



## Term 4 – Newsletter 20 Friday 20th November 2020

### Principal News – Gillian Connolly

#### Dates for the Diary 2020



#### Term 4

**25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

**November**

Coonawarra Camp  
Years 3-6

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

**December**

Foundation

Transition

**30<sup>h</sup> November**

Transition

**8<sup>th</sup> December**

Transition Day

**14<sup>th</sup> December**

Grade 6

Leadership Day

**15<sup>th</sup> December**

Graduation

**18<sup>th</sup> December**

Last Day Term

Finish @ 1.30



This term certainly is flying by, I can't believe we only have four weeks of school left for the year! We have had a fantastic couple of weeks and last Friday celebrated NAIDOC week with an activity day. This was organised and run by our school leaders, with support from Kaye, and was amazing. The groups enjoyed listening to an indigenous based book and then completed a matching activity. I know the musical instruments got a work out and the smiles on our students' faces were great to see.

We have camp coming up next week for most of our 3-6 students. Thank you for supporting this at such short notice. It sounds like it will be a fabulous few days and I have heard from other schools that Coonawarra is a great camp to attend. I have noticed that kids in the yard are getting quite excited about it! I can't wait to go and spend some time there as well.

#### **Graduation & Leadership Day**

With the restrictions in place we will be holding our graduation ceremony here at school on the 15<sup>th</sup> December starting at 5pm. The teachers have been working with the students around how this will look. Unfortunately we still aren't sure of whether parents will be able to attend in person or remotely and will let you know as soon as we get more information.

Earlier this year we had a Leadership Day booked at Allambee for the Grade 6 students which was postponed due to the COVID restrictions. We have decided it is important for this to go ahead and give our Grade sixes the opportunity to spend time together and celebrate. This will be at no extra cost for families, if you had already paid, this will be refunded.

#### **Parent Surveys**

The response to the DET survey was fantastic with over 50% of families completing this, thank you! A parent asked me about the outcomes of the survey earlier in the year leading up to the review and I apologise for not feeding this back sooner. Your responses were included as part of the school review and added information to shape our new strategic plan. The common themes from the survey earlier this year were;

- Communication – although it had improved this year, you wanted this to continue and strengthen in the future
- Opportunities to be involved at school – provide events for parents to visit classes to see what your children are learning, more school events and ways for working parents to be involved
- Environment – there were a number of comments to continue tidying up our yard, upgrading facilities and improving the overall appearance of the school
- Relationships – some parents felt that although their classroom teacher was approachable, not all staff are seen to be welcoming and acknowledge parents to say hi or give a smile.

We will continue to work together with you to ensure our school is friendly, inclusive and provides the best learning opportunities for your children. Thank you for your input and interest in making our school better.



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## School Values and Vision

An extremely important component to how a school community works is a shared vision and values. We have been working with students to try and work out if our current values for the school fit with what our school needs. We are also trying to clarify what skills, attitudes and knowledge we want our students to end their primary school years with. It is now your turn! Some of you may have been approached by our staff at the start or end of the day to complete a quick, 3 question survey to identify the top 3 values, attitudes and skills important to you. I am including the link here for our working parents or those who use the drop off zone so you also have the opportunity to participate: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FNZQWKJ>. From here we will collate all the results and establish what our vision is and what values will support us reaching it!

## Reports

Your child's report will look different again this semester and will be sent home on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The report will have a progression point for English and mathematics (including effort), which will also indicate if your child is at, below or above level. We have decided to move away from the A-E rating as this has caused confusion for parents in the past in knowing exactly where their child is at. The reports will also include a statement of what was taught in reading, writing, mathematics, Inquiry, Chinese, Art and PE. There will also be a Personal and Social Capability checklist and a general comment about how your child engaged in remote learning and back on site. When you receive your report, if you need to talk with your child's teacher please call the school or message them through Seesaw to arrange a time.

## Grade Structures

We have finalised which grades our teachers will be taking next year. This has been based on what is best for student learning outcomes and continuing our work in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). We will be having Art, PE and STEM/Performing Arts as our specialist subjects. York will continue to teach Chinese. Given our new structure, we are now talking about where the grades may be located to facilitate the learning opportunities across the school. The list of grades and teachers is below;

- F/1 – Miss Xuereb
- F/1 – Miss Milner / Mrs. Jones
- 1/2 – Mrs. Morgan
- 3/4 – Mr. Atherton
- 3/4 – Miss Khanlarian
- 5/6 – Mrs. Alexander/ Mrs Jones
- 5/6 – Mr. Simmons

Art – Mrs. Szkwarek      PE – Mrs. Hughes      STEM (Terms 1 & 2) – Mrs. Dean  
Education support staff will be Sharon Anderson, Kaye Stockdale, Brodie Murdoch and Meaghan Watson.

## Sentral Is Coming!!!

 We have decided to introduce a new student data management and communication system to the school next year and are excited by what it will offer our school. It will help us keep track of student learning, wellbeing, health concerns and reporting. It also will enable two-way communication between the school and families with a parent app available. We are just setting it up and getting ready to launch it in 2021. More details and information sessions (probably early next year) will follow.

## Kids Helpline

A wonderful resource in our community for kids who need some additional support or someone to talk to is Kids Helpline. This is a service for people aged 5-25years and is staffed by trained counsellors. The number is 1800 55 1800 and is a free phone call from any service, even if a person has no credit on their phone! They also have a fantastic website for kids and parents. <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Keep smiling and take care,

Gillian Connolly ☺

*I Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land 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.*

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# NAIDOC WEEK



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Dear parents/guardians,

For the last few weeks in Inquiry the 4/5/6s have been focussing on improving our schools sustainability. One of the ideas our group has come up with is making a Spoonville. We are asking for parents to donate a wooden spoon or fork as soon as possible so your child can participate in decorating a wooden spoon to be a part of our Spoonville. This activity will be focussed on the Foundation to Grade 3's and will be conducted during lunch times.

Kind regards Claire, Tasman, Katy and Declan.

### The BOOKFAIR is HERE!!

Our “**Arctic Adventure Book Fair**” opens on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the School Hall.

All students will be given time to look at the books in the Book Fair, and the opportunity to write a wish list to take home.

The Book Fair will be open before school 8.30am till 9.00am, lunchtimes 1.40 – 2.00pm and after school 3.15 -4.00pm each school day, until Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

November. **However, unfortunately only students will be able to visit the Hall to look at and/or purchase items from the Book Fair.**

There is a great selection of books including new titles of some popular series', as well as small and large posters, and the usual quirky pens, pencils and rubbers.

Our Book Fair Assistants have organised some fun competitions for the Fair, and are busy preparing the brochures to go home.

Just a reminder that we can **only accept cash or cheques** in payment for items at the Book Fair, and please write the cheques out to Hazelwood North Primary School. Younger students can bring their money/cheque to school in a labelled envelope, and change will be returned the same way. All sales at the Book Fair benefit the School with the choice of free books for our Library.

If you have any queries regarding the Book Fair, or particular items available at the Fair please don't hesitate to contact myself or your child's teacher.

Thank you,

Kaye Stockdale

