



Wednesday Weekly

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Diary Dates and upcoming events

June

Fri 11 - Back to School for everyone !



Mon 14 June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Mon 21 – School Council, 6.30 pm

Fri 25 – Last day of Term 2, 2.30 pm finish

From the Principal....

RETURN TO SCHOOL

We had terrific news today that schools will be returning to onsite learning as of **Friday June 11**.

I would like to thank all of the families who have engaged with Remote Learning during this lockdown. I realise it has been very challenging and at times difficult for many families. Your commitment to ensuring your children continue to engage in their learning is commendable.

I would also like to thank our outstanding staff, who with very little time to prepare, adapted their classroom program from onsite to remote learning. Once again our school community has worked together.



At this stage we are not sure of the rules around parents and visitors being on site. When we receive further information I will send out an update on Compass.

We have registered with the Victorian Government QR code app so if anybody does come onsite, regardless of how long, you must check in. We will have copies of the QR check in code at all entrances to the school. Please ensure you check in.

SCHOOL REVIEW

On Monday we had the first of our Review meetings. The initial meeting was with the Reviewer, **Craig Tanner**, the DET Senior Education Improvement Leader, **Graham Stevenson**, our Assistant Principal **Mark Smith** and myself. We have set the agenda for the Validation Day which will take place on Wednesday June 16. On that day we will also be joined by two other local Principals who are called Challenge Partners. Their role, as currently practicing principals, is to utilise their expertise to challenge and support the process. **Emily Potter**, our School Council President will also be joining us throughout the day.

We will have a group of our student leaders give a presentation to the panel about their perspective of the school. Panel members will also be visiting classrooms to do observations on the practices of our current staff and how the students engage in their learning.

While the Review is a very time consuming process it is a very worthwhile and interesting process for schools to engage in. The findings of the Review will set the future direction of the school and form the basis of our next Strategic Plan.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next School Council meeting will be on **Monday, June 21**. We currently have 3 vacancies, if you are interested in taking up one of these positions please contact me at janet.paterson@education.vic.gov.au Visitors are welcome to join us however, you must let us know prior to the meeting. Visitors to School Council are observers and as such have no voting rights.

MURAL

The first of our murals at the Junior School is finished and it looks amazing! I'm sure lots of families have already seen it when walking or driving past the School.

Chuck has done an outstanding job working with children to design the mural.

Unfortunately the bad weather this week has impacted Chuck's ability to work on the mural at the Senior School. Once the weather improves he will be back to finish it.



PLANNING WEEK

During the next two weeks we are having Planning Week. During Planning Week we alter the timetable to allow the staff from each level to spend a whole day together planning the program for the following term.

The day starts with the team reviewing this term's classroom programs. It is important to review what has happened throughout the term as it informs next term's program.

The teachers review all of the groupings, taking into account recent assessment that has been done this term. Once this is completed they plan the program for next term. It is a very intensive day and often requires the team to work well beyond the end of the usual school day and it is very beneficial for both the staff and students.



I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Friday!

Regards,
Janet Paterson,
Principal.