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STREETON NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone.

I am very excited to be a part of Streeton Primary School for Term 4. I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received this term from parents, staff and students. It has brought back some great memories of being here as a parents and I am encouraged to see the community still strong- particularly during these challenging times. Please feel free to say hi to me if you are passing or you are welcome to make a time for a meeting via phone or WebEx.

Substantive Principal process

The process for the substantive Principal has commenced. It is a rigorous process and run by the Department of Education and Training (DET) in conjunction with School Council. This process will take a number of weeks and the appointment will commence at the start of 2022.

Return to Onsite learning

I think everyone can't wait for onsite learning to recommence! The DET have released advice as to what returning onsite will look like. A copy of the transition to onsite learning roadmap is on our website.

I will be working with the staff to have a focus on student health, wellbeing and relationships when students return to school. There will be some students who are anxious about returning to school. We will be working hard to support children as they come back to onsite learning. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's teacher.

2022 enrolments

Part of my role for this term is to ensure classes and staff are ready for the new Principal in 2022. If you or you know someone who is considering enrolling at Streeton in 2022, an enrolment form is required. Please complete an enrolment form which is on our website: [School Tours & Enrolments | Streeton Primary School \(streetonps.vic.edu.au\)](#) and return it to the school via email or mail.

At this time DET are not allowing school tours onsite. A virtual tour is available from our website. You are also welcome to make a time to call me or a member of our Foundation team to discuss any aspect of the school.

I would like to thank all the families for your perseverance and patience during this time. From what I have seen so far, you are all doing an amazing job. Keep safe and look after yourselves and your family.

Leon Bell
Acting Principal

"Heroes are made in hard times not easy ones"- Robin Sharma.
(Author)

DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT!



**Streeton Primary School
acknowledges the Wurundjeri
People of the Kulin nation as the
traditional custodians of the lands
where we live, learn, work and
play.**



IMPORTANT ON-SITE REMINDERS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please read the following reminders with regards to Department guidelines for 'onsite' learning.

- You must complete the updated 'On-site Attendance Form' prior to the commencement of on-site learning. **BY 3PM the Friday of the week preceding:** Parents or carers are to provide the application form for required days/times for the following week. If you need a copy of this, please contact the school office on 9435 6070.
- The updated 'On-site Attendance Form' must be completed for **each week** your child/children attend. These completed attendance forms need to be emailed to – streeton.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- You must also provide us with the 'Authorised Worker Permit'.
- All unwell students **must** stay at home.
- If unwell students are sent to school they will be sent home in accordance with Department guidelines.

Please ensure you meet the below Department criteria for on-site learning

*All students who can learn at home **must** learn from home. This is a very clear directive by the Victorian Government based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.*

All students will be learning from home, except for children on days or parts of days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made.

It is crucial that parents and carers indicate their child's attendance in advance each week to assist our school for adequate staffing.

Please send the below items with your child/children each day they attend

- Device fully charged (if they have one)
- All teacher directed applications downloaded on your child's device
- Headphones
- Recess, lunch and water bottle
- Own pencil case with a range of writing/drawing materials, scissors, glue stick etc...
- Game that can be played independently – board game, card game, deck of cards etc...
- The 'take home pack' if applicable
- Any workbooks that were sent home such as Soundwaves or handwriting
- Novel or other books. For Junior school children you could send a couple of books
- Colouring book/mindful book (only if you have it)
- An outdoor piece of sporting equipment that students can play
- **School hat** in accordance to our SunSmart Policy

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Please note only paper can be provided for students attending. No classroom resources can be used.

This is very important as Department guidelines stipulate we are unable to lend school items to students. This includes drawing materials, books, sports equipment etc...

Please check these materials with your child as there are many students attending without the full list, making learning on-site difficult.

Please make some time to explore and investigate the downloaded applications with your child.

Information Regarding Your Child's Classroom Teacher

In most cases your child's teacher will not be onsite. As per Department guidelines, supervising staff will not be teaching or providing feedback to your child/children.

The Department has advised that teachers should be working from home. This means most of our teachers at Streeton will also be working from home. All of our teachers are working hard to put curriculum plans in place to ensure continuity of learning and to support the wellbeing of all our students.

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SunSmart Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to encourage behaviours at Streeton Primary School to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

This policy provides guidelines to:

- support staff and students to use a combination of sun protection measures when UV index levels are 3 or above (generally mid-August – end of April)
- ensure that there are outdoor environments that provide adequate shade for students and staff
- ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them to be responsible for their own protection
- support our school's strategies to meet its duty of care and occupational health and safety obligations to minimise harmful UV exposure and associated harm for students and staff.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all school activities, including camps and excursions. It is applicable to all students and staff.

POLICY

Excessive exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause health problems including sunburn, damage to skin and eyes, and skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer in later life.

UV radiation:

- cannot be seen or felt
- can be reflected off surfaces such as buildings, asphalt, concrete, water, sand and snow
- can pass through light clouds
- varies in intensity across the year (highest in Victoria from mid-August – 30 April)
- peaks during school hours

Sun safety is a shared responsibility and staff, parents and students are encouraged to implement a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 and above (typically from mid-August to the end of April in Victoria). Information about the daily local sun protection times is available via the free SunSmart app, or at sunsmart.com.au or bom.gov.au. The sun protection times are a forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology for the time of date UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher. **At these levels, sun protection is recommended for all skin types.**

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Streeton Primary School has the following measures in place to help reduce the risk of excessive UV sun exposure for staff and students.

Shade

Streeton Primary School will provide sufficient options for shelter and trees to provide shade on school grounds, particularly in places such as:

- the canteen
- designated eating areas
- outdoor lesson areas
- popular play areas
- assembly areas
- sporting grounds/pools

The availability of shade is considered when planning all outdoor activities. Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.

When building works or grounds maintenance is conducted at Streeton Primary School that may impact on the level of shading available to staff and students, a review of the shaded areas available will be conducted and further shading installed as appropriate.

Sun protective uniform/clothing

Streeton Primary School recommends that from mid-August to 30 April, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, students come to school wearing sun-protective clothing such as:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts
- rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming activities.

Streeton Primary School's school uniform and dress code includes sun-protective clothing, including:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts
- rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming activities.

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From mid-August to 30 April, all staff and students **must** wear a sun protective hat that shades the face, neck and ears for all outdoor activities. Hats may also be worn for all outdoor activities outside of the August to April time period, by parent or student choice.

Staff and students are encouraged to wear hat styles that protect the face, neck and ears when outdoors, for example broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket. Peak caps and visors are not considered a suitable alternative.

Students are required to wear a school hat or another hat style that protects the face, neck and ears when outdoors, for example broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket. Students who are not wearing appropriate protective clothing or a hat will be asked to play in the shade or in a suitable area protected from the sun.

Sunscreen

Streeton Primary School encourages all staff and students to apply SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen daily from mid-August to the end of April and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above. Sunscreen should be applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors, and reapplied every two hours, or more frequently if sweating or swimming according to [manufacturer's instructions](#).

Streeton Primary School has strategies in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors [for example i.e. reminder notices, newsletter reminders, reminders from teachers].

At Streeton Primary School students are welcome to attend the school office to access sunscreen.

Staff and families should role model SunSmart behaviour and are encouraged to apply SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen when outside.

Sunglasses

Where practical Streeton Primary School encourages students and staff engaged in outdoor activities to wear close-fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Curriculum

Students at our school are encouraged to make healthy choices, and are supported to understand the benefits and risks of sun exposure. Streeton Primary School will address sun and UV safety education as part of our start of year units of work for all year levels.

Staff are encouraged to access resources, tools, and professional learning to enhance their knowledge and capacity to promote sun smart behaviour across the school community. Resources can be sourced at <https://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/early-childhood-schools/resources-schools-early-childhood/primary-school-resources>

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

School Policy Advisory Guide:

- [Sun and UV Protection Policy](#)
- [Duty of care](#)
- [SunSmart](#)
- [Achievement Program](#)'s SunSmart policy

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in August 2020 and is scheduled for review in August 2024.