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School Calendar Term 2 – June/July

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Week 11				Last day of Term 2 – 2:00pm dismissal Prep – Gr 1 2:20pm dismissal for Gr 3-6	
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
	Holidays WK 1					

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Happy Holidays

Term 2 draws to a close this Friday, and I think it is timely to reflect on the events that we have shared over the past 6 months. When you add the stress and destruction of the bushfires to the demands of responding to the COVID 19 pandemic, we have experienced the type of disruption that is not only unpredictable, but on a scale that we have not encountered before. These circumstances have tested our individual and collective resolve and resilience. While we are returning to elements of normal, we are confronted with the reality that our current situation could change once again. This layer of uncertainty can be difficult for all of us to contend with.

We have faced many challenges during this time, but in response, our school community has achieved a great deal and we can readily identify areas of growth that we have experienced. Our students in particular can be proud of how they dealt with a situation that was out of their control. They are to be commended for their commitment and enthusiasm. In fact, there are many examples where our students have clearly flourished over the course of the semester.

We could not have achieved what we have without the wonderful support we received from parent and carers over this time. Thank you all for the work you have done to enable your children to learn remotely at home and in assisting them to remain connected with their teachers, support staff and their peers. Parent feedback about our online presence was overwhelmingly positive. As was their appreciation of the hard copy packs and the personal efforts that staff made to support children during remote learning. This praise and appreciation is appreciated by us all.

As a staff, I believe that we can be really proud of what we have created and how we transitioned to remote learning and then returning to on-site schooling. The changes that we've been through don't happen without a lot of hard work, and I am grateful for responsive and professional way our staff have collaboratively worked to meet these challenges head on, whilst providing patient support to students and families through this very challenging time.

Now it is time for us all to have a much needed rest.

Prep and Year 1 finish at 2:00pm on Friday. Years 2 to 6 students finish at 2:20pm.

Term 3 commences for students and staff on Monday 13th July.

On behalf of us all, I wish everyone a safe and restful mid-year break and look forward to a more settled Term 3.

Marcus Batt, Principal

SCHOOL CROSSING

A friendly reminder that our school crossings are there, and must be used at all times. Pedestrians must use the school crossing to cross the road when within 20 meters of a pedestrian crossing.

PAS & P1B NEWS

Reading Teams

Here is a photo of some students from P1B in their reading teams. PAS and P1B join daily for reading teams and the groups work with a teacher or independently. During these sessions the children share reading of a book with others at a similar reading level and also have an activity that is literacy focused. This is the orange group who are reading their text before moving into a written book response. It is a time of the day the children practise working collaboratively and it is a mutually enjoyed lesson.



POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Children may be feeling stressed or uncertain during this period of change. You can help your kids (or teenagers) stay calm and optimistic and keep being a positive parent while managing financial stress, working from home, helping your child cope with their feelings and staying emotionally resilient. Now these tips are all available to Victorian families in a FREE online program!

Find out more at www.triplep-parenting.net.au.

STEM NEWS

Coding Programs

This semester students have been using Scratch and Scratch Jr to develop their coding skills.

Scratch is a free visual programming language, that is fun and accessible for budding computer scientists. Scratch was developed to help simplify the process of creating and programming, animations, games, music, interactive stories and more. We have been using Scratch in STEM this year in Years 3 - 6. WEBSITE - scratch.mit.edu (works on devices as well)

Scratch Jr is an App available for tablets and is a basic version of Scratch. Students in Prep – Gr 2 have been using this. It uses the same block coding concepts as Scratch in a simplified design. Available to download in App Store or Google Play.



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Congratulations to Year 5 student, Selwyn Gurnsey and past student, Emily Pendergast who have been offered places in the renowned John Noble Quartet Program. This program is an innovative, inspiring and exciting music program offered for only 7 places in regional Victoria. The program will offer Selwyn and Emily ongoing, regular tuition, mentorship from professional musicians and performance opportunities all at a high level with the possibility of future professional pathways.

Both Selwyn and Emily are part of an afterschool music ensemble program called CRASHENDO. Both students spend countless hours rehearsing and refining their musical skills both at home and within this program. CRASHENDO Bairnsdale is a community-initiated and community-run, music and social development program that provides free high quality group instrumental tuition and performances to improve educational and social outcomes and connectivity for children, youth and their families.

CRASHENDO Bairnsdale approached John Noble in early 2019, seeking an opportunity to further extend the instrumental and performance skills of the graduates and leaders of its primary school strings program and youth orchestra. Selwyn Gurnsey and Emily Pendergast were nominated by CRASHENDO and then they were successful in the nominations. This is a ground-breaking and unique opportunity for them both. We are so very proud of them both and wish them every success.

