

## SCHOOL UPDATE

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16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

### END OF TERM

This Friday draws the term to a close. Without doubt this has been a challenging time for all of us with the ongoing concerns relating to COVID-19, the ups and downs with remote and flexible learning and challenges surrounding our day to day living in a restricted environment.

Taking on the Principal role has been an experience and I am glad to have worked with such a caring and dedicated team of teachers. It has been wonderful working with the various parents and carers who have supported this school and the teachers. In term 4 I will be staying on in the Principal role and look forward to setting goals and plans for 2021.

A reminder to all parents for on site students, the term will finish at 2:30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Students will need to be collected at this time or attend the after care program.

### TERM 4

Term 4 starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October and at this stage the school will continue with remote and flexible learning for week 1. On-site supervision (as per the eligibility requirements this term) will be available.



### WEEK 2

From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October **ALL** students in Foundation to Year 2 return to on-site learning. The existing remote learning system will not be continued for these year levels after this date. Students in Years 3-6 will continue in the remote and flexible learning program.

Students in Years F-2 who are medically vulnerable may be eligible for an exemption to attend on-site learning. Parents will need to contact me to discuss once Term 4 begins.

### ON-SITE LEARNING

Once students return to school in term 4 there will be a major focus on ensuring the needs of students are being met for their educational targets. The Department has given schools direction that they can set their own curriculum for the remainder of the year. It is to be expected that students will be spending more of a focus on reading, writing and numeracy during school time than the other 5 key learning areas. More information will be sent home to parents as plans are developed.

### STUDENT MOBILE PHONES

I remind parents that students are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. If a student does bring a mobile phone it must be handed to the office at the beginning of the day and collected after the 3:20pm bell. Parents with concerns can contact me to discuss further.

## STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY

The Grade 4-6 students have continued to complete the survey regarding their attitude to school. So far we have had the following response rates and I encourage the remaining students to complete the survey as soon as possible. If your child needs support to complete the survey please contact your class teacher through the parent portal on Sentral.

Grade 4 – 70% completion, 19 responses remaining

Grade 5 – 51% completion, 20 responses remaining

Grade 6 – 50% completion, 19 responses remaining

The results from this survey will guide the schools direction in 2021 with student engagement and wellbeing. Classroom teachers will be contacting students who are yet to complete the survey.

## STUDENT PHOTOS

School photos have been pushed back each term throughout the year. This week we have asked parents to complete a quick 2 minute survey to gain your feedback on the interest for photos this year or would you prefer to hold off until 2021. Overwhelmingly parents are wanting photos to take place this year still so they have been booked for November. More information will occur at the start of Term 4.

**PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS NEED TO BE IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR PHOTOS**

## 2021 ENROLMENTS

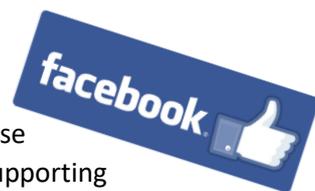
Whilst the management of COVID has impacted the school greatly there is much to do with the 2021 preparations. We are currently working on our staffing plans and anticipating the number of staff needed to adequately cover all classes next year. Do you have a child starting school next year? Have you enrolled them online at our school? If not, please go to the school website and complete the short enrolment process. The office will then send out enrolment packs and other relevant information.

A graphic of the year '2021' where each digit is a different color and has a textured, brush-stroke appearance. The '2' is purple, the first '0' is yellow, the '2' is green, and the '1' is red.

Transition for new Foundation students will still take place. Notices will be sent out once details are confirmed. We look forward to welcoming you all back to the school in 2021.

## FACEBOOK

School Council has agreed to begin the process for setting up our own School Facebook page. This is an exciting step forward that enables students to showcase to the wider community their talents, skills and achievements. Parents will be supporting the school in monitoring and approving posts and we encourage all parents to show their support through their involvement in the page. Currently the school is writing a policy which will be approved by school council at the beginning of term 4.



## HOLIDAY TIME

Finally, I wish all families a safe and enjoyable break. With Spring in the air it is a great opportunity to start some work out in the gardens, go for a walk, enjoy the sunshine and generally be away from the screens of our phones, tablets, computers and TV's. We look forward to seeing photos and hearing of your stories when Term 4 resumes.

Ross Carlson  
Acting Principal