



Parent Communication

Week 10 May 7th 2017

Year 5/6 Camp

Parents of Year 5/6 students should be so very proud of their children as their behavior on camp was excellent. They had such a wonderful time as they learned to live as part of a community, work as a team and make new friendships. A huge thank you must go to our Year 5/6 teacher Mrs Hayley Ashwood, Mrs Cunningham our Chaplain and Mr Batt our Deputy Principal who were our camp leaders. School camps cannot happen without staff who are prepared to leave their families and work night and day for the period of the camp.

ANZAC Service

A very big thank you to the parents who responded to our request for flowers for our ANZAC wreaths. I am sure you will agree the wreaths look beautiful. Our ANZAC service was enhanced by the voices of our Senior Choir in their first public performance. To Mrs Graham our Music Specialist we say a huge thank you for her efforts in preparing these students for this performance. We also thank her for the beautiful music she played on her violin while the wreaths were laid.

Voluntary Contributions are requested next Term

Parents are reminded that if your financial situation allows you to pay voluntary contributions we would appreciate payment next term. You can imagine as a new school there are many projects that we have planned that require financial support. As our P and C is not financial yet, and cannot help us financially, we are seeking a good response rate to the request for parents to pay the voluntary contributions. If everyone paid their contributions we would have funds for a new play area. Thank you to all those parents who have paid their contributions. This is GREATLY appreciated.

School Holidays and Pupil Free Day Monday 24th April

School holidays commence this Friday afternoon 7th April at 2.50 pm and children return to school on Wednesday 26th April due to the pupil free day on Monday 24th April and the public holiday on 25th April for ANZAC day. Parents are reminded that pupil free days will always be the first Monday of term to allow you to plan your holidays in advance.

Swimming Lessons Term 2

Thank you to everyone who has registered for swimming lessons next term. Please remember we need these forms returned by the first Friday of Term 2 Friday 28th April with part or full payment. I have attached the swimming forms

A Date for your Diary: Half Day School Closure

12 pm Wednesday 14th June Week 8 Term 2

Teachers will hold parent-teacher interviews next term in the lead up to the release of the end of semester student reports. These meetings will be held at various times in Week 8 Term 2. On Wednesday 14th June we will close the school from 12 pm to allow some additional time for these interviews. We ask parents who can make other arrangements for their children from 12 pm on the 14th June to support this closure, which is supported by our Regional Director and formally approved. However, if you cannot arrange for your child to be cared for on this afternoon your children may remain at school, and they will be supervised by Admin or specialist staff until the regular close time of 2.50 pm.

Our School Board

Our school board met for the first time last Wednesday evening and will now meet twice a term on a Tuesday evening. I look forward to working alongside these people as we take responsibility for the governance of our school.

Our Board members are as follows:

Parent Representatives: Tinash Magwaza, Kristie Lee Last, Sherrilee Fish, Kirsty Lilley

Staff Representatives: Mel Stewart, David Batt, Emily Bruce

Community Representative: Judith Hill (Board Chair)

Funds for your Child's Education

I do respect and understand that it can be very expensive providing educational experiences for your children. Please speak to me if you need payment plans to be adjusted due to financial hardship. I have attached some opportunities for financial support and training and encourage you to seek support if needed.

NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5

Our Year 3 and 5 students will complete their NAPLAN testing during Term 2 Week 3 from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th May. Please ensure your year three and five children are present on these days as this assessment provides valuable information to you, the school and our education system.

Attendance in Term 1

Our attendance rates are very pleasing with 53 children having no absences this term. Next term we will acknowledge the children with high attendance rates with a special certificate. Thank you to our parents for prioritising regular attendance at school. If your children are not here they will miss out on important learning opportunities.

Happy Holidays

Enjoy your holidays with your children. They have worked so very hard and made excellent progress across so many areas. I hope you are proud of them because we certainly are!

My staff and I have certainly enjoyed Term 1 and look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 26th April.

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