

Term 4 Week 5

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5 November
2020**IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY!****Dates to****Remember**

8—NAIDOC Week

12—School Photos

10am

19—Staff First Aid
PD30—Report Writing
Day—Pupil Free

December

18—Last Day of
Term 4**Newsletter****2020****STAYING****APART****KEEPS****US****TOGETHER****WHO'S DOING
WHAT THIS WEEK?**

Although this has been a short week, it has been a normal week!!

Gaby has attended the Online Principal Forum this morning.

Parent Survey***We Want Our Parents To Tell Us What They Think!***

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **today, 5th November** to **Friday 13th November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

Parent Survey

All parents are invited to participate in the Parent Survey which will be available tomorrow on the following link

<https://research.orima.com.au/parent/logon/Logon.php>

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This Weeks Birthdays

No Birthdays This Week

Mowing Roster

November—Matt Day

December—Vinnie Burns



We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples the first peoples and traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to the Elders, both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Indigenous Australians.



School Dental Service

We have been contacted by the Australian Dental Health Victoria regarding a visit to the school this term which had been organised earlier this year. A condition of this visit is that 20 students must attend and we now have 15 students. I am sending home forms today to families who haven't responded and hope to hear back from them ASAP as we have a booking for November 23rd. **Please note—this service is free.**



Kinder Transition—11th November

We will have the Kinder Kids here again on Wednesday of next week as we continue our Transition Program. Parents will drop their children off at the school at 8.50am for the morning session and morning recess. Children will need to bring a mid morning snack "Brain Food" (fruit or vegie snacks) and a morning snack (play lunch), a water bottle and a hat. Parents are to pick up their child from school at 11.30am.



Report Writing Day

School Council approved Monday November 30th as a Report Writing Day for staff and this will be a pupil free day. Please mark this date on your calendar.

School Council Meeting

The meeting we had on Thursday may have been our last for 2020—Due to Covid restrictions our meeting requirements decreased from 8 meetings to 6 for 2020. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to come along—luckily we were able to social distance with our masks inside as the weather didn't permit us to sit outside as planned.

Details from the meeting were:

It was decided to purchase 5 more iPads to make up a class set.

We will also be using some of our maintenance funds to repaint the outside of the school buildings during the January holidays. We will be consulting with the school community regarding colours once some choices have been explored. Scott Brammer will be employed to complete the painting for us.



We have employed Neil Jennings Joinery to upgrade the cupboard and smartboard spaces in the year 5 & 6 room. This space will be similar to the upgrades done in the prep & 1 room in 2018. We are lucky to have such talented local trades people in our community which we can employ.

BARR Funding Updates

The garden upgrade, watering system and edging for bushfire readiness is almost completed. The materials used in lunch area shade structure have been considered to be a fire risk. Being so close to the school building, it has been decided to replace this structure with an outdoor space similar to the new pergola at the front of the building. Ryan Vallance has been contacted to quote on this building. The acquittal for these funds has been extended so we can complete the works during January.

School Maintenance Program

The 5 Year School Maintenance Plan has been approved by DET. The Department has identified major and minor works to be completed. A routine maintenance schedule has also been developed and this included regular inspections to be conducted by staff and parents as opposed to hiring outside contractors.

End of Year Activities

Due to Covid restrictions, the end of year School Concert was discussed at great length at school council on Thursday evening. It is highly unlikely that our “normal” school concert will be able to go ahead in it’s usual format and we think we have come up with the best possible plan. It was decided that we will have a family picnic evening on Friday 11th December on the school oval. Families will be restricted to sitting on their own and bring food for themselves while social distancing.—there will be no beautiful supper!! Students in Year 6 will receive their Graduation Certificates. We will keep you informed of any changes as DET COVID directions are released.

School Photos

We have organised with Chelsea to take our school photos on Thursday the 12th November—next week at 10am. Please make sure your children are at school and are wearing their clean school uniforms.

Major School Fundraiser

It has been decided to hold an online auction to raise funds to go towards replacing the surface on the multi use Court at the school. All donations great and small will be greatly appreciated and photos and details can be added to the School Facebook page. Please contact Kylie Aikman for any further information.

Student News—Finn Brown & Aurora Day

Senior Fundraising

On Monday morning of this week, leadership students created a stall in-front of Pink Lakes Pantry to raise money for their senior jumpers. Thank you to parents that supervised and the generous donations.

Day for Daniel

Every year on the 30th October Australia celebrates Day for Daniel as a day of safety for children across Australia. We all wore red on the day.

Naidoc Week

On the 8-15 of November, Australia celebrates Naidoc week, the theme is "always was, Always will be" you can find more about this on naidoc.org.au

Curly Apples

From Monday 9th of November onwards, the leadership students will be selling curly apples. \$1 for a curled apple, and 20c for a BYO apple curled.