



## NEWSLETTER

February 23rd 2022 - Week 4 Term 1

### Principal's Message

A great day to hold a Swimming Sports Carnival.

As you are aware changes are the only constant at the moment. The latest advice is:

From Monday 28 February, masks are no longer required for students and staff in secondary schools. All other mask rules remain the same. Clearly the reason for this is the high level of vaccination rate amongst this student population. The clear message around the three Vs has allowed for this change effective from Monday. If you are not sure about how to book for a vaccination please contact the office and we will be able to pass on relevant health providers who can provide this service.

Visitors to school sites do not have to QR code in but we do need people to sign in via our Compass digital portal please. The need for visitors who are adults being triple vaxed is also part of the Department's expectations.

Our data in terms of COVID cases has been very good this week. As part of the ongoing monitoring the Department has provided us with more RATs which will be distributed next week. The RAT program has been extended to cover all of Term 1.

We are excited that our Astronomy class will have an evening of star gazing through a very sophisticated telescope. This event was planned for this evening but has been postponed due to the cloud conditions.

At School Council last night we covered a number of items. One which may interest students in Years 7 to 10, and their parents, is the trial we are currently conducting which allows students to go down the street to purchase lunch.

The following criteria were settled upon to allow for evidence to be collected to determine if this trial can become normal practice, or if we are needing to return to a different model of operation.

1. Students must sign in and out.
2. Students must follow expectations, including that they only leave go to places to buy lunch, and they are only out of the school for up to 20 minutes.
3. Food and drinks purchased are options which will enable after lunch learning.
4. Students will conduct themselves in a manner which enhances their reputations.

These criteria will be clearly explained to all of the relevant students so that they are well aware of what they need to do. Tambo students are also looking forward to a range of lunchtime activities starting soon, and to the VCAL canteen providing healthy eating options at recess time.

Flagstaff students are enjoying starting their school day with a race around the world. If you haven't heard about this, please ask them.

Robert Boucher

# EXPLORE

## The Buchan Cave Reserve

### SATURDAY 05TH MARCH



#### Buchan Cave Tour

All paid for adventure for young people aged between 12-20 to explore the Royal Cave on a private tour



#### Picnic at the Reserve

A picnic will be provided for the group and a Vic Park Ranger will join us for a Q&A about the conservation of nature and land management, the perks and less glamorous aspects of the job and any other questions along the way



#### The Low down

13 spots only.  
Meet at Omeo Primary School @ 9 am for departure in the ODH Mini Bus.  
Pick Up at Swift's Creek's and Ensay (on request)  
Royal Cave Tour starts at 11:45 am  
Picnic at 12:45 pm  
Leave between 2:30 - 3 pm



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