



# Weekly Views Epping Views Primary

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## EVPS Values

**Be Respectful  
Be Honest  
Be Caring  
Be Excellent  
Be Responsible**

### School Motto

**'From Little Things Big Things Grow'**

**PLEASE REMEMBER we are an 'egg & nut free' school: no eggs, peanut butter, nuts or nutella spread to come to school at any time. Please assist us to keep our students safe. Thank you.**



### Principal Views

#### EVPS SUSTAINABILITY ETHOS



From the beginning of the school's existence we have endeavoured to educate our staff and students of the need to be responsible with natural resources. We have won many awards in the past and are proud of the way in which our school has tried to live sustainably. Lessons are taught in Kitchen Garden as well as in classrooms about the need to decrease our use of water, energy and the amount of waste we send to landfill.

Please talk to your children at home about these important messages, remember to send rubbish free lunches and re-useable water bottles to school,

and practise sustainably disposing of used electronic devices as well as recycling of clothing, furniture and household goods.

Following on from the Covid lockdown last year we have seen a reduction in the hole in the ozone layer so let's continue to build on that progress. Please reduce the amount of rubbish packets in lunch boxes and reduce the amount of plastic bottles so that our school rubbish bins are almost made redundant.

#### WEARING THE EVPS UNIFORM WITH PRIDE

Please note that plain black pants are the correct uniform and students should not be wearing other coloured shorts, track pants etc. All polos, jackets, and windcheaters must have our school logo. The next delivery of the new polo shirts and jackets is not too far away. Please remember you can purchase uniform items on QkR every day and the items will be sent to the classrooms or you can buy uniform items over the counter on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**PLEASE REMEMBER PLAIN BLACK PANTS ONLY.**

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Positions on School Council are for two years and each year in February/March we hold an election to fill our vacancies for staff and parent vacancies.

We wish to sincerely thank our retiring parent councillors, Nick Brain, Daniela Altandzieva and Trish Bennett and our staff members Jenny Loorham and Johnathan Patatsos. Retiring councillors are eligible to renominate. If we receive more nominations than vacancies then we will hold a ballot where all school families will be asked to vote for the candidates nominating.

If you would like to nominate to be on School Council please ask for a nomination form from the office or email me from 9am on Monday 1st March. Nominations will close on Tuesday 9th March at 4pm.

#### CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATIONS



If you have a current Health care card and you have a Prep child starting this year you will need to apply for the CSEF for the Prep child at the office. Please note you must have a current Health Care Card as of 27/1/2021 to be eligible for CSEF. If you are on an immi card and do not have a health care card then special consideration may apply. Please speak with the office staff if you think this may apply to you.

#### YEAR THREE CAMP

Just like that our first 2021 campers are off and away. It was exciting to see many of our Year Three students heading off to Camp Oasis on Wednesday morning. I am heading to the camp this evening so I am looking forward to seeing all the students and staff and hearing about their adventures. The life skills that students learn on camp are so important to their whole development. Thank you for allowing them to experience this growing independence and the opportunity to create great memories. A BIG thank you to our staff who leave their own families in order to provide our students with these unique experiences.

**Pauline Kubat: Principal**  
**Pauline.Kubat@education.vic.gov.au**

**Keep your hands and feet to yourself.**

**School Mantras**

**Everyday Counts.**

**Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Re-Think  
Sustainability: It's our responsibility**

**We don't swear at Epping Views!**

# 2021 Dates

DATE	EVENT	PAYMENT DUE	YEAR LEVEL
8th March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	-	Whole School
18th March	1AT, 1EP, 3SM Life Ed	-	1AT, 1EP, 3SM
23rd/25th March	School Photos	-	Whole School
26th March	Prep Breakfast	TBA	Preps
1st April	Curriculum Day Last Day of Term 1	-	Whole School
19th April	First Day of Term 2	-	Whole School

Payment due date is now advertised in the newsletter.

It is essential that payments are made before the due date if you wish for your child to be included in the event.

Due to the COVID circuit breaker lockdown grades 1AT, 1EP and 3SM were not able to attend Life Education. These dates have been rescheduled to 18th March.

# 2021 Photo Day

## Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

**Epping Views Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 23/03/21 & 25/03/2021**

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 24/03/2021 \*\***

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

### **4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING**

**Step 1 Click Here** - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [QPN V5H Z5N]

**Step 2:** Enter your student's details.

**Step 3:** Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

**Step 4:** Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**\*\* Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

**FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS** No envelope required if ordering online

### **3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING**

- Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [QPN V5H Z5N]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 24/03/2021
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount.

### **ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE**

**ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE**

**Step 1: Student Details:** Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

**Step 2: Purchase Details:** Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

**Step 3: Payment Method:** Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Cash – Please enclose correct money – as change is not available

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you **Do Not** wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

[info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team



# EVPS Uniform!



**Gurdit from Year 1 is wearing the correct uniform!  
Well done Gurdit!**

Green Short Sleeve Polo—available from the school uniform shop on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday or on QKR.

Plain black pants— available from Kmart, Target, Big W.



**Rubi from Year 1 is wearing the correct uniform!  
Well done Rubi!**

Summer Dress —available from the school uniform shop on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday or on QKR.



**Sargun Kaur from Prep is wearing the correct uniform!  
Well done Sargun Kaur!**

Micro Mesh School Shirt — available from the school uniform shop on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday or on QKR.



**Lexi from Year 2 is wearing the correct uniform!  
Well done Lexi!**

NEW Micro Mesh Short Sleeve Polo — available from the school uniform shop on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday or on QKR.

# The world of sport!

## Interschool Sport Program

The schools involved in our sports competition are: Marymede, The Lakes, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (SMCM), Harvest Home, Morang South and Al Siraat.

We will field two girls and two boys teams per sport (EVPS 1 and EVPS 2). The sports we are involved in **term 1** are:

- Soccer
- European Handball
- Cricket

### **All games to commence by 9.30am.**

The first named school is the home team and Epping Views Primary School (EVPS) home grounds are:

- European handball at EVPS
- Soccer at Harvest Home Ground (synthetic pitch)
- Cricket at Epping Reserve

**EV2 V Glowrey**

**Marymede 1 (MM1) V EV1 (away)**

For away games this week against Harvest Home

European handball, Soccer and Cricket all played at Harvest Home (365 Harvest Home Rd, Epping).

A reminder no parents/friends permitted to attend games.

A reminder there is Training every Friday morning from 8.00am-8.40am for all interschool sports teams. First training session will be Friday February 19th.

## **Intraschool Sport Program:**

Students have been placed into teams. The students will be playing a variety of sports at school/Harvest Home grounds, such as:

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Lawn Bowls
- Teeball
- Tennis

## Round 2 Results:

**EV1 BYE**

### **Marymede 2 (MM2) V EV2 (away)**

Cricket Boys: MM2 55 to EV2 122

Cricket Girls: MM2 108 to EV2 43

Euro Handball Boys: MM2 6 to EV2 3

Euro Handball Girls: MM2 2 to EV2 3

Soccer Boys: MM2 0 goals to EV2 1 goal

Soccer Girls: MM2 0 goals to EV2 3 goals

## **VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SPORTS ASSOCIATION- CODES OF BEHAVIOUR:**

The codes of behaviour are put in place so that the sports played are enjoyed by all and that there are no misunderstandings as to the roles that everyone has, who is involved in school sport.

### **FOR PLAYERS:**

Be a good sport. Play for enjoyment. Work hard for your team as well as yourself. Treat all team mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself. Play by the rules. Control your behaviour on and off the field. Learn to value honest effort.

### **FOR THE TEACHERS AND COACHES:**

Set a good example for your players. Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills. Teach a wide range of team skills. Ensure that the sport is appropriate for the age group and the skill development of the players involved. Teach your players to be friendly towards officials and opponents. Give all interested students a chance to participate in training and in games. Remove from the field of play any of your players whose behaviour is not acceptable. Keep your own knowledge of coaching and the developments of the game up to date.

### **FOR PARENTS:**

Encourage participation by your children. Provide a model for good sportspersonship for your child to copy. Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sports administrators. Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty. Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions. Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.

### **FOR SPECTATORS:**

Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour. Remember children play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment. Let game officials conduct the events without interference. Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause. Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.

Physical Education & Sports Coordinator - Sebastian Scanu

## **Missed a call?**

The office are receiving many calls from parents saying they have missed a call however, they don't know who has called.

Epping Views Primary School has over 100 staff members and it is very difficult to work out who has called you, especially when they are teaching.

Our staff have been instructed to leave messages if a voicemail is available.

Please ensure you listen to the messages left on your phone before you call back.



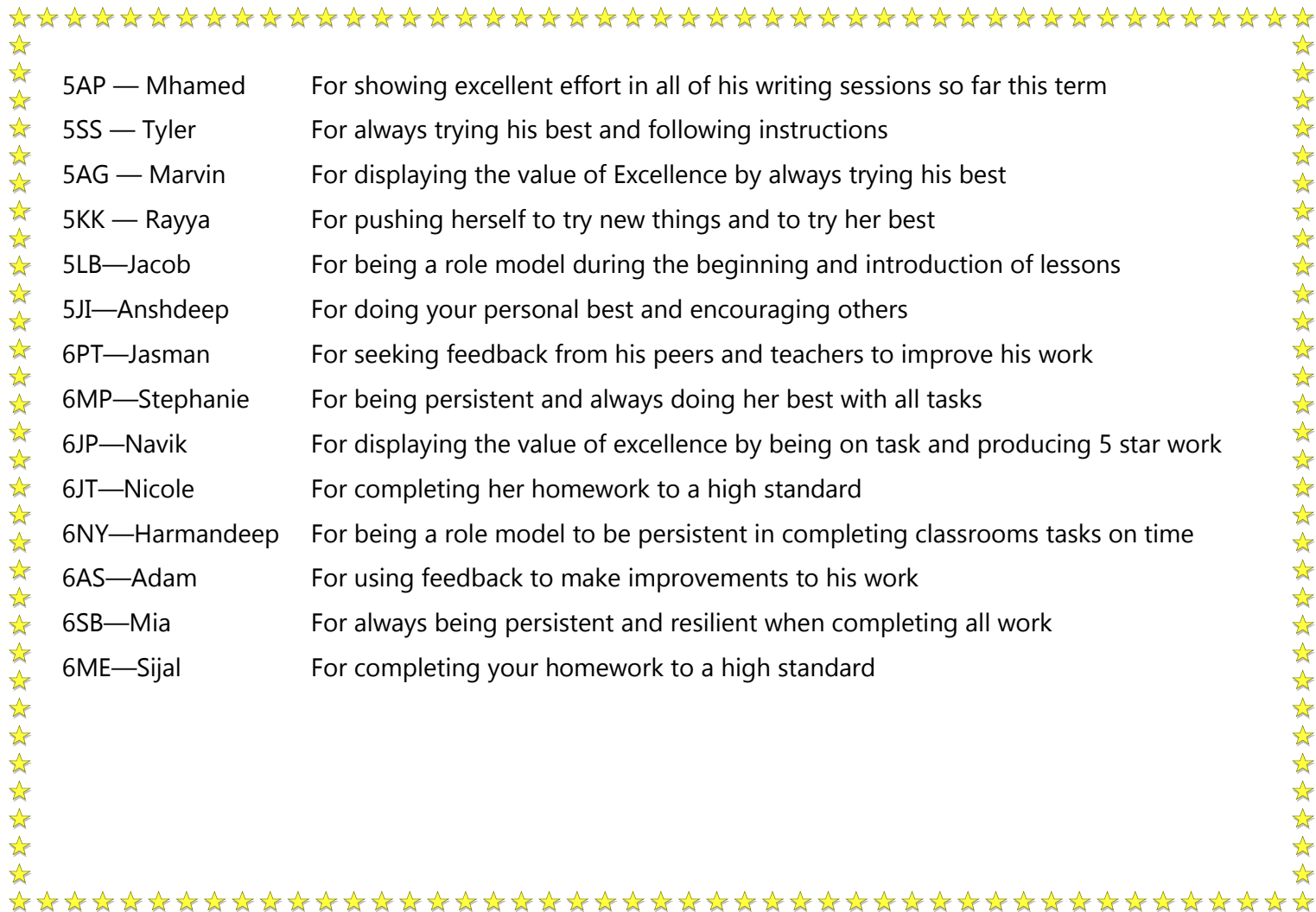
# Be Excellent

PAP — Anaya	For being a role model in our classroom and completing 5 star work
PCA — Miles	For always doing 5 star work
PRQ — Spencer	For contributing to his learning goals and completing tasks showing his personal best
PSM — Millie	For always trying your best in all areas of learning
PCM — Talia	For trying her best and persisting through challenging tasks
PJB — Daniel	For completing 5 star work
PAM — Eva	For always trying your best and encouraging your friends
PCT — Elijah	For always having a go at all learning activities
PEV — Ava	For working hard the whole time in our reading groups
1JS — Jagpal	For always encouraging others and supporting them
1MM — Sanna	For always trying her very best in everything she does
1TB — Ante	For doing an excellent job in class
1AJ — Erika	For always listening to her teachers
1MC — Tejas	For being an excellent helper during Reading in ICT activities
1AT — Arissa	For always taking challenges and trying your very best
1SG — Helen	For being a role model
1EP — Satinder	For always trying her best in everything she does
2BL — Jada	For challenging yourself
2KH — Olivia	For writing an excellent recount about Magic The Monkey
2RM — Mohamed	For taking on feedback and always trying his best when completing tasks
2LW — Jaylene	For working hard with her reading skills
2CB — William	For trying his absolute best
2ME — Grace	For doing your personal best
2KW — Om	For always doing his personal best and focussing on his task
3SM — George	For always doing your personal best in all learning areas

## **\*\*Year 3 students are on camp\*\***

4LB — Hudson	For challenging himself with his Place Value work
4MR — Dahlia	For doing her personal best in Reading
4CU — Myra	For being a role model and working towards her goals
4MW — Rushda	For being a role model to the rest of her classmates
4KB — Mia	For being a role model and always trying your best





- 5AP — Mhamed For showing excellent effort in all of his writing sessions so far this term
- 5SS — Tyler For always trying his best and following instructions
- 5AG — Marvin For displaying the value of Excellence by always trying his best
- 5KK — Rayya For pushing herself to try new things and to try her best
- 5LB—Jacob For being a role model during the beginning and introduction of lessons
- 5JI—Anshdeep For doing your personal best and encouraging others
- 6PT—Jasman For seeking feedback from his peers and teachers to improve his work
- 6MP—Stephanie For being persistent and always doing her best with all tasks
- 6JP—Navik For displaying the value of excellence by being on task and producing 5 star work
- 6JT—Nicole For completing her homework to a high standard
- 6NY—Harmandeep For being a role model to be persistent in completing classrooms tasks on time
- 6AS—Adam For using feedback to make improvements to his work
- 6SB—Mia For always being persistent and resilient when completing all work
- 6ME—Sijal For completing your homework to a high standard



# EVPS says NO to WASTE!

*Put waste in the right place.*

We want you to help us *erase the waste!*

You can help our school reduce waste by taking home all soft plastic wrappers or pack your snacks in reusable containers.





# KITCHEN & GARDEN CHATTER & SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

**The school gardens** are flourishing with the recent spate of warm weather and the summer rain. We have predominantly Australian Native plants – bottle brush, grevilleas, acacias and eucalypts - in our school which attract a wide variety of birds, including wattle birds, sulphur crested cockatoos, galahs, grass parrots, rainbow lorikeets, native Myna, crested pigeon, magpies and willy wagtails, to name a few.

**The vegie gardens** surrounding Cluckingham Palace have started producing tomatoes, although they are slow to ripen, a good number of zucchinis and our herbs – rosemary, mint and chives – are doing well. The corn is growing tall although yet to produce any cobs.

**The Kitchen & Garden students** recently harvested lots of parsley seeds, rosemary to grow cuttings and climbing beans to dry and plant later in the year. They also collected seed heads for the first time, from the Lamb's ears in the Sensory garden, to see if we can propagate our own plants.

The 12 chooks in **Cluckingham Palace** were looked after by a team of rostered volunteers over the school holidays.

A very **big thank you** to Bernie, Rama, Tracie McB, Sharon, Chloe, Harpreet, Branka and Rosie for giving up their time to care for the EVPS chickens and Cottontail the rabbit (from the Kinder), who stays with us over holidays.

In some **exciting news**, we are pleased to announce that EVPS received a \$1000 grant from **Yates** to build a **Potting Shed!** Plans are well under way and this project should be completed by May. The Potting Shed will be located adjacent to Cluckingham Palace.

At the moment we are liaising with **Narelle** from the **City of Whittlesea** to participate in a project called **“The B&B Highway”**. The aim of the B&B Highway is to create a secure space with indigenous plantings, a constant, clean water supply and bee hotels, nesting boxes and lizard lounges to attract Bees, Birds, Butterflies and Bugs to the garden!

At the end of 2020, **Bunnings Epping** donated a **vertical garden** to the K&G program. We have different herbs planted in it, including: pineapple sage, parsley, chives and mint. These are used in our cooking sessions and also to familiarise students with the look, smell, feel and taste of fresh herbs, as well as how to care for them as the plants grow.

Have you noticed the new signs around the school? Near **Cluckingham Palace**, a large green totem pole with the words **“Be Sustainable”** has been installed and it looks **AMAZING!**

# Netball: Come and Try



**Free Event Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Tournament style games for 11&U, 13&U,  
and 15&U – accepting individuals & teams.  
All Welcome**

**NetSetGo program for Ages 5-7 from  
11am to 12 (accredited trainers)**

**9am to 2pm**

**RMIT BNASC Stadium,  
Off McKimmies Rd, Bundoora,**

**Cost: FREE, no cost for participating**

**Must Register: [info@pvna.com.au](mailto:info@pvna.com.au)**

**RSVP. 20<sup>th</sup> February**



# DIFFERENT JOURNEYS PRESENTS AUTISM INFORMATION EVENING

## TOPIC

Autism and the role of sensory profile in managing stress and anxiety

## WHEN

Tuesday 16th March  
6-9pm

## WHERE

Greensborough RSL  
111 Main St, Greensborough

## COST

\$40  
Includes Main meal

## BOOKINGS

[www.trybooking.com/BNYPA](http://www.trybooking.com/BNYPA)



Come and hear occupational therapist Tim Angel talking to us about the role of sensory processing in managing stress/anxiety if you are autistic.

Tim graduated from LaTrobe University in 2005 and immediately commenced working as an Occupational therapist. Tim quickly established a sound reputation for being a subject matter expert for developmental interventions and rehabilitation. Tim's work and therapy addressed a wide variety of conditions including ASD, chronic pain, brain injury, and neurological conditions. Having 16 years of experience working as a Lifestyle Coach, Tim has been able to pair his counselling and motivational skills with his Occupational Therapy. His unique approach has assisted clients to overcome various challenges associated with their mental and intellectual health. Tim's unique skillset and empathetic approach ensures that he is able to work with clients to collaboratively achieve their goals. He is passionate about improving the lives and well being of all his clients both physically and emotionally.



This event is proudly supported by State Government Supporting Carers Locally Grant

# Fact sheet 1: School Council Elections – Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the Public Administration Act 2004.

School councillors must abide by the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or**
  - b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.**
- In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to participate in and vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual timeline has been varied by the Minister for Education.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the parent member category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal for further information.