



## Flat Chat

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### Principal's Report

Halfway through Week 4 of a rapidly disappearing Term 4!

Our teachers have been very busy working intensely with students; assessing where they are in their learning journey now (post LFH) and where they need to be moved on to next. It is pleasing to hear that some students have shown excellent progress, while completely understandable that the ongoing disruptions to this year has had some impact on other student's learning and progress. We will continue to work hard to provide a balance of learning and support for all of our students, while ensuring that every student is able to continue to connect, succeed and thrive at school throughout the remainder of 2021.

My apologies for a long report in today's newsletter, but I will take this opportunity to provide you with an update on some end-of-year and 2022 plans.

### COVID Restrictions Update:

- We remain in Level 3; this means that we are still not allowed to have parents/visitors on-site. This will not change until we progress back to Level 2 and at this stage I am not confident that this will happen this year (we are hopeful though!). When we do return to Level 2 and can start to have parents or visitors back on-site for an event or occasion, they will need to show proof of full **vaccination** prior to entering.
- Whilst on Level 3 restrictions we are not able to hold any of the usual end-of-year events that we may have held 'pre-pandemic' 😞 This includes end-of-year concerts, assemblies and our **Year 6 Farewell**. For our outgoing Year 6 students, currently we are able to hold a presentation assembly at school with the students and their teachers only. If there is food or refreshments, it must be with students supplying their own or in individually wrapped packaging. Unlike last year, at this stage we are not able to have any parents on-site for this occasion.
- The DoE have cancelled all **swimming** school and local school swimming pool bookings for the remainder of this year. We have a booking at Wauchope pool for Week 8 and we have asked them to hold this for us, just in case anything changes between now and then. If our restrictions do not change, then unfortunately this is another thing that will not take place this year.
- As of last week, all of our **current staff are fully vaccinated**, so the November 8 cut-off date for DoE employees, fortunately will not be an issue for us.

### 2022 Plans and Staffing:

- We currently have 44 students enrolled and in 2022 we are anticipating 46 students.
- The Disaster Supplementation that we have been receiving is being extended for 2022. This means that we will have the additional staff to form **three classes in 2022**.
- The **COVID Intensive Learning Funding** will also continue next year. This will allow us to continue to employ additional Learning and Support staff, however at this stage we do not know how much funding we are being allocated.
- It is with mixed emotions that we congratulate **Mr Stuart** who has been appointed to a permanent teaching position next year. It is great news for him and his family, but sadly for

us, will involve him moving out of our area to take up his new position.

- Along with many other local schools, we currently have a number of **EOIs (Expression of Interest) advertised** for all of the temporary teaching positions at our school. Along with some of our current staff, we have formed two selection panels and once the EOIs close, we will meet to look at applications and select 2 x class teachers, 2 x Learning and Support teachers and 1 x RFF teacher.
- Every school across the state has been allocated a new position called **Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction**. Our school's allocation is for 0.2, which is one day a week. We have a successful applicant starting in this role next year, **Ellisha Conway**. Ellisha will work at Huntingdon PS one day a week and one day at our school. Her role will be as an instructional leader, collaborating, coaching and mentoring our teachers. We already work very closely with Huntingdon PS staff and Ellisha will help to connect us and our classroom practice even further. Our connection and collaboration with HPS will be hugely beneficial for our students and staff. I have not had a chance to meet Ellisha yet, but we look forward to welcoming her to our staff team, school and community.
- **Mr Dobson** holds his permanent teaching position and as you are aware, he is currently on leave.
- Once we have finalised our classes and teachers for 2022, I will inform everyone.

### New Classroom Furniture:

Last week each of our classes received some new furniture pieces for their classrooms. As you can see from the photos, students and teachers were both very excited to have some different things in their learning spaces.

### Storm Damage:

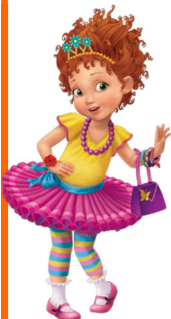
You may have seen that we lost a tree in last weekend's storm. We are counting ourselves lucky that a) it didn't happen while any students or staff were on the grounds, and b) that it fell the way it did, without causing any major structural damage.

We wait now for it to be mulched and cleaned up.

### Kindergarten Transition Starts Next Week:

Our 2022 Kindergarten students will be walked over to school at 9:30am to spend the day in the K/1 class; go to the canteen at recess and lunch with the 'big kids' and then return to preschool at 2:30pm. This exciting day will happen for three Fridays, starting next Friday, 5 November. With just about everything else not going ahead due to COVID, we are very happy that our pre-schoolers can come over to taste Kindergarten life!



*Regards, Tracey Bromfield, Relieving Principal*



## Book Character Day

### 19 Nov 2021

On Friday 19 November we will be having Book Character Day. On this day students will be able to dress up as a character from a book they have read. Students will display their costume during the morning assembly and will be asked a few questions about the character they chose to dress up as.



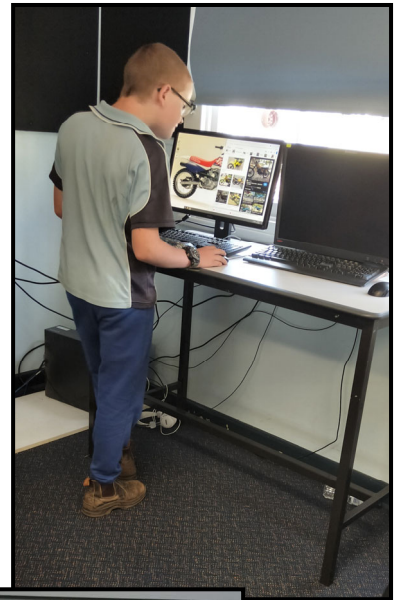
## Icecream Day!

### Next Tues 2 Nov

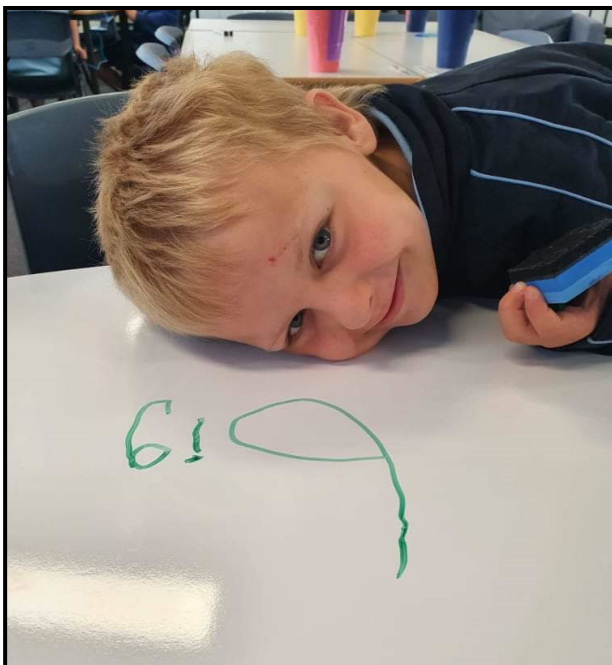
Our Year 6 students have organised a fundraiser. They will be selling icecream in a cone for \$1- each at lunch time next Tuesday.



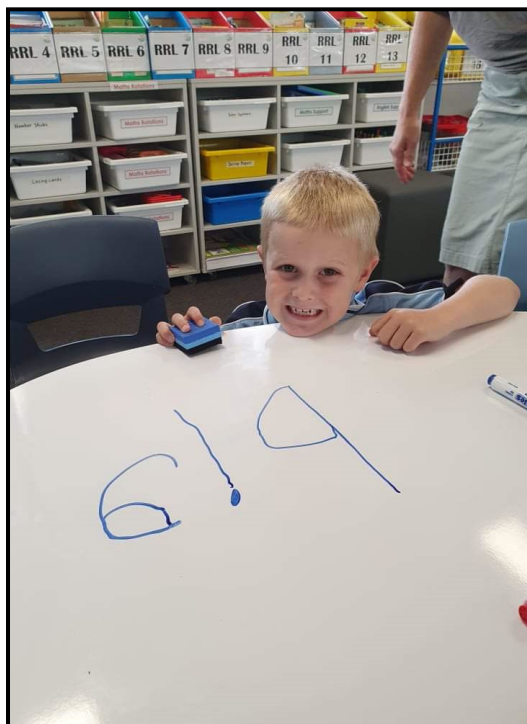




# This week at Long Flat School







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## Coming Events

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| 2 Nov     | Icecream day (Yr 6 Fundraiser)       |
| 17 Nov    | TENTATIVE School Photo Day           |
| 19 Nov    | Book Character Day                   |
| 22-26 Nov | TENTATIVE Intensive Swimming Program |
| 16 Dec    | Last Day Term 4 students             |



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Applications for placement in **Year 7** in 2023:

- open Tuesday 19 October 2021
- close Wednesday 17 November 2021

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