



Dates for the Diary 2020



Term 2

Tuesday 14th April
Student Free Day

**Wednesday 15th
April**
Students Start

Term 1 – Newsletter 5 **Friday 27th March 2020**

Principal News – Gillian Connolly

Wow, I can't believe the Term has gone by already! We have had a terrific term and have been working hard on our school climate, talking about how we can all be kind and look after each other. As the Principal position has yet to be advertised, I have been asked to stay on for Term 2. I am really excited and pleased to have this opportunity to continue working with the school community.

I would like to thank you all for your support these past few weeks when things were changing on a daily basis, in particular for being so flexible with arranging care for your children since Tuesday. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the staff for their flexibility and fantastic way they have pulled together as a team.

We had an excellent level of attendance at our Parent Teacher Discussions. Thank you for taking the time to come in and talk with the teachers about your children's learning. The teachers loved being able to meet up with you.

School Council

It is with great pleasure I introduce our School Council representatives for this year. It is the first time the school has had all positions filled which is fantastic and I look forward to working with them to further improve our school. Our team includes: Leigh Markham (President); Sam Armstrong (Vice President); Adam Leslie; Nicole McKenzie; Sheila James; Lee Byrom; Lanie Farao; Krystle Ing; Kelly Alexander; Dale Simmons and Mark Atherton.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank last year's School Council and Parents' and Friends' Club for the excellent work they undertook last year. I have attached my Principal Report from the AGM for your perusal. I extend an extra thank you to Bronwyn Woodward for her tireless efforts and huge contribution she has made both in School Council and in the Parents' and Friends' Club.

Bullying, No Way!

Last Friday the 2-6 grades participated in this day to learn more about being kind to each other, safe behaviours at school and around what bullying is and what to do about it. The students were asked to wear something orange and it was great to see so many of them (and staff) do this for the day. Two parents get a shout-out for going that extra mile and making t-shirt for their daughters to wear. They looked fantastic which you can see in the article below.

Enchanted Garden... Let your imagination Grow Day!

Also last Friday F/1M and F/1X held an Enchanted Garden... Let your imagination Grow Day. Thank you to all of the parents who went to such effort to dress your children up. The excitement and pride the kids had in talking about who they had come dressed up as and seeing the other costumes was adorable.

A huge thank you to Kaye for transforming the library into an enchanted garden and along with Miss Milner and Miss Xuereb for dressing up too. Everyone had a terrific time.

Keep smiling and take care,

Gillian Connolly ☺

I Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land in where I work and live, and pay my respects to elders past and present and extend that Acknowledgement to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia





Enchanted Garden Book Fair.

A big **thankyou** to our School Community for your support during our recent Enchanted Garden Fair which raised \$400 in free books for our Library.

Our Book Fair Assistants Maddison, Eliza, Amelia M, Zac, Logan, and Sam have shown leadership and our School values of **Collaboration** and **Responsibility** in planning and preparing for the Book Fair, hanging posters, organising the brochures and developing exciting competitions for all grade levels. Throughout the Fair they offered support to their young customers, and took pride in keeping the display shelves and stationary items orderly.

Thank you to all the students who submitted entries into the various Book Fair competitions. It was very encouraging to receive all the entries particularly the large number from our Grade 4 students for their Enchanted Garden Wordsearch.

Congratulations to our competition winners Benna, William, Charlotte, Katy B, Jackson A, and Allira who each received a \$15 voucher to spend in the Book Fair. Honourable Mention prizes of a poster or book were also awarded to Hudson A, Zahli S, Abigail S, Ruby C, Kydan and Lucy.

Hope you all have a chance to enjoy some reading during the holidays,

Kaye Stockdale





COVID-19 Update

I have tried to keep you as up to date as I can with what is happening in relation to this through SkoolBag app. If you haven't downloaded it please take the time to do this as I will be continuing to use this forum as my main source of communication with you. The following was sent yesterday:

Since Tuesday our staff have been working hard to prepare for the high chance of having to provide remote learning next term. As you are aware our major platform will be SeeSaw, with teachers and students already using it this week to practise and see what we can provide.

If we move to remote learning we will be providing the following on the Tuesday of Term 2 (which is a student free day):

- *a plan from the school as to how we will be operating*
- *a weekly timetable for each class*
- *lessons and activities, covering reading, writing, spelling/phonics, mathematics, inquiry, PE and Art*
- *a plan for check-ins and contact with teachers*
- *if needed, hard copy work packs and a system of delivery / pick up*

If you will have trouble with the internet or access to a printer, please let the school know as soon as possible (there are skeleton staff manning the phones) so we can consider this with our planning.

Our technician also passed this information on which may be of use in relation to internet and data:

To assist with working remotely and learning from home during COVID-19, telecommunications companies are offering free bonus data to eligible customers.

For Telstra customers: <https://www.telstra.com.au/covid19/supporting-you-during-covid-19>

For Optus Customers: <https://www.optus.com.au/for-you/support/answer?id=20066>

For Vodafone Customers: <https://www.vodafone.com.au/media/keeping-customers-connected>

Remember to take time to look after yourself as parents as well!

Thanks once again for your support and patience as we navigate this new territory together!
Gillian



Bullying, No Way!

Written by: Allira & Scarlett

Our Grade 2 – 6 students have been working on understanding what bullying is and strategies on how to deal when faced with bullying behaviour.

Bullying is not OK! It is a continuous behaviour to hurt people's feelings and to upset them to make the bully feel better. Some of the forms of bullying are: Cyber, Physical and Verbal. Bullies often bully people because they have either been bullied in the past, have a personal reason to bully so they can feel better about themselves or because of jealousy.

Cyber bullying is bullying someone through technology or social media. Sometimes people make fake accounts so they can be hidden so they aren't found out.

Physical is physically hurting someone. The bully may come and push, kick, punch or hit you. They could do other ways of hurting you like hitting you with objects, taking your things and throwing them at you, or hurting you in some form with them.

Verbal is making someone feel bad using their voice. People can call you nasty names, say rude comments about you, and spreading rumours about you.

A common solution that people use is telling a teacher or an adult, you could also tell the bully firmly to "STOP!" If it is cyber bullying you could take a screenshot of the messages and report and block that person. If it is verbal bullying you could also tell an adult and maybe the adult could catch the person in the act. You could also do that for physical bullying as well.

The bully may not stop, if the bullying continues then you should take it further, if you are at school, tell the principal, and your parents. Bullies are not good people. It needs to be stopped so people can feel good about themselves and feel safe out in public. Bullying is serious and can hurt people mentally. It needs to stop.

BULLYING IS NOT OK!

