

Merri River School



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Term 1

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SCHOOL**



 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Monday 1st February**
We welcome our new preps to our school.

Welcome to 2021 😊

It was wonderful to see all our students arrive excitedly back at school after the Christmas break. May 2021 truly be a great year in which we are all able to thrive and reach stellar heights through stretching our capabilities and reaching our potentials.

New Students

A special welcome to our new students and their families: Preston Le Cerf, Daedric Spedden, Marshall Hayhoe, Jamahlin Geebung, Vincent Hough, Arlo Urry, Koda Urry, Eve Murray, Hayden Hausler, Hamish McMillan, Jacob De Bono, Harley Watson, Seb Coates, Paddy Parsons, Owen Tankard, Emelie Bielski, Charlie Pace, Ellie Hiscock and Bree Read.

We wish them all an enjoyable and productive time at our school.

New Staff for 2021

We welcome the following new staff to our school and wish them all a very rewarding and fulfilling time with us:

Matt Petherick – class teacher in group P4
Emily Veale – class teacher in group S3
Blake Gardner – school tutor
Kim Ryan – occupational therapist
Alli Bannister – teacher assistant in group P5
Georgia McCullagh – teacher assistant in group P8
Paul Robinson – teacher assistant in group P10
Georgia Serra – teacher assistant in group S4
Emma Schrama – teacher assistant in the Junior Secondary area
Fiona Warton - teacher assistant in the Junior Secondary area
Vicky Hughson – Hands on Learning
Ruby Bilson – cooking trainee
Holly Earnshaw – Phys Ed trainee
Danielle Warren – teacher assistant trainee

End Of Day School Pick Up

Due to some confusion and late notification for student pick up at the end of the day:

ALL messages must be sent through the school office no later than 2.30pm. Thank you.



SUNSMART

It is our school policy that all our students must wear hats while at school during terms 1 and 4. Parents are requested to send a hat (with name) along to school for this purpose.

**Warrnambool Bus Lines
55621866
Christians Bus Company
55629432.**

MERRI RIVER SCHOOL STAFF - 2021

Principal	Robert Dowell
Assistant Principal	Jo Roche
Business Manager	Elizabeth Paynter
Office/Reception	Tania Rowe Sue Spring
Leading Teacher (Secondary)	Angela Sully
Leading Teacher (Primary)	Judy Boyle
Group P1 (F)	Ebony Jarry T.A. - Nicole Wittmann
Group P2 (F)	Georgia Ladlow T.A. – Sharron Lowther
Group P3 (Yr F/1)	Ashlee Dendle T.A. – Amber Peake
Group P4 (Yr 1/2)	Matt Petherick T.A. – Lisa Shepherd
Group P5 (Yr 2/3)	Sharon Shanley T.A. - Alli Bannister JP Roam – Alix Lane
Group P6 (Yr 3)	Sonia Barnett T.A. – Leigh Wells
Group P7 (Yr 3/4)	Brooke Price (Assistant LT (Prim)) T.A. - Ella Thulborn-McCorkell
Group P8 (Yr 4/5)	Lisa Lee T.A. - Georgia McCullagh
Group P9 (Yr 5/6)	Michael West T.A. - Pam Cook
Group P10 (Yr 5/6)	Alison Fraser T.A. – Paul Robinson SP Roam – Danielle Warren
Group S1 (Yr 6/7)	Cherie Geyer Barnaby Hurrell T.A. – Daniel Tourancheau
Group S2 (Yr 7)	Abbie Sheridan T.A. - Amber Sharp
Group S3 (Yr 7)	Emily Veale T.A. – Holly Crighton
Group S4 (Yr 8/9)	Daniel Atkinson T.A. – Georgina Serra
Group S5 (Yr 8/9)	Scott Cooper T.A. – Paige Haberfield JS Roam – Emma Schrama JS Roam – Fiona Warton

Group S6 (Yr 10)	Corey Gallichan T.A. - Matt Price
Group S7 (Yr 9/10)	Carol Bouman T.A. – Paula Janssen
Group S8 (Yr 9/10)	Hannah Pollard T.A. – Renee Richardson
Group S9 (Yr 11/12/VCAL)	Lisa Radcliffe (Assistant LT (Sec)) T.A. – Julie Hampton (M to Th) T.A. – Wes Isles (F)
Group S10 (Yr 11/12/VCAL)	Kristen Hill (M,Tu) Ken Radley (W,Th,F) T.A. – Deanie Squires SS Roam – Jan Bolden (Tu,W) SS Roam – Louis Kew (Th,F) SS Roam – Bree Isles (M) Finn Roche (F)
Tutor (0.5) Food Tech	Blake Gardner Jane Scroggie Ruby Bilson (Trainee)
Phys. Ed.	Aidan Nicolson Holly Earnshaw (Trainee)
Connect	Ken Radley (M,Tu) Vicky Hughson (M,Tu)
Hands On Learning	Alex Strauch (Th,F) Vicky Hughson (Th,F)
Reengagement	Alex Strauch (M,Tu,W) Bree Isles (Th,F)
Music	Barnaby Hurrell Ian Winstanley
ICT Technicians	Chris Wearne Nathan Calderwood (Tu)
Student Counsellor	Tania Ross
Speech Therapist	Katie Gunn
Occupational Therapist	Stephanie Fedley
Occupational Therapist	Kim Ryan
Physiotherapist	Sarah Murray
Allied Health Assistant	Sarah Noonan (Tu to F)
Allied Health Assistant	Sue Boyle (M to Th)
Allied Health Assistant	Louise Blackwood
Fitness Coach & Lunchtime Activities	Matt Maloney
Maintenance	David Borthwick
Cleaners	LPS

ON LEAVE:

Daniel Barling
Rachel Kenny
Madeleine Woodward

LOCAL CRT:

Peter Dickinson
Stephanie Walter
Brenton Webster
Sharna Wesley

LOCAL CAT:

Simon Roche
Lucy Noonan
Frazer Robb
Jack Coxon
Shev Oliver

Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website.

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#).

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School Uniforms are now available from Joroni Embroidery

Shop 3, Norfolk Plaza

743 Raglan Parade, Warrnambool.

Feel free to pop in and talk to Janice regarding options and size needed.



**Happy Birthday to everyone that
celebrated their special day
over the past week.**



2021 PARENT PAYMENTS

Dear Parents,

Merri River School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Merri River School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Thanks for your support and cooperation in ensuring that we can continue to run the great programs that our students currently access.

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and activities, which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum:

Essential Student Learning Items (Fees):

1. Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of:
 - Textbooks
 - Exercise books
 - Stationery
 - Cooking ingredients for the Food for Life program
 - Materials for school projects that students take home (eg. woodwork items)
2. Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend:
 - Sports
 - Electives
 - School excursions (**not camps**, which parents need to pay for separately)

Payment arrangements and methods

The 2021 annual fee is **\$350** (or \$87.50 per term) and is made up as follows:
Textbooks, Exercise books, Stationery, Cooking ingredients for the Food for Life program, Materials for school projects that students take home (eg. woodwork items) - **\$200**
Sports and School Excursions - **\$150**

If a student attends on a part-time basis payment will be made on a pro-rata basis as follows:

4 days per week attendance -	\$280 (or \$70 per term)
3 days per week attendance -	\$210 (or \$52.50 per term)
2 days per week attendance -	\$140 (or \$35 per term)
1 day per week attendance -	\$70 (or \$17.50 per term)

If a family has more than one student attending the school then the fees in that instance will be \$350 per fulltime student for the year for the oldest student, and \$260 for all subsequent students.

During the year your child may be involved with **other programs that may incur an extra charge such as: camps, special excursions, riding for the disabled etc.**

Family support options

- **CSEF** - If you have a current **Healthcare card**, please fill in the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions) form that are also available at the office. This entitles your child a government payment that goes towards camp payments or the sports/excursion portion of your annual fees,
- Secondhand school uniform
- State Schools Relief
- Local Community Supports

Consideration of hardship

If you are having specific hardship in meeting any school payments then please contact the school in order to discuss your particular issue.

Please return payment form to the office.

I advise my 2021 school fees will be paid via the method indicated below:

Name:

	Cash/Cheque/Eftpos in full at the start of school year.
	Direct Deposit – BSB:- 063533 Account Number:- 10093939
	Pay at the start of each Term
	Centrepay - if using this option please arrange it by the start of the year
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When paying by Direct Debit please ensure that you use Student Surname and what the money is for (eg. fees, camp, RDA etc).

Over the holidays, two of our staff members celebrated a special occasion.

A very big congratulation goes out to Brooke Price, our P7 teacher, and Jayden Askew on their wedding.

We wish them both all happiness in their future life together.



Congratulations also go out to Abbie Sheridan, our S2 teacher, on her engagement to Aaron Leddin.

Wishing them both every happiness ☺





Parent Payment Categories

Schools What does the legislation say?

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for free instruction in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools. The Act also empowers school councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

In the Act, a 'Parent' includes a guardian and every person who has parental responsibility for a child including parental responsibility under the Commonwealth Family Law Act 1975 and any person with whom the child normally or regularly resides.

What do schools pay for as part of 'free instruction'?

Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities in connection with the instruction of the standard curriculum program, including reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities.

What principles govern parent payment practice?

Educational Value	Access, Equity & Inclusion	Affordability
Engagement & Support	Respect & Confidentiality	Transparency & Accountability

Parents What may parents be asked to pay for?

Schools can request payment for

Essential Student Learning Items

These are items, activities or services that the school deems **essential** to student learning of the standard curriculum.

Where practical and appropriate, parents may choose to purchase items through the school or provide their own.

This may also be either:

Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of:-
E.g.

- Textbooks, activity books, exercise books
- Stationery, book bags
- Student ID cards, locks
- Cooking ingredients students will consume
- Materials for final products that students take home

Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend.
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 i.e. travel, entry fees
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eg.

- Excursions
- Incursions
- School sports
- Work placements

Parents can be asked to pay for items, activities and services in the three Parent Payment Categories:-

1. Essential Student Learning Items
2. Optional Items and
3. Voluntary Financial Contributions

Schools determine how items, activities and services are classified within these categories based on the learning and teaching program of their school.

Schools can request payment for

Optional Items

These are items, activities or services are optional and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.

Students may access these on a user-pay basis. These may be either:

Items the student purchases or hire	Activities the student purchases
E.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School magazines, class photos • Functions, formals, graduation dinners • Materials for extra curricular programs • Student accident insurance 	E.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees for extra curricular programs or activities • Camps, excursions, incursions, sports • Entry fees for school run performances

Schools can invite Voluntary Financial Contributions for:-

- E.g.**
- Building or Library Fund (Tax Deductible)
 - Voluntary contributions for a specific purpose, such as equipment, materials, services.
 - General Voluntary Contributions.

Support for families experiencing hardship is available at every school, we have a nominated parent payment contact person that parents can have a confidential discussion regarding hardship arrangements.

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WARRNAMBOOL
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FORESHORE KIDS TRIATHLON



SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
@ 10.45 AM START

THE PAVILION WARRNAMBOOL FORESHORE

Under 7's - Triathlon Taster - Parents encouraged to run alongside their kids - elements of swim/bike/run together

Ages 7 to 9 - Swim 100m - Ride 2km - Run 500 m

Ages 10 to 12 - Swim 200m - Ride 4km - Run 1km

Ages 12+ Can participate in Short Course Events @ 7.30 am
(Cost \$20) *Note deep water swim

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS - PAY ON THE DAY

Kids Members \$10 Non Members \$15

U7s Gold Coin donation

Sign up online for FREE Kids Membership

For registration details or more information visit:
www.warrnambooltriclub.com or call Peter Varley
(0417786481) / Ian Barnes (0439733939)



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