



Flat Chat

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Success through Innovation

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4. Who can believe that we are in the final term of another year full of changes and challenges? We desperately hope that we can get through this term as smoothly as possible!

We currently start the term off in Level 3, which involves many of the same restrictions that we have had in the past: no non-essential visitors on-site, all staff wearing masks both indoors and outdoors, no gathering of cohorts together in close proximity (i.e. no assemblies), no excursions, all staff and volunteers showing evidence of being double vaccinated by Nov 8, etc. At this stage we have had to make changes to the organisation of swimming and our 2022 Kindergarten orientation and will have to wait and see how other end-of-year activities are impacted.

We have had to cancel our Friday swimming sessions for this term but have kept the booking for our Week 8 intensive swimming and are hopeful that this can go ahead. Our 2022 Kindergarten orientation days for pre-schoolers will now take place (at this stage) on the Fridays of Weeks 5, 6 and 7, between 9:30 – 2:30. We are very excited that at least this can still take place for our new Kindies!

Semester 2 Student Reports

For Semester 2 this year the Department of Education have issued COVID-19 Interim Policy Standards. In summary, this means that parents will receive modified student reports which will focus on individual student progress in English and mathematics. This term student reports will be sent home on Monday 6 December.

School Counsellor

Unfortunately, due to severe shortages of school counselling staff, we will not have the service of a school counsellor this term. If you require anything in regards to this, please make contact with your child's teacher or Mrs Bromfield to discuss this.

Staffing

Mr Dobson continues to be on leave, with Mrs Ellis remaining on class 2/3.

Learning Area Updates

Over the next few weeks we will be updating some of the furniture in our classrooms and our library. We hope to create more contemporary teaching/learning spaces that will support our students to engage in working and learning in different ways.

School Photos

Due to the current restrictions, our school photos have been postponed to Wednesday November 20. Unfortunately, this will mean that the photos won't be delivered until 2022.

Thankyou

A great big thank you to all for the effort being put in to advise us of student absences! There has been a marked increase of parents using Skool Loop or ringing the school to let us know the reason for their child's absence. Thank you so much for this.

On a final note, our students have returned to classes extremely settled and well-behaved. Over the next few weeks, teachers will focus on working intensely with students both individually and in small groups to assess their learning and progress, in order to provide very targeted teaching and support over the final ten weeks of this year. We also remain committed to supporting the wellbeing of our students and families.

I have asked teachers to make some 'check-in' phone calls to parents and carers over the next few weeks. It will simply be a conversation about how things are traveling from your end and if there is anything further that we can do to support you, your son/daughter or your family.

Regards, Tracey Bromfield, Relieving Principal

News from your P & C

Canteen menu for this term is

October-
15th pizza
22nd chicken burgers
29th toasted sandwich
November-
5th Chicken Nuggets
12th pizza
19th chicken burgers
26th toasted sandwich
December-
3rd chicken Nuggets
10th pizza



Please remember to include your child's class on their lunch order brown paper bag.

**Proud slip winners
this fortnight
Matt C & Matisse
CONGRATULATIONS**



Coming Events

12 Oct	Library Van visit
22-26 Nov	TENTATIVE Intensive Swimming Program
17 Nov	TENTATIVE School Photo Day
16 Dec	Last Day Term 4 students