



## Flat Chat

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### Principal's Report

It is lovely to see our students 'on-mass' today in their navy-blue shirts and thankfully the weather has held out so that our school photos can go ahead outside today. We have spoken to our photographers this morning and asked if there is any availability next year to have our photos taken earlier in the year. At this stage the earliest that they can fit us in is late Term 2, however they will look at their bookings to see if they can double us up, even earlier, with another school close by.

### 2022 Organisation and Staffing

Most of our staffing positions for 2022 have now been finalised. As mentioned previously, we are disappointed to say goodbye to Mr Stuart who will take up a permanent position at a school further south.

Our staffing and **draft** class organisation for next year will be:

- Myself as Relieving Principal
- Elisha Conway – Assistant Principal (Curriculum & Instruction) 1 day per week
- Christine Pearce – SAM/SAO
- Sarah Martin - SLSO
- Suzie Mea - Learning and Support teacher (3 days a week)
- Louella Bayly – LaS/RFF teacher (3 days a week)
- Sim Small – LaSC (1 day per week)
- Kylie Whitfield – K/1 class teacher
- Rodney Dobson – 2/3 class teacher (if Mr Dobson chooses to extend his leave, Mrs Ellis will be available)
- Skye Sherlock – 4/5/6 class teacher
- Miss Sherlock lives and has taught locally for the past few years, with K-2 and Years 3-6 teaching experience. Miss Sherlock comes with a wealth of teaching skills; with a strong focus on student wellbeing.
- Just as Mr Stuart has, I am confident that Miss Sherlock will quickly develop a positive relationship with all of our students and families due to her friendly manner, openness and communication skills. Miss Sherlock is planning a visit to our school before the end of the year, so that she can spend an afternoon with the current 4/5/6 class; getting to know them.

Mr Stuart will be traveling to his new school towards the end of Week 8 to participate in his induction program. Our regular casual teacher, Ms Davis will be on his class during this time and attending swimming with us.

### High School Transition

Two of our Year 6 students will head to Wauchope High School next Tuesday to participate in their transition day. I know that they are both nervous and excited about their high school adventure!

## Year 6 Farewell

We are still sifting through the current Covid restrictions to see how our Year 6 Farewell can and will be organised. Unfortunately, like most other things this year, this is something that will require flexibility around changes from what has happened in the past. Today I have spoken to the Year 6 students to ask for their input and hopefully we will be able to finalise the details of this event and notify parents/carers shortly.

## School Swimming and Water Safety

Our annual swimming and water safety sessions start next Monday and will run for seven school days. Thank you to the parents/carers who have signed and returned permission notes today. A reminder that the school and P&C are covering the cost of swimming this year; parents/carers just need to sign and return the note.

Staff met yesterday morning to run through our Risk Management & Covid Safety Plan for this event. If any parent/carer has concerns about their child attending swimming, please contact either myself or Mrs Bayly to discuss these.

## End-of-Year Events and Activities

It is unfortunate that again this year, we will be restricted with the end-of-year events that we can hold at school and also with who can attend events. It seems as though the landscape is changing almost daily with restrictions and then updates to restrictions – trying to keep up with them each day is a challenge!


As a staff we have discussed some events that we would **like** to hold at the end of the year, such as our End of Year Presentation and a PROUD Reward Day for our students. As you can imagine though, the organisation of these kind of things will have to wait until we get closer, in case restrictions change in some way.

## Leaving School Routines

I would like to thank all of our parents/carers who have now completed the 'Leaving School Routine – Update' note. This information will now be compiled on a spreadsheet so that all staff are aware of your instructions for how your child will leave school and go home safely.

A reminder that unless notified by you directly (via email, phone, letter, etc) teachers are unable to permit students to change from their usual routine.



*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 each Tuesday.

