



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope you all had a lovely two-week break and could get out and about in the beautiful sunshine.

SCHOOL START TIME

Just a reminder that the school day starts at 8:50 am. Staff are on duty in the undercover area from 8:30 to supervise students. Before this time, staff are busy preparing for the day, so they are unable to be out and about. Please ensure that you do not send your child to school before this time to ensure that they are safe. We have a YMCA on the school site that can undertake before school care. Before school, all students and parents are to come to the undercover area.

SOCIAL DANCE

The students from Years 1 – 4 commenced social dance this week. They had a fabulous time, and I could hear them singing and laughing from my office. This is a great activity which is excellent for the health and wellbeing of our children. If your child enjoyed the experience and you have not paid, please ensure you do this soon.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is during Weeks Three and Four. It will commence on Tuesday 10th May. Some children may become anxious during this time. All you can do is:

- Discuss their feelings and concerns – tests commonly bring out feelings of anxiety, so let them know that these feelings are normal. Listen to their concerns, show empathy and maintain a caring and positive attitude. More often than not, talking about their fears can help to lessen these feelings.
- Encourage them 'to give it a go' and 'to try their best' – NAPLAN is about ensuring that we provide the best educational outcomes for children. Please encourage your child to give it a go and try their best.
- Prepare for the day – Good preparation is the key. Go to bed early the night before, having a healthy breakfast to start the day. Keep stress levels low and wish them good luck when you drop them off.
- Keep NAPLAN in perspective – This is only one assessment, and the teachers and the school use this information in conjunction with numerous other data to determine a student's academic level. It is essential for your child to understand that this one test does not determine their success.

P & C MOTHERS DAY STALL

Next week the P & C will be running their Mother's Day stall. This is an exciting time for the students to be able to purchase their mum a present. I am sure more will come from the P & C soon.



NEWSPAPER FOR THE ART ROOM

Ms Duckworth is looking for newspaper for the Art Room. If you have some that you can donate, please leave them in the container that she has provided outside the Art Room. I know that she will be very appreciative of this.

CHANGES FOR THIS TERM

As you all know, there were changes announced this week about the easing of restrictions. There is a formal letter coming from the Department of Education soon, but I just wanted to highlight the changes for our school as of tomorrow.

- Staff, parents and students will no longer require masks on school grounds.
- Continue to report positive cases impacting your family to the school, especially if your child has COVID. More details to come about your child attending if they are only a close contact in the family home.
- Assemblies can now commence again. I want to remind you that our assemblies are now on a Monday.
- Parents will now be able to enter the classroom.
- Students will no longer be required to be kept apart from each other. 'Hubbing', as they call it, has been removed.

Regular updates of what is occurring around the school will be appearing on our new website, on Connect and Facebook. So, if you are wanting to know what is happening you have access to these facilities. Our new website has a calendar imbedded in it so you can see what is coming up.

I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Kind regards

Leanne Allen
Principal