

Newsletter

25th June 2018

Term 2, Week 11

Respect

Integrity

Success

Compassion



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the last week of Term 2! It is our goal to make learning meaningful, engaging and successful for all students and to support you, as parents, by keeping you informed of the learning journey of your child/ren. Parent and Teacher interview nights are an ideal forum for information sharing to occur. Please take advantage of the opportunity provided on Tuesday and Wednesday evening this week to talk with your child's teacher. Students often become more responsible towards their learning tasks when they know they cannot play parents and teachers against each other.

We begin Term 3 on Tuesday 17th July. All staff will be attending professional development on how to develop positive well-being for students across all year levels as well as for themselves.

I wish you all a safe and restful winter school holiday break and look forward to catching up with you and the students again in Term 3.

Blessings
Sandra Ferry,
Principal.

Construction has begun on the new High School hub!



Parent/Teacher Interviews - start tomorrow!

Our Parent/Teacher Interviews begin tomorrow - Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th June. Please take this opportunity to work alongside your child and their teacher in order to enhance their learning opportunities for 2018. Bookings have now closed - please contact the office if you need any assistance.

Please note: High School teacher Mr Morgan Smith will be away the week of interviews on Professional Development.

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Prep Sewing

The Year 5/6 students have been helping our Prep students develop their sewing skills - a wonderful effort by all!



Yr 7/8 Sewing

Congratulations to Yr 8 student Heather Macgillivray who completed this colourful cushion in her Yr 7/8 Sewing class. She will be entering the cushion into the Mildura Show - we wish you all the best Heather!

Homework Club resumes Term 3

Homework Club has finished for this term - it will resume on Monday 30th July (Week 3 of next term).

No Canteen this week

There will be **no canteen this Friday** (last day of term) as school finishes early.



Last day Term 2

Parents/Guardians: This Friday 29th June is the last day of Term 2 - please note:

- Casual dress
- Gold coin donation
- 2pm finish

First day Term 3

First day of school for Term 3 is **Tuesday 17th July** (Monday 16th July is a student free day due to staff professional development).



The building construction team had some very excited spectators (ie: Prep class) watching them last Thursday with great interest!

Class Awards



Silver & Bronze Awards



Gotcha Reward

The school office had a very special helper in the office last Friday morning! Year 1 student Molly Webb, requested as her Gotcha reward, to help out in the office. Her assistance was wonderful - look out Mrs Kuhl, Molly's on the job!



Upcoming Events

June

- 25-29 Yr 10 Work Experience
- 26-27 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 29 Last day of Term 2 - 2pm finish, casual dress & gold coin donation

July

- 16 Student Free Day
- 17 First Day of Term 3 (Tues)

August

- 2 Interschool Chess
- 6-8 Yr 3/4 Camp
- 13 Athletics Carnival
- 13-17 Science Week
- 20-24 Book Week



A Message from our Student Welfare Officer

Last week I talked about smart phone usage with teens and the possible down sides to owning a mobile phone. Today I wanted to discuss the age that a child should get their own device.

This is one of the many difficult questions that you will have to ponder as an adult. On one hand, knowing your child can contact you, and you them, is a huge weight off your mind. On the other hand, issues like cyber bullying, cybersafety, smart phone addiction and exposure to inappropriate content are real concerns.

The average age for a child to receive their first smart phone is 10, but the average age doesn't necessarily mean the right age. Every child is different and every situation is different. Below is a list of things to consider before you make that purchase.


- Is your child responsible enough for a mobile phone? Can they be trusted not to break or lose their phone?
- Is your child mature enough to have a mobile phone? They need to have an understanding that anything they post online stays there forever.
- Can they be trusted to communicate online or via text message respectfully?
- Does your child have enough self control for a mobile phone? Are they going to accept limits that you set for their re usage.
- Can your child help to pay for their bill? It is a great opportunity to teach your child the value of money.
- Do your kids need to be in touch for safety reasons?
- You need to consider the potential risks such as cyber bullying, sexual or violent content, and the possibility of the child giving out personal information.
- Just keep in mind that when you hand your children smart phones you are giving them powerful communication and media production tools. They can create text, images, and videos that can be widely distributed and uploaded to websites instantly.

Some useful tips for managing your child and the potential pitfalls.

- Set boundaries of usage.
- Monitor your child's usage.
- Model healthy behaviour around the way you use your phone around your children.
- Consider installing a parental control app. Some to consider are Family Link, Qustodio, Kids Place and Screen Time.
- Keep phones out of bedrooms at night.
- Have an open view policy where you can access your child's phone any time you want to.

A friend recently said to me "Once you give your child a mobile phone you lose them". I think we have to be very thoughtful about why we are purchasing a phone for our kids and be very mindful that it should be a device that aids them not hinders them in any way. Our kids need to be kids and experience all that life can offer not sitting looking at yet another screen missing the amazing things going on around them.

Venise Lang



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✳ School newsletters	✳ Cancellations
✳ Notices	✳ Reminders
✳ Events	✳ ...and more!

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