

NEWSLETTER 15 February 2022

Dates for your Diary

FEB	Tue 15	Foundation Information Evening 7pm	Wed 16	Foundation Day Off
	Thu 17	Italian/Music	Fri 18	Swimming
	Tue 22	Cooking	Wed 23	Foundation Day Off
	Wed 23	Library	Thu 24	Italian/Music
	Fri 25	Swimming	Sun 27	Working Bee 9am
MAR	Thu 3	Music/Italian	Fri 4	Swimming
	Tue 8	Cooking	Wed 9	Library
	Thu 10	Music/Italian	Fri 11	Swimming

Dear Parents,

After the 'excitement' of last week we hope that things have calmed down and we can return back to normal. Once again, I have been extremely proud of our community in dealing with this pandemic and I thank each and every one of you and my staff for their extra work last week.

Can you please note the following:

Student of the week

Our congratulations go to the following students who have recently received a Student of the Week award:

Hudson - showing responsibility through active listening

Alex - being a responsible writer

Kate - assisting her peers



Words Their Way

As most of you would be aware we are using the Words Their Way program as the basis for our spelling program. It is a developmental spelling, phonics, and vocabulary program. An assessment is given to determine where to begin instruction. Based on assessment results students are given words to study in order to discover the common attributes. In this manner students are actively constructing their own knowledge of spelling patterns. Students learn features by completing activities such as word sorting, word hunts, games and drawing and labelling. Students work individually, with partners, and in small groups to encourage cooperative learning and individual responsibility.

We have seen great results since we introduced the program into our daily

practice. Our Grade 2 to 6 students generally have the same sort for a fortnight – and at the beginning of each fortnight they have a copy of their words that they bring home. We encourage you to discuss with them their sorts as they work on them at home.

Foundation Information Evening

A reminder that we will be running our Foundation Information evening tonight at 7pm. We look forward to seeing our Foundation parents here to learn how to support their Foundation child.

School Council

Following the close of nominations last Tuesday I am very pleased to say that we received one nomination for the one vacant position which means we didn't have to go to a period of voting.

Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

My congratulations to Janelle Osborne who has been re-elected for a further 2 year period. Janelle joins David Cavicchiolo, Geoff Clancy, Scott Flanigan, Shannon Murphy and Jo Lambert on our Council. I thank them for their willingness to serve as councillors and I look forward to working with them all.

Working Bee

The grounds are looking really good presently, but we will have a quick working bee on Sunday, 27 February commencing at 9am. Jobs to be undertaken including pressure washing the outside walls and rubber surfacing, cleaning out drains, minimal painting, weeding the vegie garden and pruning some trees. If you have any equipment to undertake any of these jobs please bring it along.