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Dates for your Diary

April Thu 28 Music/Italian

Fri 29 Trinket the Robot Grade F-3

May Tue 3 Cooking

Wed 4 Library

Thu 5 Music/Italian

Mon 9 Art

Tue 10 NAPLAN

Thu 12 Music/Italian

Fri 13 NAPLAN

Mon 16 NAPLAN

Tue 17 NAPLAN

Tue 17 Cooking

Wed 18 Library

Thu 19 Music/Italian

Mon 23 Art

Wed 25 Athletics Sports

Thu 26 Music/Italian

Fri 27 Athletics Sports – Backup date

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2. We trust you all had an enjoyable Easter break and are looking forward to the many exciting things that will be happening this term. Can you please note the following:

Term 2 Happenings

Our integrated topic this term is *Technology*. Our students will be exploring many different aspects of this, such as how technology has changed over the ages, through to exploring our new robotic equipment that we have just purchased for the purpose of learning how to program.

All grades will be focussing on Narratives and Procedures in **English** this term and learning the various skills used to write in these genres. We will be starting the term off with Length, Area Perimeter (Measurement & Geometry) and Multiplication and Division (Number and Algebra) as our **Mathematics** focus.

Shortly our Grade 3 and 5 students will be participating in the annual NAPLAN assessment. The dates for the various assessments are in the calendar. Students

will complete four assessments – Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy over a two week period.

Our annual Athletics Day will be held in week 5 of this term – Wednesday 25 May. More details will be provided closer to the time. In the meantime, our students will be getting ready for this over the coming weeks so can we please ask that they have appropriate footwear each day.

COVID Restrictions Update

Face masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who

wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

Screening requirements

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household contacts

Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption.

If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

RAT Testing

The supply of RATs will continue for the first 4 weeks of this term. The screening recommendations remain the same - recommended to test at home twice a week.

Pie Warmer

Now that we are into Term 2 our pie warmer will be available daily to heat students' lunches. We ask that lunches be wrapped in foil and are clearly marked with your child's name.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews were conducted over the last three weeks of last term. I thank my staff for the time that they put into conducting these. Don't forget that if

you ever would like to make an appointment to see your child's teacher please don't hesitate.

Family BBQ

Thank you to all the families who came along to our BBQ in the last week of last term. What a great evening we had and to see so many people once again back on site.

ANZAC Day ceremony

Our Grade 5/6 students had a wonderful morning last Friday at the Greta Cemetery for the community ANZAC Ceremony where they led the crowd around the cemetery, stopping at the graves of the thirteen soldiers buried there and presenting their biographies on the soldiers. The first part of last term was focussed on researching and writing these biographies and Friday was the culmination of all this work. My congratulations go to each of the presenters who did a wonderful job, and my sincere thanks go to the parents who brought them along during the holidays. Each child's presentation is available for viewing on our Facebook page. There is also a display of photos in our school hallway if you would like to have a look.

Cooking

We are pleased to announce that we are now able to have volunteers back in the kitchen for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. If you would like to come along and support us, we leave the school around 10:15am and return around 1:30pm every second Tuesday. Check the calendar at the top of the newsletter for dates. If you are interested in coming please let me know.

Trinket the Robot

The Grade Foundation to 3 students from across the cluster will be meeting at the Myrree Hall on Friday this week for a live performance - *Trinket the Robot*. Students will be bussed there and your local excursion permission form that you signed at the start of the year will cover this.

And Finally ...

Our congratulations go to our dear bus drivers, Connie and Dave, who became the very proud grandparents recently to their first grandchild - Jasper. Don't be

surprised if the busses are running a little late over the next few months as they stop to show you photos!!!



Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal



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