

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week beginning Monday 14 June, 2021. Hope everyone enjoys the extra day for this long weekend.

SEMESTER ONE IN REVIEW- Term 1 and Term 2 2021

PARENT ENGAGEMENT and COMMUNICATION



Over the last Semester the school has trialled ways to make smoother and easier communication between home and school. We have actioned paper notes home prior to an event and follow through with the ability for parents to pay and complete permission online through school stream making it easier for you to manage. From the school's side we are very happy with the outcome.

Further to this under **EVENTS** in school stream you will also have access to notes that have been sent out by the school usually on whole school events. Presently the note for Year 6 Fun Day and Athletics Carnival is on school stream. Notes have always been and will continue to be on our website for parents to access.

Classes are continuing to streamline GOOD NEWS STORIES on **Class DOJO**. This then streamlines information specifically to the class parents.

We have also updated our newsletter the **OATLEY ORGANISER**. OUR WEEK IN REVIEW WILL BE SHOWCASED IN OUR WEEKLY OATLEY ORGANISER. This will be found in **NEWSLETTER** category on school stream and by email if you have entered this into school stream each Sunday at 5pm.

Unfortunately, our calendar of upcoming events can only be seen on our website along with digital stories on our image and video gallery of many of our school events in which our students are involved and of most importantly all our episodes of 4CTV which is giving our parents a deep dive into understanding the learning that our students are participating in when we talk about the Learning Disposition Wheel. We hope to showcase our learning during Public Education Week next term week beginning 26 July – 30 July 2021.

WINTER HAS ARRIVED.

It is now deep into Winter and we understand our students need to be warm so please label their clothing with their name please. Our lost property is full of beautiful school jackets unnamed and lost. There are two huge containers one on each north and south site.

ATTENDANCE

It is critical that students attend school. It has been researched that **EVERY DAY COUNTS** and 96% is our expected student attendance which equates to 8 school days off per year. Below 90% students may be educationally at risk as this equates to one month off school per year. Monitoring of school attendance is mandatory as attendance links to students learning outcomes. Please be aware of this data.

EQUITY/COVID STRATEGIES

Through equity funding we have engaged three teachers who work with our students who may have experienced disruption in their learning from COVID. We have each one of these teachers appointed to each Stage group.

ASSETS

Throughout the semester these asset upgrades have occurred. This is supported through the voluntary contributions that are provided by our community and income generated by community users. Many of these are urgent maintenance repairs to maintain our school or upgrades to improve the environment. These are at school cost.

- Termites in hall/trees \$5,192.00 Building repairs to OOSH and hall \$6000
- Toilet upgrade \$31,320.00 – South site brand new partitions installed
- CCTV upgrade: \$8,424.00 added camera for security as vandalism occurring south site basketball and Library areas in holiday and week
- Perimeter fence north site \$32000; completed
- Sanitising of both north and south site toilets and boys toilets north and south has dual sanitisation for urinals. On going cost \$1000 per
- Constant maintenance of air conditioners.
- Electrical fault to Canteen been actioned to complete.
- Operable doors now installed in B BLOCK. KD/KB open room access now. DET supported.
- Playground risks in asphalt as potholes occur and falling retaining wall to flats being concreted.
- Basketball backboards and rings from vandalism \$1000

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING and CURRICULUM

Our students really engage in GOT GAME and although there have been changes in third party providers the school maintained this program in TERM 1 \$21 000 at our cost.

We have purchased \$5000 of Literacy resources to replenish updated and cross curricula reading books for our students.

The school endeavours to maintain a positive educational learning environment and through the dedication and professional learning opportunities the teachers engage in we want our students to understand how they use competencies to develop agency and critically reflect upon their learning to be successful.

COMPUTER EDUCATION

Every student in Year 3 has their own chromebook. Every student Years4-6 has their own ipad. Two pods of 20 in each pod of ipads are distributed to the north site for K-2 access to learning. We have 30 PCs in a technology room for all students and we maintain pods of 4/5 PCs in every K-2 classroom. We have set up a learning centre in the Library with 30 chromebooks including security lockers. We employ two technology trouble shooters – one for ipads the other PCs to ensure we are operational and updated with all our equipment. The school also manages many site licences and APPs to all the ipads. Thank you to the parents for your support in ICT.

Our Term 2 finishes on Friday 25 June 2021 and for students resumes on Tuesday 13 July 2021.

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal