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Newsletter - Term 4 Week 8

Principal's Message

It's amazing how quickly that this term has moved and it seems incredible that this term has passed through so quickly. At the date of this newsletter, we are 2 weeks away from the end of the 2020 school year and what an incredible year it has been. Some of you may have seen in the media that schools have been advised of some expected changes to restrictions being put in place for the beginning of the next school year. As this is still 2 months away, these restrictions are not being communicated to you now as we know that a great deal can happen in a two month period. Suffice to say that the expectation is that we will have changes that will mean some changes to drop off and pick up. These will finally allow parents to be onsite at these times though there will be guidelines about how this works. There will be more about this communicated at the beginning of next term.

In these past few school days, I have been going into classrooms to work with our teachers and students. This has been such a fantastic experience seeing all of the amazing learning that is happening in classrooms. Across the school, believe me, your children are in great hands. These kinds of visits are something I would like to see all of their teachers spending more time doing so that we can better understand and share our practice.

As we move towards the end of the school year we have many events coming up. We have our presentation day assemblies, our Fun Day led by year 6, surf awareness and of course picnic day. So many fantastic events, some of which we were not sure we were ever going to be able to complete six months ago. Sadly our Christmas concert will not be going ahead. We tried looking at options for this but when we worked out the numbers and restrictions we realised that it would not be very equitable.

Our leadership process for the year 5's has concluded and Ms Chapman will be contacting families individually about this at the end of the week. It has been amazing to see the focus and

effort from all of the students going for leadership. The posters, the speeches, the voting and all of the effort to sell themselves. Whatever the outcome for them individually, I believe that it has been a great opportunity to sell themselves.

This is the penultimate newsletter of this year and the final newsletter will be handed out on the last day of the school year. Until then, stay safe and healthy and good luck with your holiday preparations.

Stage and Composite Classes

The mention of stage and composite classes is one that often provokes mixed feelings in our community. We completely understand this and know that you may need some more information to help you. The discussion around this has been raised further by the knowledge that there will most probably be a K/1 class in 2021. We acknowledge these concerns and this Friday we will be releasing a video and audio conversation around this important topic. This will be placed on our website and the individual links will be sent out via SchoolZine.

Bring Your Own Device Information

As you may be aware, every child in year 3 and above is able to bring their own technology device to school so that they may use it as part of their learning. This is subject to an agreement being signed by the student and parents which relates to how the device is used in school.

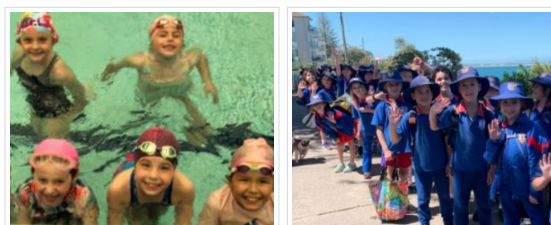
As this is a big decision for parents, we will be providing some information about this as an information video which will be published at the beginning of next week. It is particularly important when we consider that Christmas is coming up.

This will talk about:

- Why is it worth doing BYOD?
- What do they do with the devices - the benefits?

- What type of devices can we use?
- Where would we get them from?
- How do we manage them at home and at school?

We will send the details of this out at the beginning of next week via SchoolZine. The video will be useful to all families with students in year 2 to 5 this year.



Picnic Day

On **Wednesday 16th December**, K-6 students and teachers will be celebrating this year's achievements by enjoying a picnic at **Oak Park, Cronulla**. The picnic is a whole school activity and all students are expected to attend. Students will walk with their teachers to and from Oak Park, leaving school at 9:30am and returning at 1:00pm. A note with further details will be going home this week.

Please be aware that the guidelines clearly state that non-essential adults are still not permitted on the groups or at school events. NO parents, grandparents and carers can attend Picnic Day. Staff will be instructed to cease activities should it become necessary due to unauthorised attendance. Toilet blocks at Oak Park are being cleaned by council.

K-2 News

December has arrived and we have been hearing all about students' Christmas trees and upcoming holiday plans. As the weather heats up, please remind students to bring their hats and drink bottles every day. This week, K-2 had the opportunity to listen to an author talk by Ursula Dubosarsky. K-2 classes are also beginning to finish up some of the major units of work and are looking forward to the end of year celebrations.



Home Reading

The final day for home reading will be this **Friday 4th December**. Please send all home readers back to school. We appreciate all your efforts in supporting your child's reading this year.

Year 2 Swimming

This **Friday 4th December** will be the final lesson for year 2 swimming. The students have had a wonderful time and enjoyed getting back in the water developing their swimming strokes. We would like to thank you for supporting this program.

Stage 2 News

Stage 2 have been studying "Our Neighbours". We have been concentrating on Timor-Leste and Indonesia.

On Friday's we have also been meeting in the Library to continue our work on our social skills lessons. We have been currently concentrating on 'respect' both in class and on the playground.

In Mathematics we have been consolidating our multiplication and division skills and looking at statistics and probability.

Please note some upcoming events:

- 7th December - Stage 2 Surf Awareness
- 10th December - Presentation Day
- 15th December - Fun Day

Stage 3 News

2021 Leadership

The votes are being tallied and final scores recorded for the amazing students in year 5 who applied for a leadership position in 2021. All students who participated in the process should be so proud of their efforts. The successful applicants will be announced to the community in week 9, on presentation day.

Year 6 Parents we need your help!

The Year 6 graduation gift of new bike and scooter racks have arrived at school. We are asking for the assistance of handy year 6 parents who may be able to assist in installing them. If you have the skill set and are willing to donate your time please contact the school.

Year 6 Fun Day

Year 6 will be hosting their Fun Day on Tuesday in Week 10. Students have been working well with their group to organise their stall and ensure they have everything they need. All students in Years K-5 should have received a permission note last week. Please ensure the note and \$5 is returned to the office so your child can participate in the activities on the day. Some of the great stalls that Year 6 have planned include a basketball competition, lucky dip, haunted house, water balloon and whipped cream games, and ultimate dodgeball. We are really looking forward to this fun celebration.

Library News

K-3 Arthur Visit

Kindergarten, Year 1, 2 and 3 thoroughly enjoyed the visit we had on Tuesday from author Ursula Dubosarsky. Ursula is the Australian Children's Laureate for 2020 and 2021 and shared with the children her love of reading and writing during our morning with her. She talked about how she creates her books and the time taken to not only write the story but also the process of the illustrator creating the pictures. Ursula read one of her most well known stories "The Terrible Plop", which the children all loved (and some lucky people got to help act out!). It's lovely to again be able to have visitors coming into our school to share their experiences with all of us!



P&C News

Canteen Update

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who continue to support the canteen with their time. Thank you to school families who continue to support the canteen by regularly ordering.

Specifically thank you to Rachel, Lauren, Sally, Rochelle, Mardi, Hayley and Kristy. We need two people for this Thursday 3rd December to come and help. The last day for canteen this year is the 10th December.

We are still in need of a volunteer coordinator to take on the role next year that Rachel has been doing. The canteen is run completely by volunteers, which means all profits that are made can be donated directly back to the school. Last year, \$20,000 was donated to the school from the canteen.

If you would like to know any further information please email cspscanteenroster@gmail.com