

# News from The Garden



## Welcome to the 2021 School Year

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021

It has been a busy week in The Garden and like you, we have all been very grateful to be mask free. Your child's classroom teachers are working very hard to establish routines and build close working relationships with their students. Our teachers in Swallow and Cockatoo Block have enjoyed meeting with parents who have attended our parent teacher meetings. Thank you for showing an interest in connecting with your child's teacher. Tonight (Thursday) Whistler and Goshawk parents are invited to come and meet with classroom teachers as they share some important information that will help you support your child's learning at home and understand classroom routines and expectations.



### Change of Date for our Swimming Carnival

Parents due to an unforeseen situation we have had to postpone our faction swimming carnival. Our swimming carnival will now be held on Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>. We do apologise for any inconvenience.

### Community Assembly Next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Next Thursday's community assembly will be led by Miss Addison's Year 5/6 class. This is our first community assembly for the year. Due to Phase 4 COVID restrictions we ask that **only** parents of children in Miss Addison's class and the parents of the GROW award recipients attend the assembly. We do appreciate your co operation in this matter.

### Snakes in our Local Area

Unfortunately, we have had two small snakes found on our school property in the last week. Being in close proximity to bushland areas this is to be expected as land is cleared to make way for housing. These snakes were not found in classrooms or playground areas, but nevertheless we must be very careful and aware of the risk. Therefore, classroom teachers will ensure our students are aware of the importance of not going near snakes and alerting teachers immediately should they see a snake. Can I ask parents to ensure their child wears closed in shoes/sneakers rather than sandals and parents are encouraged to wear shoes when they visit the school at all times.

### P & C AGM



Our P & C would like to invite all parents to their AGM TONIGHT at 6 pm in our staff room. Show your support for our P&C Executive and do all you can to attend this meeting.

I look forward to seeing lots of parents at this important first meeting.

### **Attendance**

The beginning of the year is a great time to reflect on your child's past attendance rates and make a commitment to your child attending every day they are not unwell. No parent would want their child to miss out on years of schooling, however, this is exactly the situation when students regularly miss school. Please take the time to look at the attached flyer which shows clearly how one or two days a week can lead to a child losing years of their schooling.

### **Protective Behaviours Workshops**

Attached are flyers for two important parent workshops coming up at our school.

The **Protective Behaviours Workshops** to be held at our school are workshops that no parent should miss. Every parent wants their child to be safe, but unfortunately the statistics show that many children are at risk. Please make the time to attend these free workshops and hear about some strategies that could protect your child. Please encourage your friends and other family members to attend. See the flyer for registration details.

The **BOOST Workshops** are a must for any parent who wants to do all they can to help their child learn to read and write. These workshops are designed for parents of Kindergarten, Pre-primary and Year 1 students.

### **German in The Garden**

This year we welcome Mrs Cate Bartle and Mrs Kim King who will lead our 'German in the Garden' Program. Our students love their time in our school's garden and we are delighted with the many positive student outcomes achieved through this innovative program.



### **School Review**

Next week our external School Review will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. My staff, our School Board members, our P & C Executive and other community groups and agencies who have been involved in the work of our school, look forward to showcasing our school community's achievements over the last four years.

*Kind regards*

*Jayne*

**Jayne Ebsworthy**  
**Principal**