



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 11 June 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to all our students, it is great to have all the students back. While things are not quite back to normal we are making advances on getting back into our normal routine.

School operations

We continue to have some restrictions in place to minimise contact and ensure we maintain a level of safety. For example there will be a limited menu at the canteen as we are not able to have volunteers.

Please observe social distancing during drop off and pick up and do not remain outside to socialise.

Staff are familiar with the school safety and hygiene procedures as advised by the Victorian Chief Health Officer. Clear guidelines are in place to minimize risk and respond appropriately should there be an outbreak.

The gates will be closed at **9.00am**. If you need something you will have to call the school.

End of Semester reports

Families will receive a modified report. Teachers will comment on Literacy, Numeracy and Personalised Learning. Personalised learning will include a comment on the way students responded and engaged in online learning.

Planning days

Over the next fortnight teachers will be taking their Professional Planning Day. This means

their class will have a replacement teacher. Many of the teachers will be conducting testing with the students to collect data for their reports.

In addition, during the last week of term the teachers will have their planning day to prepare for next term.

Learning from Home Survey

Thank you to all the families and students who completed the Learning from Home survey. The Department of Education is going to form a working group to discuss the feedback provided from across the state.

New Build Update

The process to appoint an architect has commenced. Here at school we have started the paperwork. School council has formed a working group it was hoped that the architects would be appointed by the end of term however this has already been delayed by a fortnight.

Student appointments

If your child has an appointment during the school day could you let the office know ahead of time and we will arrange for you to collect them during recess or lunch break to minimise disruption to the learning. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Dr Bette Prange

Acting Principal

Inspirational Quote:

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no-one can take it away from you." – BB King.



Students must use the School Crossing

Can parents remind students to use the school crossing in Clarendon Street please? We have noticed a number of students wanting to cross at the roundabout; this is too dangerous, so please discuss this with your child.

Canteen

Please note the canteen is operating a restricted menu during this time. If you can check the menu and place your order on Flexi Schools that would be appreciated.

REMINDERS TO ALL STUDENTS

Students must bring a water bottle, recess snack and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday as there is no canteen on these days.

Student banking is suspended until further notice.

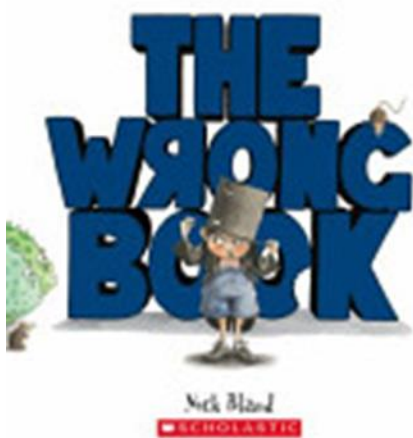
Second hand uniform store is not operating until restrictions are lifted.

Lost property

Can parents please ensure you label your child's uniform – I was looking through lost property last week and there were 5 jackets but only one of which had a name! It would be helpful if parents also labelled the plastic lunch containers.

Book Review - Tried and Treasured

The Wrong Book by Nicholas Bland



Nicholas Ickle is a determined little boy attempting to tell a story. But he keeps getting interrupted by weird and wonderful characters that are not meant to be in the story. Nicholas grows increasingly frustrated with each interruption and with that the humour grows. Eventually Nicholas tells the characters off and with that it ends. A very funny story to read at bedtime, ideally for 4 to 8 year olds.

by Liz Oruba



Saving (Y)our World Instalment 12: Pesticide Alternatives by: Morrigan R

In the last Instalment, I asked you not to use pesticides in your gardens. But pesticides are quite useful, as they keep away harmful creatures from your veggie patch. So, what are some healthy alternatives? Find out in this week's instalment of Saving (Y)our World!

Do you have pests in your garden? There are a few safe and easy solutions to removing them! You could plant something special beside the plants that you want to protect! This special plant will attract predatory insects like mantises, ladybirds, spiders, wasps and even beetles! These creatures will eat the other bugs that are destroying your garden and even better, this is a 100% natural solution. The predatory bugs are happy, and you are happy. Special attracting plants include fennel, angelica, coriander, dill, and wild carrot. You can even eat some of these!

Not a fan of that idea? Not a problem! There are plenty of plants that repel insects away from the garden. Garlic is one of these. Plant some garlic in your garden and it will repel some of your worst garden pests, like caterpillars, aphids, and vampires. Even parsley can repel bugs! You can also use these to enjoy some home-made garlic bread or garlic mashed potatoes with parsley (recipe below) as an added bonus!

Perhaps you don't have the room to plant pest repelling or predator attracting plants. If so, you could make a spray that repels insects and that does not harm you or the products you are growing! Some ideas are garlic and onion spray, salt spray, mineral oil spray and citrus oil spray (descriptions below). Not only are they a healthier alternative to pesticides, they are probably a lot cheaper, too! And you were just using pesticides this whole time?

So, there are easy and cheap alternatives to pesticides! Now that you know what to use instead of pesticides, I hope you will be more motivated to stop using them.

Morrigan Raven signing out. I hope you join me next week for another instalment of saving (Y)our World.

"I mean, come on! Does it really make sense to EAT something deliberately made to kill other living organisms?" -Karen Kieser

Recipe using your pest repelling plants: **Garlic mashed potatoes with parsley**

Boil 1 kg of potatoes until tender. Drain. Gently heat ½ cup of milk and 5 teaspoons of butter until the butter is melted. Add the milk mixture to the potatoes and mash with some salt and pepper (to taste) and one clove (or however much you like to use) of garlic. Finally, gently stir in 1 tablespoon of finely chopped parsley. Yum!



Instructions for pest repelling sprays:

1. Garlic and onion

Puree 1 clove of garlic and one medium onion and add 1 tablespoon of cayenne pepper and 1 litre of water. Let the mixture sit for a few hours. Add one tablespoon of liquid soap (dishwashing liquid) and then spray it on your plants.

2. Salt

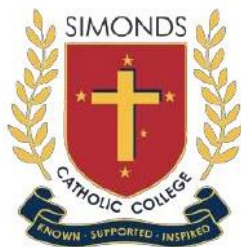
Add 2 tablespoons of salt to 3.5 litres of water and stir well. Spray it onto your plants.

3. White oil

Mix 1 cup of vegetable oil with $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cup of liquid soap (dishwashing liquid). Shake well to create a white mixture. Now combine 1 tablespoon of this concentrated mixture with 1 litre of water and spray.

4. Citrus oil

Mix a couple of drops of orange or lemon essential oil with 1 tablespoon of liquid soap (dishwashing liquid) and 1 litre of water. Shake well and spray.



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