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NEWSLETTER 16 October - Week 4 Term 4 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
October	Friday 30 th	Book Week Dress Up Parade
November	Friday 13 th	School Photo's
December	Friday 11 th Monday 14 th Tuesday 15 th	Friday Fun Day at school Presentation day at school Year 6 Graduation

Messages from the Principal

Our Book Fair last week was a huge success with many children purchasing books that were of interest to them. This shows how much children love to read their own books as much as they enjoy borrowing from the library. Some books are so good you just want to read them again and again and having a small library of books at home creates a love of reading in children from a very young age. Reading is an important part of students learning that needs to be encouraged at every opportunity at home and school.

On Friday we held a fantastic Book Week Parade with most of our students dressing up as their favourite book character. The staff also joined in and entertained everyone with some dramatic performances during the parade. Only one thing was missing today and that was our parents and carers. However, we did manage to get some photos of parents with their children outside the school gate. We look forward to the day when you can all join us again for these special days where we celebrate the joy of learning.

The work we are doing towards developing our Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021-2024 has involved staff, students and parents as we dig deep to get a clear, realistic picture of where our school is at and where we are going to deliver the best learning outcomes possible with the funding we receive each year. We are now using this information to develop our school vision statement and school context statement that form part of our School Improvement Plan. I would like to share some information and insights from the data collected.

Attendance

It was pleasing to see that our attendance rate is above the State average. However, it is still below our expectations for student attendance every day. Attendance rates have been slowly declining in the last 3 years and from what you told us in our parent surveys, 93% of parents placed attendance at school as very important. In partnership with parents, we need to improve every child's attendance so they are not missing social interactions with peers and the important building blocks of learning that occur each day. Habitual lateness to school also has a huge impact on learning.

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Well informed parents

An important opportunity for us was brought to our attention in the parent surveys around improving communication with parents. This was more specifically:

1. how we can better inform parents about school activities
2. how teachers can better inform and involve parents in student progress

The surveys we ask you to do, as well as opportunities for involvement in focus group discussions, enables you to be involved in the decisions we make. In a couple of weeks, I will be inviting any interested parents to be part of a focus group to discuss and have input to our School Vision Statement for 2021-2024. We already have seven interested parents/carers and would love to have more of you involved in this process. Please contact me on 66582676 or email me at sally.ryan8@det.nsw.edu.au



Student Assemblies

Starting today, Monday 2nd Nov, we are having a student assembly where teachers will once again be able to award PBL awards for those students who are upholding our school values of responsible, respectful, cooperative, learners. Awards have currently been handed out in individual classes due to the restrictions, but we are now able to have short assemblies with our students and staff. Unfortunately we are still unable to have parents and carers in attendance, but we will be sharing photos from each assembly on Facebook and in our newsletter.

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Sandra Gill – School Administration Officer

What are three words that describe you?

Happy, friendly, short

What was the best birthday you ever had?

All my birthdays are the best as I spend them with my family

What is your favourite thing to create?

Happy memories

What is something you avoid at all costs?

Covering books in the library (sorry Mrs Brady!)

If you could live in any period of history when would it be and why?

17th century – so I could have a better understanding of my culture, family, lore, the way we worked the land



Book Week Parade

We had a wonderful day today with almost all of our students dressed up for Book Week. Thanks to all parents for taking the time to make your children feel special and have a great day. Here are a few pictures from today and our awarded best dressed students. We took a few pictures with parents outside the gate. We will be posting a lot more on Facebook early next week when we sort through all of them!



Congratulations to our Book Parade Award Winners!

Archie McGlashan, Claire Edgar, Ayrton Law, Nathon Bridges, Emilia Cook, Gabriel McCann-Cousley, Nicholas Cook

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Sports Update from Mr Tobin

We have a rugby league gala day today, Monday 2nd November. Junior and senior teams are attending. 9.00am until 2pm. Students and staff only.

Next year in term 1, we have swim scheme running on Thursday each week from 12pm until 2pm.

We are working on a plan for athletics and will let everyone know when we can.

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Public Speaking

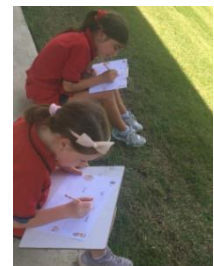
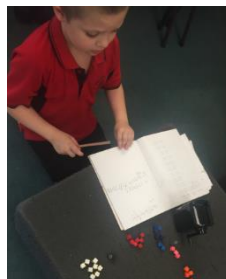
A public speaking competition will be held this Wednesday 4th November (K-2) and Friday 6th November (3-6). Students have been busy practising at lunch times and receiving regular feedback on their public speaking skills. We encourage all students to present to their families so they are applying the feedback given.

Unfortunately, with the current restrictions in place, due to COVID-19, we are unable to have parents and carers attend the competition. We will record the speeches so that you will have the opportunity to see your child perform at a later date.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

K-2 Update from Miss Atwal

We have had a great start to Term 4! Walking into each classroom, it is noticeable that all students are excited and engaged in their learning.



When students arrived to school on Monday, Week 2, they noticed their classrooms were empty! This set the scene for this term's Project Based Learning- Investigating 'How people connect to places.' Students soon realised their empty classroom wasn't a great space for learning. So, they had to think about the purpose of the space and what elements they needed to connect with this space. They worked collaboratively to plan their areas based on their interests. Once they presented their plans to the whole group, and they were approved by the whole class, they then began creating their spaces.



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Every Wednesday afternoon students in k-2 participate in Creative Arts workshops where they engage in Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Drama. Students have thoroughly enjoyed rotating through the different learning experiences led by the k-2 team.



Please ensure your child is on time as learning begins at 8:50.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

School Photos – Friday 13 November 2020

School photo envelopes went home with students last Friday. Please send them back in as soon as possible. Payment can be made online via www.theschoolphotographer.com.au or cash in the envelope. If you have any questions please call the office. As always, please ensure your child is in full school uniform on the day.

Remembrance Day Assembly

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minute silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. We will lay a wreath at our memorial to pay our respects.



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World Teacher Day

World Teachers' Day is held internationally in early October. As it falls during the school holidays for many parts of Australia, we celebrate a little later. Today we said thank you to our teachers with a special video presentation from each class and a lovely morning tea from the other staff in the school who work alongside our dedicated, professional team of teachers. They are dressed up for the Book Week Parade with the children.



Early Bird Program for new Kindergarten enrolments 2021

Early Birds started last Thursday 29 Oct and will run each week until later in the Term. Sessions will run from 9am till 11am. Drop off and pickup is at the Lyons Rd gate.

Our Kindergarten teacher for 2021, Ms Olivia Franco, will be leading the program and working with the students as they are immersed in school life and enjoy a variety of activities from gross motor programs, literacy and numeracy activities, art, music and lots of fun!



Students must be enrolled at the school prior to attending. If you haven't already enrolled or know someone who would like to, please get in touch with us.

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School Zone Road Safety

Understanding the roadrules



No Parking

A driver must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three meters of the vehicle.



No Stopping

A driver must not stop in this area.



Bus Zone

Vehicles other than buses are prohibited from parking or stopping in this area. Hours of operation may apply. Restrictions apply for those times only.



School Zone

40km/h speed limit during hours of operation. Double demerits apply for speed offences in a school zone.



Crossings

A driver must stop at the white hold line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians and must obey instructions from School Crossing supervisors.

