



# FLAT CHAT

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**Week 10 Term 3 Tuesday 22nd September 2020 Success through Innovation**

Dear Parents and Community Members,

By now, all families would have received their free \$50.00 voucher for each child you have in our school. These can be spent at the Hastings Coop IGA on groceries only. These were made available through the GIVIT charity to support those affected by drought, bushfires and/or the impact of the coronavirus.

We thank Mrs Pearce for her work in obtaining and distributing these vouchers.

This Tuesday students will receive a **free lunch**. This will be either a chicken/salad, ham/salad, cheese/salad sandwich. If your child does not like something on their sandwich they can remove it, otherwise they should simply bring their own packed lunch as normal. After eating their sandwich, students will also receive some hot chips and a popper. Please do not expect the shop to cater for individual orders.

## Returning to school in Term 4

Students and teachers return to school on Monday 12th October. Students should not arrive before 8.45a.m. if walking or being dropped off by parents.

**ALL PARENTS VISITING—please phone the office before walking past the tree (near the bark) in the afternoon line up area. 6587 4255**

The departments update on Covid-19: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> is where you can find the latest strategies and advice.

## Planning for 2021-2024

We are starting to develop our next four year plan. We usually share the development of this

with our P & C and involve them where possible. At present we are unable to have these meetings but would like to involve a small group of parents in the development of the next school plan. If you would like to be part of helping staff develop our next school plan please contact Mr Mason this week.

## School Photos

Our school photo day is set for Wednesday 28th October. Payment envelopes were sent home last week. These envelopes are individually printed so please make sure they are kept in a safe place until you send them back to school as there was only one supplied for each child.

This year, due to COVID 19, there will be no sibling photographs taken. More information on this years photos and COVID is on the payment envelope.

## Please bring a water bottle to school

Just a reminder that with current departmental directives, students are not allowed to use the bubblers. Accordingly, please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school every day. These can be refilled from the taps.



## Student Attendance

Our attendance rates last week are listed below.

This term we had an average attendance rate of 92% which is slightly below our target of 95%, but understandable due to students needing to get tested for Covid19 if they display the slightest signs. Please remember, if your child needs to be tested for Covid-19 they are not to return to school until a negative report is sent

through to the school via a copy, email or text message.

## P & C News

Student Attendance	Percentage
Monday	90
Tuesday	98
Wednesday	94
Thursday	90
Friday	96
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>93.6</b>

*Next P & C Meeting is on hold due to the latest Covid-19 guidelines.*

*2020 Long Flat Cookbook -Please send or email your recipes to Christine and she will pass them on to the P & C.*

### COMING EVENTS

25 Sept	Last Day Term 3
12 Oct	First Day Term 4 students & Staff
28 Oct	School Photos

### Our Newest Teachers

This term, we have two new teachers who have been working in our school on a regular basis.

Ms Glover is currently teaching Mr Mondy's class as he has been unwell. Her hobbies include reading, walking and gardening. She also spends plenty of time being a taxi for her children.

Miss Stennett is currently teaching the K/1 group which is a shared class between her and Mrs Mason. Her hobbies include doing arts and craft.

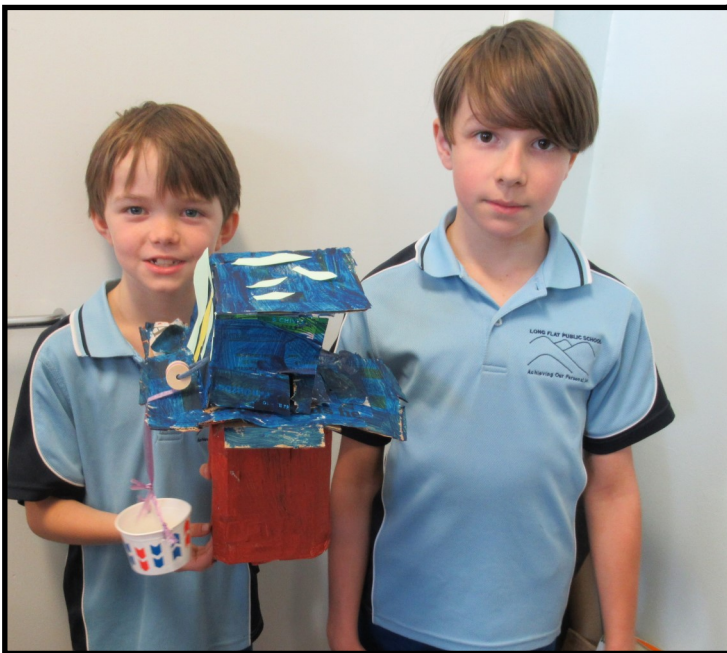
Mr P Mason



*Thank you Mr Dickinson for making our fantastic new balance beam!!*







**Year 3/4 Science Lessons with Mrs Bayly**  
Making a tree house from recyclable materials.





# Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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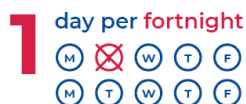
## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life



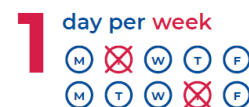
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**4** weeks



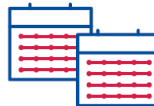
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Over **1** year missed



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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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### Byabarra Tennis Family Fun Day

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Byabarra Tennis Club is holding a **free family fun day** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the tennis courts in Byabarra.

We are extending an invitation to community members to have a fun family day of tennis in Byabarra.

Bring all the family along and have a game of tennis, find out about using the tennis courts, and becoming a member and playing in our social competitions.

Racquets will be available to use if you don't have one, and you will need joggers to wear on the court.

There will be a free sausage sizzle between 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm. BYO Drinks

#### **FREE CHILDREN'S TENNIS AFTERNOONS**

We will be running **FREE** children's tennis sessions on Friday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm starting Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

Fruit will be provided for afternoon tea.

Parents will need to complete a consent form for their child/ren to attend.

More details will be available on the family fun day.

**Come and play tennis in Byabarra!**

For more information,  
contact Eric or Penny Cork on 65871139  
or email [Byabarratennis@gmail.com](mailto:Byabarratennis@gmail.com)