



Newsletter 2020

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Harmony Week

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dates to Note

- Friday 20th March

Celebrating Harmony Day

Sporting Schools -Basketball

- Thursday 9th April

Last day of Term 1



Easter Break

**Teachers only on
Monday 27th April**

(pupil-free day)

Students return ...

Tuesday 28th April

Footsteps Dance from Tues-
days 19th May to 16th June.

COVID 19: New information is coming out daily. We ask that you do take this situation seriously. If your child presents with any respiratory problems please keep them at home until they are better and seek medical advice.

Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to our relay team who made it through to the next level. We are so proud of you Makayla, Phoenix, Lucy and Zac. Unfortunately due to the impact of COVID 19 this next event has now been cancelled.

Assemblies: Thank you for your attendance at last week's assembly around our theme of Reasoning Skills. Again it is unfortunate that we will be unable to present any more assemblies this term due to the restrictions in place regarding social distancing and COVID 19.

Camp: The department of Education has called for all school excursions and camps to be cancelled. As such the camp will not be happening this year for our students.

Cross Country Carnival: The annual combined Cross Country Carnival was to be held here, at Middle Dural on Wednesday 6th May 2020. Although this has not as yet been cancelled, it is highly unlikely to continue, given the restrictions in place due to COVID 19.

Sporting Schools Program: Our final basketball session should still be going ahead this Friday unless we hear otherwise. Our students are truly enjoying these sessions and really appreciate the interest and expertise delivered by Chloe and Shoan.

Parent Information Evening: Thank you so much to those parents who were able to attend our parent information session. As a staff we were delighted to combine and share this information with you and truly appreciate the wonderfully positive feedback received.

Student Learning Resources: Thank you to those who have already made prompt payments of these resources. We ask that you pay these as soon as is possible and remind you that if anyone is experiencing any difficulty with payment to please make an appointment to speak with Mrs Mills so that a payment plan can be set up to assist.

Attendance: It is a requirement that all students are in attendance every school day. If your child is unwell, we ask that you please notify the school by ringing or emailing, if possible, and that a written note confirming this absence is sent upon the student's return. Any absence due to illness longer than 2 days will require a doctor's certificate. Late arrivals and early departures are required to be signed in/out at the front office by the parent/carer. I also remind you that should your child present with flu-like symptoms/ fever, please keep them at home until they are well.

School Hours: The bell rings at 9:00am each day for a 9:05 start. Students are allowed to be dropped off at school from 8:35am each day. The school bell rings at 3:05pm. Parents are asked to pick up their children at this time. No child is allowed to play after school and the play equipment is completely out of bounds to children before and after school. All students waiting for pick-up are requested to wait on the K/1/2 verandah where they can be sheltered and supervised until they leave.

Harmony Day: On Friday of this week we will be participating in Harmony Day activities, celebrating the richness and diversity shared by other cultures. Students will participate in a 50 minute multicultural dance session (in their own class groups). After this teachers have organized other Literacy and Arts activities. *We believe that this will still be taking place at this stage, unless we hear otherwise from Footsteps Dance.*

P & C Annual Voluntary Contribution: Every year the P & C ask for a voluntary contribution from families. Their letter is attached to this newsletter.



Days to note:

Mondays = K-2 PE, Canteen

Tuesday = Library

Wednesdays = Scripture, 3-6 PE

Thursdays = Assembly every 2nd week

Friday = Sports day



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

Harmony Day

Inclusiveness, Respect and a Sense of Belonging for Everyone.

Our P&C will be meeting on

Tuesday 28th April, 2020

in the school library.

These meetings are short, fun and best of all

PRODUCTIVE!!!

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 come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.



Let's give everyone
a [clean] hand



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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