for 2021 is now under way. One important factor influencing our decisions around staffing and class structures is enrolment numbers. If you are aware of any families with children in any year level considering enrolling at Fatima for 2021 please advise them to get in touch now. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school webpage. [www.fatimarosebud.catholic.edu.au](http://www.fatimarosebud.catholic.edu.au)

Any families moving out of the area or not requiring a place for their child/ren at Fatima in 2021 please let me know via email;

[principal@fatimarosebud.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@fatimarosebud.catholic.edu.au)

## FEE RELIEF

No family should consider leaving our Fatima family because of financial hardship. Where Covid 19 workplace restrictions or other circumstances have impacted family income to the point where you are struggling with school fees, please let us know so that we can support you a manageable plan. If you hold a Health Care Card please provide a copy to the school to ensure your 50% fee exemption is applied.

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## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Thursday 23rd October -

### Book Week/Footy Dress Up Day

Due to remote learning, two of our bigger school celebration days didn't take place, but now we have an opportunity for some fun!



Book Week will now take place for all Victorian schools next week: Mrs Heggen & Mrs Nagel have planned plenty of classroom fun for us.

On Thursday 23rd October students are invited to come dressed up as either a Book Character or in their Footy/Team colours as listed below:

- favourite book character
- favourite team colours (Black & White preferred!) any sport is fine. (Netball Super League grand final is on this weekend, NRL/AFL finals are in progress.)
- school uniform (not everyone likes to dress up and that is perfectly fine)



We know that it is difficult to gather materials for costumes at present so we stress that you can keep it simple. It is up to each child and their families if they choose to dress up or not.

Sadly, we can not have our usual parade but we will be sure to take lots of pictures to share with you in our weekly online assembly (which you can access each week!) at: [Fatima Online Assembly](#) (click on the link)

The Short-listed picture story books are as follows:



### Traffic Management

A big thank you for the (mostly) smooth start to drop off and pick up each day.

A couple of points to keep you and your children safe as well as respecting our neighbours:

- Students and parents walking/riding-must use the crossings.
- Please **do not drop off before 8.30am**. Before School Care (Camp Australia) is available if you need to drop off earlier.

Pick Up:

- Displaying the family name on the windscreen is a huge help when arriving for pick up.
- Don't queue up early - it blocks the road to through traffic and students will not be dismissed any earlier.
- Prep and Year 4's (& siblings) - 3.15pm pick up
- Year 6's - 3.20pm pick up
- Year 5's in carpark at 3.25pm
- Year 1/2 and Year 3 at 3.30pm

By 3.35pm our whole school has usually departed, a huge effort in around 15-20 minutes. Thank you.



Darren Perry

2020 Book Week winners will be announced on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> at noon!

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## ASSEMBLY

The current Covid Safe Plan for schools does not allow us to gather for assembly or have parents onsite, so we will continue to video assembly and share it with you online each week.

Congratulations to Year 5 students Aleese (studentship) and Amber (sportsmanship) who received Spirit of Fatima Awards this week.



The Year 4 students will receive their Spirit of Fatima Books today and can start working on their awards in the areas of Studentship, Christian Spirit, Community, The Arts and Sportsmanship.

## WELLBEING WEDNESDAY



Due to the popularity of Wellbeing Wednesday and to assist you reinforce the learning at home we will continue to record and share the weekly episode. This week there is a focus on what it means to co-operate, share and compromise when playing with friends. You will also find the usual tips regarding brain breaks, mindfulness and meditation. Students will continue to watch the episode with their class at school at some point in the week to suit individual timetables.



## STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) classes are underway in our new STEM space. The students are enjoying their experiences designing vehicles and writing code for the Spheros. Having the new STEM space and the hall has allowed lots of scope for teams of students to explore the programming capabilities of these devices which they have thoroughly enjoyed.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Today is Sue Millar's special birthday. Sue is a very special person to so many in our school and she has been celebrated in style today. After a beautiful morning tea with staff, Sue was presented with 60 long stem roses from the students. There has been a steady delivery of goodwill messages across the day. I am sure you all join me in wishing Sue a very happy birthday.





## MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

Thank you to Judi Adams from the Mornington Peninsula Shire – School Focused Youth Services Co-ordinator for forwarding through resources from the Community Support Team in relation to Care Packs and Mental Health Week.

### CARE PACKS & MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Mental Health week is celebrated each year in October, starting with World Mental Health Day on October 10, and runs until the 17th. The purpose of this awareness week is to engage communities in activities that promote mental health and wellbeing and increase understanding and reduce stigma about mental illness and how it impacts on the lives of people in our community.

Since its Mental Health Week our school would like you to take the time to consider how you are keeping mentally healthy and how you talk to your children about mental health and emotions. During most of this year, families have been managing the ups and downs of remote schooling and stay at home instructions which may have put your mental health and that of your children's under strain.

Mental health has long experienced stigma with many people unsure of how to speak of mental health to others and especially children. Being open about mental health concerns, especially during these trying times, sends the message to children that it's okay not to be okay and that

you can feel down and it's fine to ask for help and support.

You might see this as an opportunity to teach your children some skills which will benefit them during times of uncertainty. You may be hearing more and more about mental health in the media so this may be timely for you and your family.

Our top tips for keeping yourself mentally healthy are:

**Connect:** Make the time to connect with important people either by phone or over the internet, this also may be as simple as saying hello to your neighbours

**Be Active:** We can exercise outside of our homes, so if possible take the time to go for a walk.

**Keep Learning:** Watch a documentary on a subject you're interested in, or have a conversation with someone about a topic they are interested in.

**Be Aware:** It's always important to get back to nature when we can, if you have a backyard and you can go outside, use your senses, what can you see, what can you smell, what can you hear, what can you feel.

**Help Others:** This may be something like offering to collect something for an elderly neighbour, or if you are cleaning out your closet, donating your clothes to a charity.

There are more tips available at;  
<https://5waystowellbeing.org.au/>

# Caring for our Community during Coronavirus



## Care packages for those in need



Mornington Peninsula Shire, in partnership with local Community Support Centres, is offering care packages for our most vulnerable and isolated community members who are impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic on the Peninsula. Care packages will be sent to eligible households through contactless delivery.

**Care packages will include non-perishable food and essential hygiene items.**

### You are eligible to receive a care package if you:

- are being impacted by Covid-19 due to self-isolation
- are considered 'at risk' of getting COVID-19
- have no support locally to access supplies
- are experiencing significant hardship due the current situation.

### How do I register to receive a care package?

**Phone the Shire on 📞 1300 850 600**

If you need the assistance of an interpreter phone 📞 131 450

TTY/voice calls: 📞 133 677

Speak and listen: 📞 1300 555 727

SMS relay: 📞 0423 677 767

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment contact us through the National Relay Service:

📧 [communications.gov.au](https://communications.gov.au)



## Exciting News!

Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit our organisation, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, our organisation will receive 0.5%\* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

\*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our club.

You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below - or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Not only are you helping your club, school or charity, you'll also get extra benefits.

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- Supporting clubs, schools and charities made easy
- Special offers and savings exclusive to members
- Digital Ritchies Card with an easy-to-use app
- Free to join - start saving instantly



# Ritchies Loyalty

## Join today

The Ritchies Community Benefit Program has been supporting clubs, schools and charities since 1993. Over \$50 million has been distributed to date.

- Nominate your favourite club, school or charity (more than 5000 to choose from).#
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Ritchies App  
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## Download the App and register in 3 easy steps

- 1** In the Ritchies App, register by clicking on the SIGN UP button. Complete the registration.
- 2** A verification email will be sent to the email address you register. Click the link in the email to activate your account.
- 3** Log into your newly created account to select your favourite club, school or charity from the community page.



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