

LINK LETTER

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Enrolments are welcome for all year levels, including Kinder for 2021 & 2022

Be Safe**Be Respectful****Be A Learner****Yard focus this fortnight: Including Others**

Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is a short version Linkletter this week due to Remote Learning.

Once again a huge thank you for your understanding in what has been our fourth lockdown and period of Remote Learning. This one was very sudden so we did the best we could to get everything planned and organised for collection on Monday morning.

Thanks to all the families who collected their child's or children's learning packs so that at least some form of learning could continue this week at home. Please ensure that your child's name and class is clearly recorded on the front page of these packs before returning them to school.

We also sent students home with plenty of reading material so please make sure they read every day. I am hoping you might have had an opportunity to make the Pizza recipe from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen that we handed out. This is a great way to get the kids involved by helping and choosing their favourite toppings.

We are very grateful and excited to have all our students returning to school this Friday (tomorrow). Please remember to bring back your completed Learning Pack so that classroom teachers can see how students have managed with the learning tasks they set.

Canteen will be back!!

We are feeling relieved that this lockdown did not get extended for a further period of time as we know that the impacts on student learning and wellbeing are quite severe. Well done to our Parents and Carers for doing your part (you are now getting pretty good at being teachers!) and we appreciate your efforts to maintain some learning at home.

Hopefully this might be the last one we have to endure, fingers crossed. Elvis, our wellbeing dog is looking forward to seeing you all back tomorrow for a NORMAL DAY OF SCHOOLING and to catch up with your friends once again.



Important Dates:

Return to onsite school	4 Jun 21
School Assembly - 9am (Masks required)	7 Jun 21
Pupil Free Day - Reporting to Parents	18 Jun 21
Last Day Term 2 - Pick up 2.30pm	25 Jun 21

School Working Bee

On Saturday 22nd May the school held its annual Autumn Working Bee. I wish to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all those people who gave up some of their time and came along to support us. Together, we achieved so much, and when we had finished the grounds looked amazing.

We had huge piles of Autumn leaves to clean up, as well as some weeding and planting of new plants. Some of our drains got a good clean and concrete areas got pressure scrubbed as well. The morning was lovely and sunny, just perfect for the jobs that needed doing. We have a huge school ground, with lots of lovely garden beds, trees and lawn areas which does require a lot of maintenance.

Your help meant that the WWCC looked its best for Education Week.

I would like to announce that Asish Basnet and his mother Thagi were the lucky winners of the raffle and took home a \$50 gift voucher for being in attendance.

Many thanks to the following people who came along and helped; Andrea Jamieson, Britt Hartley, Sefa , Joseph and Jacob Tevita. Suzanna, Justin and Juliette Matthias, Rachel Jacob, Nicole, Sam and Will Johnson Janelle and Angus Fitzpatrick, Thagi and Asish Basnet Kirrily, Brent, Millie, Elsie and Lila Boyd Kylie and Gemma Whitsed, Jocelyn Owen.



Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following students for being acknowledged for doing their home reading. It's great to see that many have achieved 50 or 100 nights of reading or more! Reading continues to be a huge focus for our school and we acknowledge this at our assembly with these awards.

Regards,
Jocelyn Owens
Principal





Wellbeing Report

Studio West

Studio West will be operating in the child care building on Fridays at lunch time and running for the rest of the term. I hope you will come along and enjoy being pampered by our wonderful Studio West Staff.

We will be offering hand massages, back massages, foot soaks and mini face massages. All services will be free - no charge 😊😊



If you require a **FREE** breakfast pack,



please see
Mrs Potter



Do you hold a concession card?

If you hold an eligible Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card you are able to bring this in and complete an application for CSEF funding which is an amount of money that helps families cover the cost of some of the user pay items on your charges list. This includes sports levy, swimming, cultural events, excursions and camps.



Kinder News

Kinder Week 7, Term 2

The Kinder children have been very busy celebrating National Reconciliation Week. We were fortunate enough to have Judy Kirby our Koorie education Support Officer (KESO) and Aunty Jen visit us at kinder. They brought with them an emu egg and emu feathers to show the children.



Judy read the children an aboriginal poem as she walked around the children acting out the animals from the poem. The children had their face and hands painted with animal symbols. The children listened to Judy and Aunty Jen performed a song with the clapping sticks. This was followed by the children dancing around the kinder playground as Aunty Jen played the clapping sticks.



After our dancing we made a Rainbow Serpent canvas on bread with Mrs Hillas. We also completed a special group artwork called Sorry Hands to acknowledge National Sorry Day. The Children decorated a hand each in the colours of either the Aboriginal Flag or the Torres Strait Islander flag. The finished hands were collated together to make this collage.

CHILD SAFE HOT TOPIC

Child safe hot topic: Stop walk talk



Stop walk talk is one part of the schools wider behaviour management strategy and supports children to help manage situations where they may encounter unfriendliness or a bully.

Classes have undergone lessons to help all students learn the stop walk talk process. You may see some of their posters and messages around the school promoting Stop, Walk Talk

The 3 step- STOP, WALK, TALK process consists of:

1. Student signalling and saying stop to the person causing harm - this could be something as simple as saying unkind words, name calling, exclusion from a game or unwanted physical contact etc
2. Next students need to Walk away from the situation and remove themselves from the problem behaviour they are experiencing. This is a proactive way of not fuelling the fire and gives everyone time to take some deep breaths and calm down.
3. The third and most vital step is TALK- students need to go and find someone to talk to about the problem that has just occurred. There are always 3 staff on yard duty at any given time so children must report problems when they occur. The staff at school cannot help a child resolve an issue or put measure in place to stop the incident from continuing if a child does not report the issue at the time.

So the next time your child reports an issue to you at home try responding with did you use stop walk talk ? Talk through with them the ways they can stop the problem, walk away and seek help from an adult. If we all follow the Stop Walk Talk method we will ensure our playground is a safe place to be.

BIG THANK YOU

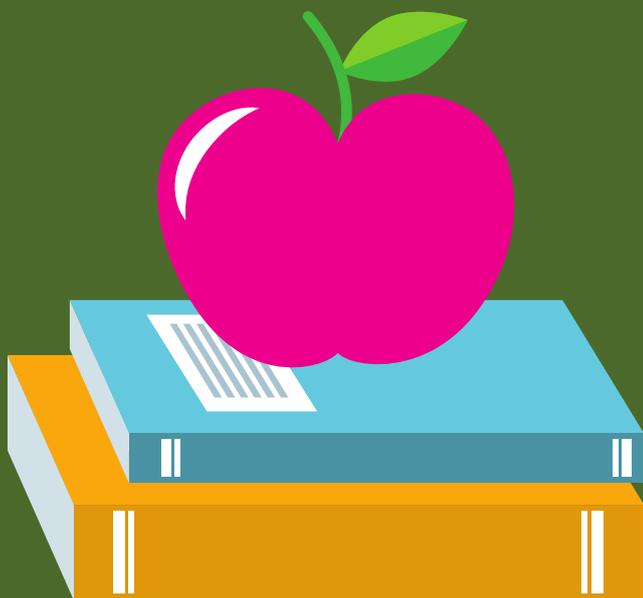


TO OUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (SLC),
FOR ORGANIZING A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER TO
SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S LIBRARY AND OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING THEM.

Our selection has been chosen and will arrive within the next two
weeks.

Many Thanks,

Denise Donehue
Library Technician.



REMINDERS



Wearing a helmet is compulsory when riding a bike or scooter.

"NO HELMET NO RIDE"



Payments for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program in Term 2 are now due. Your child cannot participate until payment is made.



Please remember that the school carpark is for the vehicles of staff, authorised parents/visitors and Disabled Permit holders only. This is not a drop off/pick up zone.



Our school uses Compass School Manager for ALL communication. If you require log in details, assistance or have any questions relating to Compass please see office staff.



If you use Facebook please like and follow our page to receive our updates and reminders



No dogs allowed on school grounds