

Newsletter 2021

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Dates to Note:

Stay safe everyone.

End of Term 3 Friday 17th September



Term 4 Will commence on Tuesday 5th October 2021

BUT...

Learning from home to continue at this stage until at least the end of Week 4.

Nearly there..

Term 3: We conclude Term 3 this Friday. We ask that <u>all packages</u> are **returned to school on Friday** (any time through the day is fine) so that teachers are able to mark, collate and assess Term 3 Learning. So grateful for the incredible support within our community that has helped all of us get through this time and has ensured learning for your children has continued as originally planned.

Farewell and Thank you: As well as Miss Hatfield leaving this term, our dear friend Mr Tyszyk, our General Assistant who has maintained our grounds so beautifully for many years, will be leaving us. We wish him well and are most grateful for the way he has cared for our school and everyone in it. Thank you Mr Tyszyk. Stay safe and well. We hope you will keep in touch.

Google Classroom Assembly Number 3: I hope you were able to view our last 2 assemblies on Google Classroom. And thank you again to those parents who took the time to respond to the Parent Jamboard. Our last Assembly for Term 3 will be out this week (all being well). Congratulations to our award winners for weeks 5,6,7 and 8.

Premier's Sporting Challenge: Coming to a close at the end of this term. I do hope you will continue to be active over the holidays. Not only is it fun but good for our physical and mental health.

Term 4: It seems we are to commence Term 4 with Learning from Home for at least 4 weeks. I am hoping that after this time period that, being a small school, we will be allowed to come back *as a school* instead of the staggered starts that larger schools need to follow. Time and events will tell us if this is possible and I will need to consult further with our Director of Educational Leadership around this. Please check emails frequently as we near the end of the holidays in case there are more important updates.

If no other news, then Term 4 will commence for all students as "Learning from Home" on Tuesday 5th October. We will have packages and GC lessons prepared and present these in the same manner as we have been doing.

Communication: Please continue to check your emails, especially over the school holidays, as it is our main form of communication, to keep you updated and informed, especially if things change suddenly.

Health and Wellbeing: You will notice that we have included an extra attachment. It includes a list of free and confidential services that operate 24hours a day, 7 days a week and are available to support, listen and help you out when needed. A handy resource for your reference.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Days to note:

Mondays = K-2 PE, Canteen

Tuesday = Library (K-6)

Wednesdays = Scripture (T3), 3-6 PE

Thursdays = Assembly every 2nd week

Friday = Sports day





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

Ph: 9653 9966

Our next P&C will be meeting on:-

ZOOM Tuesday 14th Sep

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.



<u>STUDENT HEALTH</u>: 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 <u>evidence of a negative</u> <u>result and is not experiencing any symptoms</u>. This still applies until further notice. I thank all of you for your continued vigilance in this area.

Please Remember that the school grounds are out of bounds after school hours. This is covered in the *Inclosed Lands Act*. Any unauthorised entry is considered trespassing and as such can be reported to the local police.

We ask parents passing if they see anyone other than staff or workers on the premises to please contact:

School Security on 1300 880 021 (24hr hotline) Or

Hornsby police on 94769799

Keeping our school safe.

We judge ourselves by our intentions and others by their actions. Be kind. Stephen Covey

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.



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