



Dates for the Diary 2020



Term 2

Monday 8th June

Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June

Grades 4-6 Start
Back at School

Monday 20th June

School Council

Friday 26th June

Last day of Term

Term 3

Monday 13th July

First day of Term



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Principal News – Gillian Connolly

It was SO lovely to have the sound of laughter and see students playing in the yard this week! The first day back for our junior students went remarkably well, with students settling back in beautifully. Thank you to our parents for dropping kids off at the gate and then respecting the social distancing rules at pick up time. Your cooperation in this has been fantastic and much appreciated. We can't wait until our senior students start back on the 9th June.

Once again a huge thank you for the support you have provided to your children and the staff during remote learning. As a staff we reflected about what went well and one of the top things was the growth of relationships between the teachers, school and parents. This is definitely something we are keen to keep going and build on in the future.

Final thanks goes to the ongoing commitment and hard work of our staff. They have done a lot to ensure remote learning was as successful as it could be and also meaningful. It has been a pleasure to watch how they have supported each other to learn new things and share ideas. I am really proud of not only them, but of the whole school community.

Adults on Site

As part of the advice from the Department, we need to minimise adults who are not staff from coming on to the school grounds. If you need anything from school, please phone first to make arrangements with staff, this includes if you need to pick up your child for early or for an appointment early.

Reports

Reports will look different for this semester. Following advice from the Department, we will not be assigning the progression dots against curriculum areas. The reason for this is due to the limitations around teachers being able to assess students accurately via remote learning. What you will receive is a statement for reading, writing, maths and inquiry about what was covered for the two terms. For reading, writing and maths, teachers will indicate whether your child appears to be at, below or above level using the information they have from Term 1 and throughout remote learning. More detailed information about student achievement will be provided at the end of year reports. Teachers will also provide a comment in relation to how students engaged with the remote learning content.

Returning Devices to School

Thank you to those families that have returned devices. If your child is in the junior grades and you still have your device, please return it to school as soon as possible. For senior students please return devices on their first day back, the 9th June.

Assembly

We are still not able to hold assembly and love celebrating our students' learning, so next week we will attempt a Webex assembly. If you would like to join us please download the Webex Meetings App and I will send a code for you to use in the SkoolBag App on Thursday.

Policies

We are currently reviewing and updating our policies. As they are completed we will put them on the school's website. Recently approved policies are: Duty of Care, Yard Duty and Supervision, First Aid, Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Health Care Needs.



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Teachers' Professional Practice Day

On June first, our teachers are having a Professional Practice Day to build on their Professional Learning Community (PLC) knowledge. This means for students at school, a CRT will be in the room and remote learners will be responded to by a CRT. As the CRTs are less familiar with Seesaw, the amount of responding may be less than what students are used to, so we ask for your understanding with this.

School Review

Every four years, schools participate in a Department review to help shape the School's Strategic Plan. This year our school will undertake the review in Term 4. As part of the process, we complete a self-evaluation to reflect on the current Strategic Plan goals, highlight achievements and identify areas we need to focus on. It is really important to complete the review with feedback from staff, students and parents. Next term there will be opportunities offered for you to either complete a survey or come together to discuss our strengths and areas for improvement. If we can't meet in person due to COVID-19 then we will organise a Webex meeting.

Asthma Plans

As part of updating our policies, all students who have a diagnosis of asthma, are to have a written asthma plan located at the school. If your child currently has asthma listed as a medical condition and we do not have a plan, you will receive a letter asking for one to be completed please. We also appear to have a number of students with a puffer at school and no record of them having asthma on their file. If your child brings a puffer to school and has asthma, please inform the school so we can put it on file and you will need to provide a plan. If they do not have a diagnosis of asthma, please do not send a puffer with them to school.

New Roof on Administration Building

We lucked out on the weather and the terrific folk at Tramad Plumbing completed the room replacement in 2 days! I haven't been up there but have seen photos and it looks terrific. Hopefully we will no longer have our internal water features!

ES Day - lunch photo



On Saturday the 16th June it was Education Support Staff Day, which we celebrated on Friday the 15th for our amazing ES staff. They received some wonderful messages via Webex from students and were treated to a well-deserved lunch served by our lovely waitress. I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge thanks for the incredible work they did at keeping the supervised learning running at school and supporting those students who attended, along with other work duties that contribute so much to the school.

Thanks from the Portelli Family

The ES staff also received a lovely thank you morning tea hamper from the Portelli family for the work they did onsite during remote learning. This was made by The Vault and it was delicious and very much appreciated.



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.

