



## Term 4 – Newsletter 21 Friday 4th December 2020

### Principal News – Gillian Connolly

#### Dates for the Diary 2020



#### Term 4

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

Transition

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

Grade 6

Leadership Day

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

Graduation

**17<sup>th</sup> December**

End of Year

Concert

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

Last Day Term

Finish @ 1.30



I can't believe we are nearly at the end of the year! Last week we had most of our 3-6 students attend camp at Coonawarra and it was fantastic. The students did the school proud with their manners, resilience and encouraging each other on the more difficult activities. The facilities were fantastic, the food pretty good and it was very well organised. Thank you to Mr. Simmons for pulling it all together with such short notice, the staff that helped in the preparations and you as parents for supporting your children to attend. I would also like to thank the staff who gave up time with their own families to attend the two nights; Mr. Simmons, Mrs Alexander, Mr Atherton, Sharon and Meaghan. Thank you to Mrs Simmons for volunteering to help as well. A special thank you to Sharon for the extra organisation with medications and allergies. I really appreciate the team effort in making a wonderful experience for our students.

We have received fantastic feedback about how we are using Facebook, particularly in sharing our camp experience, so be sure to go and like the page to keep up to date with what is happening at the school.

#### **New Buildings**

Last week we received the exciting news that we are receiving \$2.7 million to upgrade our toilet block and administration building. Thank you to the School Council (particularly last year's) who lobbied local politicians to make this happen. Upgrading our facilities is something that has come up regularly in conversations and surveys since I started here in February, so it is great that the Department have heard your voices and responded. Looking at the timelines, the planning phase will take most of next year so there won't be a lot of changes until at least 2022. I will keep you informed as I learn more about the process and what we need to do to get the ball rolling!

#### **Grade 6 Awards Assembly and Graduation**

Next Friday (11<sup>th</sup>) as part of our assembly we will be giving out the Grade 6 awards that have been sponsored by local organisations and businesses. We will hold it on the basketball court (weather permitting) or undercover area so parents can attend as well. We will also Webex as usual if you can't make it on site. Remember the start time is 2.20pm.

Our Grade 6 students will be graduating on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December with a disco, picnic dinner and ceremony on the oval. It is with great excitement that we can have our parents attend for the ceremony component of the evening. Thank you to the Parents' and Friends' club for paying for the students' meals on the night.

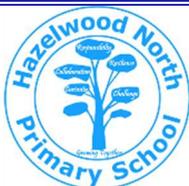
#### **End of Year Concert: 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.**

With the changes to COVID regulations we are able to have our end of year concert on the oval with parents attending. Each class will sing a Christmas song which will kick off at 5.15pm. Unfortunately we will not be able to hold our sausage sizzle, however Parents' and Friends' club are in the process of organising to sell drinks, lollies and hold a raffle. If you are able to volunteer to help them on the night, please leave your name and contact details with Fran at the office!

#### **Student Leaders 2021**

This year we have changed the process for choosing our student leaders. We have started the process which is involving our Grade 6 and 5 students for next year. All students who wanted to run for a position wrote a speech and presented in front of myself, their teachers and peers yesterday. The standard was

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exceptional from all students who presented and it was great to see over 40 students have a go. The staff who attended the speeches will now nominate who they believe deserve a position based on their speech, their behaviour and also their potential as a leader. This will then be taken to the whole staff for a final sign off before being announced at the assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Change of Rooms in 2021**

Due to our structure of grades next year, there will be a shift in where grades are located across the school. This is to keep our curriculum grades and Professional Learning Community Teams together to facilitate stronger curriculum delivery. The Foundation/one and Grade 1/2 will be moving to the Grove building with the 3-6 grades moving to the wing of 4 classrooms that currently have the F-3 grades in. Most of the moving will take place in the last week of term.

## **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.

**School fees are due to be paid before end of year please.**

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.*

## **Book Search!, Book Search!, Book Search!, Book Search!**

Now is the time for all good books (and damaged books, little books, funny books, scary books, thoughtful books, thick books, and **take-home-books**), in fact **all** School books to return to the library.

Books can be returned to the blue tub inside the Library door at any time during the day, or handed to Kaye, or your Classroom teacher.

Some Reminder notices for overdue books have been issued, and more will follow as the books fall due. Please encourage/assist your child to look for any books they may have out – under the bed, on their bookcase, under the car seats, or at Grandma's, are great hiding places for books! Please contact me if you have any queries or concerns regarding missing books.

Thank you.

Kaye Stockdale  
Library Technician



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### Student Inquiry Projects Requests to our Parents:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hi, for our inquiry project we are trying to improve our school vegetable patches. Our inquiry topic is "Your Deeds are your Monuments". We are trying to be sustainable and not use any money to make these improvements. So we are wondering if anyone happens to have any spare or extra vegetable seeds/ seedlings which they might be happy to donate to our project.

#### We are mainly looking for:

Parsley seeds,

Snow pea seeds

Herbs

Onion seeds

Beetroot

Any other green vegetable seeds

If you happen to have any of these, please bring them to school and hand them to the office so we can collect them and plant them in our vegetable gardens. We will have a tub in the office to put them in! This would be such a big help!

Indy and Elsa

#### Year 456 students

Dear parents and guardians,

We are asking for donations of old and unused toys for our inquiry project. We are making a special garden and would appreciate some toys that you wouldn't mind donating.

If you do want to donate there will be a box/tub near the main drop off gate, if you donate you will not receive them back.

Some things you could donate are, water proof fairy/dinosaurs and animal figures.

Our inquiry project is targeted for the foundation/ones next year, the bucket will be out every day for a week starting 7/12/2020 – 11/12/2020

-by Lucy Thompson, Brooke Long, Layla Watts and Isabella George.

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS CLUB NEWS

The end of the year is fast approaching so we will be having our Christmas raffle again. This year we will be raffling off a trailer load of wood and Christmas hampers filled with books and assorted Christmas items.

Raffle tickets will be \$2 a ticket and will be sent home with students next week so make sure to check their bags.

Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 17th December the night of the Christmas concert.

Thank in advance for your support of this fundraiser and a big thankyou to those who have donated raffle items.

**P & FC WE NEED HELPERS!** We are in need of more members. We meet once a month for an hour or so and have one or two fundraisers a term. Only have a few hours to spare and can't make meetings but would still like to help please let us know by contacting Nicole on 0408354094

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