



Newsletter 2020

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Tuesday 1st December 2020

Counting Down!

Dates to Note

- Wed 2nd Dec

Galston High Orientation

- Mon 7th Dec

K-2 Present'n Assembly 2pm

- Tues 8th Dec

3-6 Present'n Assembly 2pm

- Fri 11th Dec

Putt-Putt Excursion for all students K-6

School Reports sent home

- Mon 14th Dec

Special afternoon tea to Farewell Yr6

- Wed 16th Dec

Last day of Term 4 for students.

- Thurs 17th Dec

Pupil -free day teachers Only!



2021...

Fri 29th Yrs 1-6 return

Mon 1st Feb New Kindies

Presentation Assemblies: As we are allowed parents on the premises for end-of year presentations (for a limited time) we are holding our Presentation Assemblies in two sessions so that we are in keeping with the still strict COVID regulations. Two adult representatives from families in K-2 and Yrs 3-6 are invited to attend on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December from 2pm to 3pm. Adults will be directed to their ticketed seating and are also required to sign in the Visitors book and COVID register. Notes were sent home last week explaining this.

Putt-Putt Excursion: Please note the change of date: **Friday 11th December**. Children should be in their sports uniform for this day, including hats. Children will also need their crunch and sip, recess, lunch and a water bottle. We look forward to a fun day of Putt-Putt. Please ensure all permission notes/money is returned this week.

Yr 6 Farewell: We will be farewelling our Yr 6 students during an afternoon tea on Monday 14th December. Our P&C will very kindly provide food for all of our students as we sit together to wish our Yr 6 students all the best for High School. Again, unfortunately, we are unable to have any of our parents attend (other than those preparing/organising the afternoon tea). All activities will be completed within school hours so that students can go home at their usual time.

Canteen: Congratulations to our "Canteen Queens" who, through their rigour and commitment, have ensured our school canteen meets the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. Thank you Lizzy and Nicola for your amazing efforts in caring for the wellbeing of all of our students while making it so enjoyable for us all. Thank you also Saskia for your support of these ladies and also in your care for our students at this school.

School Bytes: We have now moved to an online "Finance Administration Tool" that will allow us to email personalised student accounts directly to parents. This also allows you to make easy online payments through POP. It also allows us to quickly send out important notices via email (quickly) such as reminders for events and emergency changes such as school closures due to Fires etc. Be on the lookout for emails coming your way through School Bytes.

SDD Variation date: As staff have completed three additional sessions of Professional Learning (on 8th, 15th September 3:45– 6:00pm; 10th October 9:30-1:00pm), the school will be non-operational on Friday 18th December 2020. This will not affect student learning as all students complete 2020 on Wednesday 16th December.

Parent/Teacher Dinner: Thursday 10th December at Glenorie RSL. Keeping it local, light, relaxed and friendly. Such a wonderful opportunity to catch up when its been such a long time. Really hope we can get together. Look forward to seeing you.

Dates for 2021: Students Return for **Years 1-6** on **Friday 29th January 2021** Our *new Kindies* start on **Monday 1st February 2021**. *Only teachers* will be on duty at school on *Wednesday/ Thursday 27th/28th January* (ie 2 School Development Days to start the 2021 year).



Days to note:

Mondays = K-2 PE, Canteen

Tuesday = Library

Wednesdays = Scripture (T3), 3-6 PE

Thursdays = Assembly every 2nd week

Friday = Sports day



STUDENT HEALTH: Any child suffering cold or flu like symptoms, runny nose, sore throats or headaches should not attend school. They are also required to have a COVID test. Students are not to return until the school has been given evidence of a negative result and is not experiencing any symptoms. This still applies until further notice. I thank all of you for your continued vigilance in this area.

COVID Pack: The Department of Education is hoping to send out *Safety Packs* to each family before school finishes this year. Packs of sanitiser and wipes to encourage vigilance throughout the holidays and not complacency.



Dooral Early Learning Centre

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Before and After School is available
For pricing details ring Silvia Li.

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P&C Meeting/AGM: Our office bearers are...

President: Torie Cannon

Secretary: Deidre Grofski

Treasurer: Rachael van Middeldyk

Publicity: Lizzy Rupert

Canteen: Martina Barnes

Fund-Raising: ???? Anyone interested??



Our P&C will be meeting on

2nd Tuesday of the month;

In the school library!!

February 2021 7pm

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It's time we all shared the load a little.

Why not join in to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.



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Poetry from the Heart...C. Melita Webb

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please **speak to the class teacher** to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

Ann Mills

Principal

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