

MARYVALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER WEEK 7 TERM 2, 2026



REMINDERS

- **Students without a hat will not be able to play outside during lunch break.**
- **School Drop off From 8:30am - Breakfast Club Daily.**
- **Absences if your child is going to be absent, this can be recorded by phoning the school or by sending a text message to the school mobile 0475 832 540**
- **If your child arrives at school after 9am - they MUST be signed in by the adult dropping them off.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Warm food Wednesdays

10th June - Savory Mince Pie

11th June Playgroup

12th June Scramble Egg Breakfast

25th June Playgroup

26th June Excursion

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As we move into the second half of the term, our classroom remain busy with teaching, learning and preparation for upcoming assessment tasks. Students will begin demonstrating their learning across a range of curriculum areas, while staff work carefully to gather evidence, moderate work samples and prepare semester reports. During this important time, regular school attendance is essential, as every day of learning supports students to build confidence, consolidate skills and achieve success in their assessments. We encourage all students to continue trying their best, staying organised and taking pride in their learning achievements.

Excursion

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS ON OUR END OF TERM EXCURSION

To celebrate our end of semester learning and to continue to expose our children to different experiences we will be taking the students on an excursion on the last day of Term Friday 26th June. Information on where we will be going will be sent out in the next few weeks.

The school will be closed on this day, if your child isn't attending the excursion, please see Mrs Wernecke for some work for your child to complete.



She/He is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

Every Day Counts

Every Day Counts is a statewide initiative that aims to assist in improving students attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community.

To do this, Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- Schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situation and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community

Administration of Medication

ADMINISTRATION of MEDICATION in SCHOOL

Does your child need medication during school hours?

If your child needs to take medication at school, please provide the office staff with a completed and signed Consent to administer medication form (which can be obtained from the school office), the medication in its original container, and medical authorisation (e.g. the pharmacy label, or a letter from the doctor, or a completed and signed health action plan).

For further information, please refer to the Information for parent/carers and health practitioners. If you have an queries, please contact the office.



E - SAFETY COMMISSIONER



We would like to draw your attention to a growing online platform called OmeTV, which has become increasingly popular among young people and has effectively replaced the now-defunct Omegle platform.

OmeTV is a randomised video chat application that connects users anonymously with strangers from around the world via live video and text. While it is marketed as a social networking or friendship platform, there are significant safety concerns, particularly for children and adolescents.

The Australian eSafety Commissioner has issued warnings regarding the platform's limited safeguards for young users.

Potential Risks

Use of OmeTV may expose young people to:

Inappropriate or sexualised content

Contact with anonymous adults

Grooming or predatory behaviour

Pressure to share personal information or social media accounts

Cyberbullying, harassment, or coercive interactions

Offensive language, nudity, or harmful behaviour without warning

Unlike many mainstream platforms, OmeTV does not effectively verify users' ages, meaning children may be directly connected with unknown adults in live video conversations.

Signs to Look Out For

Families may wish to remain vigilant for indicators that a child is using OmeTV or similar platforms, including:

References to "OmeTV", "Ome", "random chat", or "roulette chat"

Quickly hiding screens when others approach

Frequent late-night device use

Use of headphones during private or secretive conversations

Messages or contact requests from unknown people

Use of alternate or hidden social media accounts



Supporting Safe Online Behaviour

We encourage families to maintain open and ongoing conversations about online safety. It is important that young people understand:

Never to share personal information, school details, images, or location online

Not everyone online is who they claim to be

Unsafe or inappropriate interactions should be reported to a trusted adult

They should leave any interaction or platform that makes them uncomfortable

Practical Steps for Families

You may also consider:

Regularly reviewing apps installed on devices

Checking privacy and parental control settings

Keeping devices in shared family areas where possible

Maintaining open communication about online activity

Further Information

For more information, families can access the following resources from the eSafety Commissioner:

The eSafety Commissioner provides a detailed overview of OmeTV, including safety advice for families, via the following resource:

eSafety Guide – OmeTV

Additional online safety resources for parents and carers can also be found via:

The eSafety Guide

We value the ongoing partnership between home and school in supporting the safety and wellbeing of our young people, both online and offline.

Cyberbullying quick guide



What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is when someone uses the internet to be mean to a child or young person under 18, so they feel bad or upset.

It can happen on a social media site, game, app, or any other online or electronic service or platform. It can include: posts, comments, texts, messages, chats, livestreams, memes, images, videos and emails.

For example, someone might send hurtful messages or share embarrassing photos or videos of a child or young person, spread nasty online gossip about them or create fake accounts in their name.

What should I do?

If you are being cyberbullied it's a good idea to tell a trusted adult, like a parent, carer or teacher and ask them to help you.

You can also report cyberbullying material to get the harmful content removed from the social media site, gaming site or app.

Steps to report cyberbullying



1. Collect evidence

Take screenshots to use as proof to show what happened and where.

Things to screenshot or save a copy

- What the content says or shows
- The user profile of the person who sent, posted or shared it
- The date and time it was sent, posted or shared
- The name of the site, game or app
- The online address of the webpage or feed (URL)





2. Report harmful content

Report the harmful content to the site, game or app used to send, post or share it – you can find reporting links to the common ones in [The eSafety Guide](#). This is often the fastest way to have the harmful content removed.

If the site, game or app does not help, you can report content that is seriously embarrassing, harassing, threatening or humiliating to eSafety using our online form, at [eSafety.gov.au/report/forms](https://www.esafety.gov.au/report/forms). We will ask you for proof of the cyberbullying and to show that you have already reported it to the site, game or app.

You can also report the abuse to the police. This is often the safest thing to do if someone is threatening you or your family or friends.



3. Prevent further contact

Don't respond to the person. **Change the privacy settings** on your device or online account so you don't see so many messages, posts or comments from them. You can use the in-app functions to ignore, mute or block the other person or account.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child who has been targeted by online abuse, you can report serious cyberbullying to eSafety on their behalf, if the site, game or app has not helped.



4. Get more help

Talking about cyberbullying with a trusted adult like a parent, carer or teacher can make you feel better. You can also talk to someone at Kids Helpline by phone or chat for free – they help 5 to 25-year-olds. Or you can contact another counselling or support service.



Counselling and support services

Kids Helpline

1800 55 1800

kidshelpline.com.au

Kids Helpline is available to 5 to 25-year-olds for all issues. Confidential phone counselling and online chat support is available all day, every day.

Headspace

1800 650 890

headspace.org.au

Free phone counselling and online chat available for 12 to 25-year-olds, 9am to 1am AEST, every day.

QLife

1800 184 527

qlife.org.au

QLife offers counselling and referrals for people of all ages who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and/or intersex. Phone counselling is available from 3pm to 12am, every day. Online chat is available 3pm to 12am, every day.

Support in your language

Call the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask them to contact one of the helplines for you or to assist with making a report to eSafety. Or visit the website at tisonational.gov.au.

Support for hearing or speech impairment

Call the National Relay Service on **133 677** for a teletypewriter (TTY) and voice calls and ask them to contact one of the helplines for you. Or visit the website at infrastructure.gov.au/national-relay-service.

Stay safe

Emergency help in Australia, any time of the day or night:

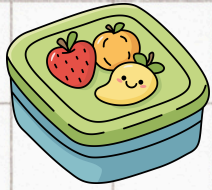
If your life or safety is at risk and you need urgent help call **Triple Zero (000)**.

If you're having thoughts about suicide or self-harm call Lifeline on **13 11 14** or the Suicide Call Back Service on **1300 659 467**.

More information

For more on [cyberbullying](#) and tips on [how to take care of yourself if you are cyberbullied](#), visit eSafety.gov.au.





LUNCHBOX REMINDERS



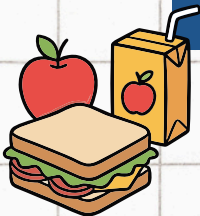
TO HELP MAKE LUNCHTIME EASIER AND SAFER FOR ALL STUDENTS, WE KINDLY ASK FAMILIES TO PLEASE CHECK LUNCHBOXES EACH DAY.

STUDENTS NEED TO BRING:

- THEIR OWN FORK AND/OR SPOON IF REQUIRED FOR THEIR LUNCH
- EASY-TO-OPEN CONTAINERS SO STUDENTS CAN INDEPENDENTLY ACCESS THEIR FOOD
- CLEARLY NAMED LUNCHBOXES AND DRINK BOTTLES

FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT SEND GLASS CONTAINERS OR GLASS DRINK BOTTLES TO SCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING STUDENTS ENJOY A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL LUNCHTIME EXPERIENCE.



HANDLE WITH CARE

If your family is experiencing difficulty at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that details are not always to be shared and that is okay.

If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend please message me on: 0475 832 540 or email me, "Handle with Care" Email: principal@maryvaless.eq.edu.au. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time and care that day.

