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Term 3 Dates

Pupil Free Day

Monday 19 July

Term 3 Students Start

Tuesday 20 July

Assemblies

Friday 30 July at 2pm – TA 7

Friday 13 August at 2pm – TA 2

Friday 27 August at 2pm – TA 3

Friday 10 September at 2pm – TA 4

Throws and Jumps

Tuesday 17 August

800m and Triple Jump

Wednesday 25 August

Sports Carnival

Thursday 26 August

Interschool Cross Country

Friday 10 September

Interschool Carnival

Friday 17 September

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Many thanks to those families who came along to Parent Night and supported your children and the school. It was lovely to see so many families. Big thanks to the P&C who were an awesome support on the night.

A reminder we have created a school survey and if you did not get a chance to complete the survey on the night, please take the time to complete it now at the following link:

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/uYft4aWc>



As Semester 1 comes to an end we are busy writing and preparing school reports. Please note, due to the sudden departure of our music teacher the day school started this year, we were unable to teach music in Term 1. With this in mind, we will not be reporting on music in Semester 1. We welcomed Mr Stewart in Term 2 as our new Music Teacher and he has since shown great strength in running our music program. He will be reporting again in Semester 2.

Is your email address up to date on our system? Once again, school reports will be emailed to parents this semester. Please contact the office as soon as possible if your email address has changed to ensure you receive your child's report.

To ensure the safety of our students we are currently having to lock all the school gates each day except the entry gate by the staff car park between the Hall and the Lorax Room. We apologise for the inconvenience but must put our students' safety first. Main gates are unlocked again and manned in time for parent early arrivals at the end of each day. If you are a back car park family and wish to sign out a child during the day, please drive to the main car park and come direct to the staff car park gate so you are not inconvenienced. Thanks everyone.

Regards | Lis Turner | Principal

PBS and Good Standing Review

We have reviewed good standing and attendance linked to good standing, and as a result of reflection from staff and parents, we have made some changes effective Term 3.

Attendance will be removed from good standing. Good Standing Week 5 will become more low key and classroom based. Week 10 (or end of term) Good Standing will have changes to allow

students to have the opportunity to earn back good standing. Students will lose good standing for 5 days if they have three detentions or a suspension. They will lose good standing for 10 days if they have a suspension for violent behaviour or a fourth detention. Another detention will result in a further 10-15 days' loss. Students who can demonstrate good behaviour during these days will have the opportunity to earn back their good standing.



Attendance Reminders

Attendance will no longer be linked to good standing as we recognise that on many occasions the children are not the ones who have control of their attendance. Those families with attendance concerns will continue to be supported through individual support plans to ensure we work together to have your children at school as much as possible.

The table below illustrates how much school a child misses if they do not attend regularly. This has a huge impact on educational outcomes.

1 to 2 days a week absence from school doesn't seem much but....

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	...and over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 ½ years</u>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2 ½ years</u>
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>



Literacy Intervention Programs

Many students are currently participating in the MacqLit program. This program is aimed at supporting students with key reading skills of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

We are delighted with the successes and improvements the students have made during the semester, with many students projected to come off intervention. If your child is in the intervention program, they would have brought an activity package home to help support their learning. Completing these packages is not mandatory but just additional activities for your child to do at home to support their improvements.

If you need additional information on the MacqLit program, materials such as books or work packages, please contact Mr Reynolds.

Learning Lounge Morning Reading

Just a reminder that TA16, the Learning Lounge, is open from 8.15am. Come and meet the Year 6 students who are more than happy to read to you, or you can choose a book yourself to read and tick off one of your home reading nights. Parents are more than welcome to come and read too! Every time you come to the Learning Lounge, your name will go into the raffle for a free book at assemblies.



Well done to Mrs Allen who gained a grant of \$1000 from Woolworths for environmental projects.



You Are All Invited to NAIDOC Week Next Week – Especially Wednesday

We would love to have families come along and visit us during NAIDOC Week. Of particular interest is our Monday morning NAIDOC Assembly at 9:00am and then our annual cook up day on Wednesday. Please, if you are free, come in and listen to our didge boys, enjoy a sausage sizzle or a piece of damper. We would love any helpers to join in Tuesday and Wednesday to help with the cooking. If you can help please let Miss Bellottie, Mrs Mac, Miss Barnes, Mrs Allen or the office know.

See the NAIDOC Poster on the next page.



2022 Kindy Enrolments

We are accepting enrolments for our 2022 Kindergarten programme. If you or anyone you know has a child born between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018 please come to the office and get an enrolment pack. You will need to provide copies of your child's birth certificate and an 'up to date' Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register. This can be obtained from the myGov website.

Remember every day of a child's education matters!

Kindergarten inductions will commence in Term 4. Letters will be sent to parents of children who have been enrolled.

