



Newsletter No. 23 – 31st July 2020

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Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

August

17th Monday

Earth Ed for Grade 5/6s

21st Friday

Parents Club (2:30pm)

25th Tuesday

Spaghetti Lunch

September

17th Thursday

Last Day of Term – 3:25pm finish

18th Friday

Student Free Curriculum Day

Principal's Message

Auslan (Sign Language)

There has been much positive feedback from students and parents regarding the two weeks of Auslan learning led by Michelle Liston. I'm pleased to let you know that Michelle is going to continue this learning with students every Monday, beginning July 10th. Students have taken to this new way of communicating very quickly and we look forward to seeing their ongoing growth in this endeavour.

Masks and Face Coverings

There has been an adjustment to the advice provided by the Chief Health Officer regarding masks and face coverings.

For students – the advice remains the same. Primary school students are not required to wear masks in school. Students can choose to wear a mask or face covering if they wish. I am waiting for advice about the need for students (aged 12 or over) to wear a mask or face covering when on the school bus.

For staff – the advice has changed for this coming Monday. Staff are now being asked to wear a mask in the hallways, in the staff room and on yard duty. Staff are not required to wear a mask whilst conducting teaching and learning, however can do so if they wish.

For the community – in case you are unaware, you are required to have a face mask on at all times in public. This includes when leaving your car to collect children. Even whilst in the car, you are required to carry one with you at this time.

A request from me – is for families to please have a discussion with your children about the purpose of masks and face coverings. This will be covered in class next week, however I would be very grateful if families discuss this at home before coming to school on Monday morning.

An offer for you – as positive COVID cases increase in number in regional areas and social measures are being implemented in local government areas neighbouring ours, it is likely to heighten our collective vigilance and cause concern. If you are unsure about anything related to COVID, or would like someone to talk to in this difficult time, please reach out. Sometimes, we spend so much energy ensuring the wellbeing of our children and others that we need to also remember to keep an eye on ourselves. I am more than happy to speak to families regarding questions or concerns, or just happy to have a chat if it will help.

Finally, please rest assured that your school is ready for the challenges that lie ahead. We have planned for a number of situations and continue to minimise risk wherever we can.

Take care and look out for each other

Nick Keating

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Garden Roster

We ask that each family take a fortnight to come in when convenient and do some gardening. Jobs include mowing including the nature strip, weeding and sweeping paths. First name in list to coordinate please.

23rd July – 5th August: Georgie Green, Rebecca McKiernan, Christine Cartledge, Hayley Mills

6th August – 19th August: Anthony Mulcahy, Dallas Connell, Damian Bell, Sarah Matthews

20th Aug- 2nd Sept: Peta Byrne, Emma Smith, Kristen Hansen, Olivia Petch

School Council

At Monday night's School Council meeting, a Curriculum Day for Friday, September 18th was approved, which means Thursday, 17th September will be the last day of Term 3.

If any parents are interested in undertaking training to help out with the school's swimming program (in the pool), please contact Nick.

Additional funding due to Covid 19 has been provided to the school, which has been put towards extra cleaning. The school is now being cleaned 5 hours per day. We thank Bek for all her hard work and commitment.

The Teaching and Learning Sub-Committee held their first meeting on Monday, 20th July. FoodBank will be providing food for the school to run a Breakfast Club two mornings a week starting soon. Further info to come.

A doorbell has been placed in the front foyer area for school visitors to ring when the office is unattended. A big thank you to Parents Club for providing the students and staff with a delicious (and filling!) Baked Potato lunch on Tuesday.

Next Council meeting will be on Monday 24th August.

YUM!!!!



Grade 5/6 Camp

Please remember to return the medical form that was sent home for all Grade 5/6 students this week for their camp to Cave Hill Creek. Payment and Consent can be made via Compass. If you have any concerns please call or see me in the office. Thanks Nat.