



WELCOME BACK

9th July 2021

Welcome to the start of term 3, 2021. The year has certainly moved fast, and this term will be no different.

I would like to share a few reminders with families before students return on Monday 12th July for a 9:00am start.

ATTENDANCE

This term there is a strong emphasis on full time attendance for all students. Over the holiday period the attendance data has been reviewed and many students are falling behind in the minimum requirement.

Across the State, the average absence rate for a Primary school aged student is 14 days. Unfortunately, many of our students' absence rate is currently beyond 20 days. This means that, for many, students have missed more than 4 weeks of school already with another half a year to go. At the current rate, these students will miss more than half a term by the year's end.

The school will be setting up attendance meetings and designing attendance plans with families where there is poor attendance. Following the guidelines of the Department the school will then seek assistance through the Attendance support services at Regional level if attendance rates do not improve. It is important, for your children's education, that all parents and families support full time attendance of students.

UNIFORM

School uniform is still compulsory for all students. Students will be expected to be in full uniform from the start of term 3 throughout the term. If you need assistance with uniform supply, please contact Chris in the office who will be able to help.

Due to the recent COVID lockdowns and a lot of feedback from parents about financial struggles, School Council have agreed to hold off on updating the uniform until next year. There is still some discussion to be held around the Prep uniform for 2022, more information will come out later in the year.

As per school processes, students who do not wear the correct uniform will be in a restricted play area. This applies to all students.

2022 ENROLMENTS

The leadership team have started to design the long-term planning document and review enrolments for 2022. If you know that your children will not be enrolled with us next year, we ask that you inform the office at the start of the term. This will assist us in planning for the correct number of students next year and support teachers with grade designs.

GARDEN DEVELOPMENTS

During the week, the gardens around the buildings have had a makeover with many new plants and shrubs being planted. A lot of work and time has been committed to setting up these gardens and it is important students are respectful of these areas.

As the term returns, some fencing has been installed to assist students in going around the gardens rather than through them. There is no need for students to be running in/out of gardens and damaging plants. We ask parents to speak with students about the importance of showing respect for the school environment.



COVID UPDATE

Earlier today new announcements have been made by the Department of Education around COVID guidelines. Please see below for updates:

- Staff are not required to wear face masks **indoors** when working with school students/staff
- Staff should wear a face mask **indoors** when interacting with members outside school including when talking to parents/families or students from another school
- Office staff will still be required to wear a face mask
- Visitors to the school must wear a face mask and sign in using both the kiosk and the QR code

FENCING UPDATE

Last term the fencing grant was approved. I have worked with the contractor over the holidays to review the design and discuss start dates. Due to the delay in steel being available there will be a slight delay to the starting time. We anticipate the oval fence will be completed by the end of Term 3 with the remaining work completed over the holiday break (September) however this depends on when steel is available.

We look forward to everyone returning next week for another great term.

Ross Carlson
Principal