



Wednesday Weekly

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Diary Dates and upcoming events

Term 3 Dates

12 July to 17 September

Term 4 Dates

04 October to 17 December

Teaching Times:

Grade Prep, 1, 2 & 3:		Grade 4, 5 & 6:	
Session 1	9.00 to 9.50	Session 1	9.00 to 9.50
Session 2	9.50 to 10.40	Session 2	9.50 to 10.40
RECESS	10.40 to 11.10	Session 3	10.40 to 11.30
Session 3	11.10 to 12.00	Eating time	11.30 to 11.40
Session 4	12.00 to 12.50	LUNCH	11.40 to 12.30
Eating time	12.50 to 1.00	Session 4	12.30 to 1.20
LUNCH	1.00 to 1.50	Session 5	1.20 to 2.10
Session 5	1.50 to 2.40	Recess	2.10 to 2.40
Session 6	2.40 to 3.30	Session 6	2.40 to 3.30

From the Principal....

WELCOME BACK

It is so lovely to have the children back on site. The School has been so quiet over the last two weeks with only a small number of students and staff on site. I would like to thank the families for once again taking on the challenges of remote learning. Although it wasn't a long lock down it certainly presented all of us with challenges.

I would also like to thank the staff who once again did an outstanding job of transitioning their program in such a short time frame. Our Grade 4-6 students and staff were fortunate that they use Google Classrooms in their classroom so they were able to continue their planned program and engage with their teacher and work commitments in a relatively usual manner. The Grade Prep to 3 students used a combination of work packs and Google Classrooms. It seemed that a large number of parents who have children in Grades Prep and I preferred to have daily WebEx meetings and to pick up a pack from the School.

Thank you for your continued support during this time. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any feedback or queries. Hopefully we won't have to return to remote learning again, fingers crossed.



RETURNING TO ONSITE LEARNING

The DET sent out the updated guidelines for schools last night. They have three priorities that they have asked schools to focus on as we return to on-site learning:

1. **Attendance:** it is critical that we draw on every resource available to re-engage those students who may have disengaged during this recent period of remote and flexible learning, and those students who may be reluctant to return to on-site learning. We cannot effectively support our students' wellbeing or learning unless they are back and engaged on-site.
2. **Wellbeing:** We know from previous experience that some of our students may be unsettled on their return. Identifying those students most at risk in this regard as early as possible is important not only in relation to addressing and supporting the wellbeing of those students but will contribute to quickly re-establishing a positive climate.
3. **Learning:** re-engaging students in a full learning program is of course important to maintaining and extending student learning but the re-establishment of structures, routines and positive classroom relationships will also strongly support student wellbeing.

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They also have guidelines in relation to keeping schools safe, which include:

- Density limits of 1 person per 4 square metres apply to staff areas such as staff lunchrooms and areas accessed by the public, such as reception areas
- To prevent the congregation of parents at school gates and allow safe entry, where necessary, schools should consider staggered start and finish times, and/or separate entrances for different grade or year levels
- Non-essential visitors should not be allowed into school grounds
- Break times should be staggered where possible to ensure cohorts of students remain apart
- All school gatherings such as assemblies and school events should be deferred or held remotely
- Interschool activities are not permitted at this time.

Incursions are not permitted, but excursions can take place with students from single schools only.

As they have asked us to consider staggered start and finish times to avoid congregation at the gates, we will put in place a plan to address that.

Our morning drop off will remain the same as parents already have a 15 minute window to drop their children off and there is normally no congestion at the gates.

In the afternoon we will implement the following procedures.

- **Junior School** pick up:

Grade Prep students at **3.20pm** and the Grade 1 students at **3.30pm**.

- **Senior School** pickup:

Grades 2-3 students will be dismissed at **3.20pm** and Grade 4-6 students will be dismissed at **3.30pm**

Any Grade 2-3 student who has a sibling in Grade 4-6 will be dismissed at 3.30pm.

This process will start as of tomorrow, **Thursday July 29**.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

Thank you to all of the families who participated in last week's 3 Way Conferences. The conferences are an integral part of the reporting process, so it was great that parents were able to make the time during what was a very busy time for many families.

Could all students please return their portfolios to their classroom teachers. The portfolios are a cumulative record so it is important that they are return so that Term 3 and 4 tasks can be included throughout Semester 2.

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Our School is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our School. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our School will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Wednesday 28th July to Sunday 22nd August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please contact me if you would like more information.

Regards,
Janet Paterson
Principal.

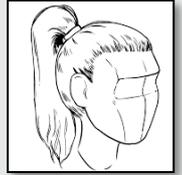


HAIR

It is essential that **all students, regardless of their gender**, who have shoulder length hair or longer, have it tied back when at school. We have an increasing number of students coming to school with their hair out. As with all schools, there are times when we have students within the school who have head lice and parents become extremely frustrated when they have to treat their child's hair.

Could all parents please ensure their child/children have their **hair tied back every day**.

We also have a number of students who follow the trends with their hairstyles and currently have long fringes, which are well below their eye line. Any child who has hair that is impeding their vision needs to have it tied or clipped back.



Winter Interschool Sport Grand Finals

Congratulations to our Winter Interschool Sport teams that played in the Grand Finals on the last day of Term 2.

The **Netball A Girls** team played against Preston North East Primary School at home, and what a fantastic game it was. The teamwork throughout was outstanding and the result reflected this. The girls won 24-4.

The **Mixed Netball** team also played an amazing game, displaying excellent skills and determination, winning 21-5. What a fantastic way to finish a great season. Thank you to Miss Bennie for coaching both of the teams.

The **Girls Soccer A** team played against St Raphael's Primary School at Barling Reserve. The girls played so well and showed excellent sportsmanship. They finished Runners Up after playing such a great season.

The **Footy A** team also played in the Grand Final against Reservoir West Primary School at Barling Reserve. They should be extremely proud of the way that they played. Congratulations on being Runners Up for the competition. Thank you to Ben for coaching them.

To all of the Interschool Sport teams this year, you have been excellent representatives of our school and played with exceptional sportsmanship in all of your games. Thanks to all of the wonderful teachers who ran early morning training sessions before school and for taking on the responsibility of being a coach.



Girls Netball



Netball A



Mixed Netball

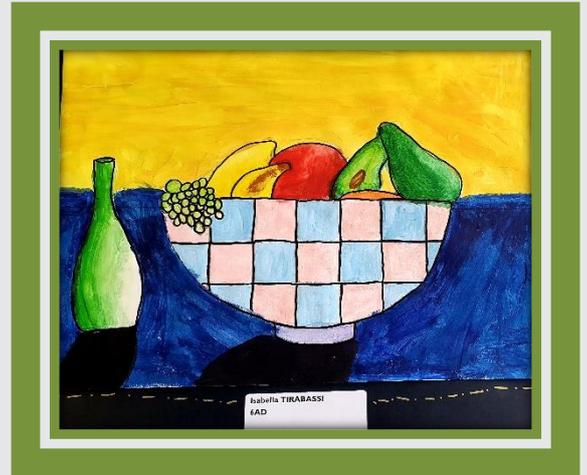


Soccer Girls A

Artists of the Week



Ross T, PAD



Isabella T, 6AD

Uniform Shop



The Uniform Shop remains closed for counter sales – order on Qkr up to 4.30 pm on Thursdays and it will be sent home on Friday afternoon.

Pinafores!!

Please note: Students should be wearing a **long-sleeved school polo or gold skivvy** with **navy tights** under their pinafore. (Pinafores and long/short sleeved polos are sold separately.)

With winter on our doorstep, we also stock **raincoats** and **polar fleece jackets**.



Dry & Cosy



Jacket in a Bag



Polar Fleece

Is your child's clothing labelled????
Write your child's surname
CLEARLY on your child's
windcheater or jacket and it can
be returned to them!

Haven't got Qkr yet? Click the link for more info on Qkr:
<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>

UNIFORM SALE ITEMS



- **Size 4 polar fleece jackets (PSW) (old stock)**
Polar Fleece Jackets, size 4 only (limited numbers)
\$30 each (no returns or exchanges)
- **Gaberdine skorts (old stock)**
Size 4 available (limited numbers available)
\$10 each (no returns or exchanges)
- **Bootleg pants (old stock)**
There is a range of sizes available.
\$19 each (no returns or exchanges)

Items available on Qkr!