





# Opportunity, Achievement, Community





# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday 3 July
Student last day for Term 2
Tuesday 21 July
Students return for Term 3

# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Hello to all.

# **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

There are some changes to school activities from both this week and from Term 3. They are as follows:

 School assemblies will recommence this week. They must be limited to just 15 minutes so we will continue to run two assemblies-one for K-2 and another for 3-6. Parents and other external visitors are not permitted.

# From Term 3:

- All school sport and activities
- Inter-school student events and competitions (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts)
- Incursions not already permitted involving external adult providers
- Scripture and Ethics classes
- Practicum teaching for tertiary education students
- Headstart for 2021 kindy students (parent sessions are not permitted)

### Activities under consideration from Term 3:

- School camps
- Excursions
- Parent attendance at some school events (Presentation Day etc)

Parent/carer school pickup and drop off arrangements must remain the same because of physical distancing requirements of adults. Parents/carers should not be on school grounds or at school events without principal's permission.

School based activities that involve large gathering of adults are not permitted at this time. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, fundraisers, BBQs information evenings and cultural events.

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# SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Parents are asked to pick up and drop off students outside the school gates rather than coming onto school grounds. Please use the drop off area in Veronica Crescent and the front gate to drop students in the morning. It has been terrific to see the students coming in independently in the mornings-even our youngest students have managed their lunch orders and morning routines without mum or dad.

After trialling a different pick-up routine two weeks ago (I'm only just getting over it!) we have returned to staggered pick-up times in the afternoon. It's important that the children know who is picking them up in the afternoon and whether they are expected to be at the gates early. Children who get the school bus, go to after-school care or walk home by themselves will leave at 2:45pm.

# ATTENDANCE AND ENHANCED CLEANING

Parents and carers are obliged to send their children to school every day. Based on NSW Department of Education (which adheres to AHPPC guidelines) school students are not required to follow social distancing rules, but should follow good hygiene practices such as:

- Regularly washing hands
- · Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately

We still have extra cleaning at the school during the school day. Toilets, high touch surfaces (handrails, door handles etc) and common areas are cleaned several times during the school day. Teachers have also been meticulous when it comes to cleaning desks between sessions and insisting on hygiene procedures with the children. We also have LOADS of hand sanitiser which we are encouraging students to use liberally. On top of all that, playground equipment is disinfected after each break.

# **SEMESTER 1 REPORTS**

The semester report for Terms 1 and 2 this year will be a different format due to the disruption in schooling this year. The Department of Education has provided advice to all schools about the reports and we have developed a format that meets all policy requirements.

The modified report will focus on the learning that has taken place so far this year, without the usual five-point A-E grading system. Instead, the reports will provide an account of student progress including areas of strength and areas that require further improvement.

Although the timeline for delivery of the reports has been extended to halfway through Term 3, we are anticipating ours will be ready by the end of this term.

Have a great fortnight

Michelle Francis PRINCIPAL (Rel)

# INFORMATION FOR YEAR 4 HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS

If you have returned your yellow note intending to apply for an opportunity class place, below is some key information from the NSW Department of Education. Entry to these classes is highly competitive and is intended to support academically gifted students through peer placement.



If you have any questions, please contact me through the office.

# Lara Lenton OC COORDINATOR

# **MESSAGE FROM COMMONWEALTH BANK**

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

• Start Smart: these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.

• The Beanstalk: offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

# **WEEKLY AWARDS**

## **HONOUR CERTIFICATE**

An Honour Certificate is awarded when a student has earned ten Certificates of Merit, ten Reading Awards of Excellence, ten Principal's Awards or a combination. Students may collect their Certificates of Merit, Reading Awards of Excellence and Principal's Awards over a number of years to earn their Honour Certificate.



I have presented an Honour Certificate to the following students.

Mia G Nicolas V

Congratulations!! Keep up the great work.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Just a reminder that the class awards collected for the Principal's Award must be collected within the one school year. As each class award is used towards a Principal's Award it is marked on the back. This means that a class award can only be used once towards a Principal's Award.



The following students have been presented with a Principal's Award.

| Levi B Mason B Milarni B Skye C Jacobi C Akylah C Zane E Laylee E Tyler E Cooper H Caliee J Franki M Sophia M Abigail P Harriet R | Cooper B Sienna B Brody C Tadhg C Yuin C-C Aaliyah D Piper E Logan E Lachlan G William H Taj J-P Kailee M Mason M Curtis R Indiana R |
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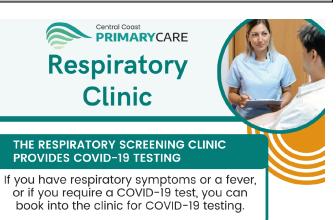
| Fonua R   | Joshua F  |
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| Caitlin R | Jazmin S  |
| Nate S    | Nicolas \ |
| Ben W     |           |

# **HOME READING AWARDS**

# 100 NIGHTS

| Maggie B | Heidi B   |
|----------|-----------|
| Mason B  | Akylah C  |
| Mia J    | Oliver L  |
| Molly L  | Meadow P  |
| Danny P  | Kamilah S |
| Liam W   |           |

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