



Term 4, Week 9
29 November, 2021

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Principal Message

This Thursday we will be finishing our photo sessions with all our **Team photos**. This will include the Leadership groups (school and sport), debaters, library monitors, aerobics teams, Cultural groups, choir, and band. Could all students please come 'photo ready' in best school uniform.

Celebration of Success was originally set out for Tuesday 7 Dec but due to the organised teacher's strike we have had to move this presentation to **Thursday Dec 9**. A link will be sent out to the community to watch this presentation via zoom. All parents/carer's of students receiving awards will be sent an individual invitation letting you know the times each stage will receive their award.

Friday Dec 10 we will be hosting reward's Day. This will celebrate students' achievements throughout this term and the whole year. I have organised for **jumping castles, including wet inflatable slides for all students**. Depending on their level of achievement throughout the year students will be provided with a length of time they can use the slides. Platinum students will also receive a special Principal's lunch on the day.

Semester 2 reports are being finalised this week. Please remember that these reports have been heavily modified due to the long disruption to the semester. This disruption has shortened the teaching period down to about 5/6 weeks in total before teachers had to begin writing each student's report. As always, if you are looking for additional information on your child's progress moving into 2022, please make sure you contact your child's teacher.

Academic Watch

Last week we talked about the importance of explicit teaching off the back of our work with Mr John Fleming. Put simply, **Cognitive Load Theory** is all about understanding how we're able to process and store information. Research demonstrates that the use of quality explicit instruction can dramatically lessen cognitive load. This means reducing all unnecessary information (intrinsic load) and distractions (extraneous load) from your teaching so that all essential information is highlighted and retained by students (germane load). This allows students to focus on extending their learning and using foundational knowledge to problem solve. Our aim as teachers is to scaffold learning for each individual student and build on their knowledge without overloading them.

Thank you everyone, have a lovely and safe week.

Your Proud Principal

Mr Ricki Metcalfe

Premier's Debating

A year that was different! Thankfully we were able to continue debating over zoom. The students acclimatised very quickly and took it in their stride, winning the three debates for our zone making them Zone Champions! Congratulations!!

This is a first for us in the last 6 years. From this they progressed to a state wide knockout to determine the best team for 2021. Our first opponents were The Junction. The topic was "The last hour of every day should be spent doing Creative Arts". The teams were very close according to the adjudicators (two of them), however the debate was awarded to The Junction.

Mrs McNicol and I were very pleased to see the growth and commitment from the team over the year - coming to school every Thursday at 8.00am to train. A big thank you to Mr McGeachie for his great coaching ideas and involvement and support of the team over the year.

Looking forward to 2022, we are happy to see a good group of interested students that would like to try their skills at debating next year. Get you alarms ready for an early morning get up on Thursdays!

Meanwhile, for all debaters over the break, keep an eye and ear on the news each day, stay informed and enjoy a discussion about different topics with your family.

Mrs McNicol and Mrs Creasey

Wrigglers - Kinder Orientation

Just a reminder of our Kindergarten Orientation Program dates:

30 November and 14th December. (Please Note - there will be no session on 7th December).

Time: 9.30 to 11.00am

Entry will be via the canteen gate. Parents are unable to stay—it will be a drop off and collection zone only.

Parents/carers must sign in with QR code and then sign their child in and out.

Mask must be worn.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.



Congratulations

100 Nights of Home Reading

Joshua L

200 Nights of Home Reading

Odin M

250 Nights of Home Reading

Kaiden U

Kohen R

Isla W



Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Phoenix G	Raqaiya S	Iris B	Ashley H
Ruby B	Emily J	Prakav P	Grace J
William E	Henry J	Haylee G	Chloe J
Nash W	Rami A	Kaiylee W	Ryder P
Camilla Laing	Michael O	Kevin Z	Jaxon B
Chanel R	Bianca L	Diesel C	Takumi G
Macaylah W	Oliver F	Bailey W	Amina A
Caleb R	Matthew B	Wyatt E	Lori C
Eliza C	Braylen B	Isla W	Kohen R
Phoebe F	Ava B	Yousef A	Tayte S
Timothy J	Penny M	Rosalee N	Braydon R
Lilliana G	Abhineeth B	Tyrus H	Moussa A
		Zack R	
		Lucy M	

P & C News

Canteen News

The last day of canteen for the year will be Wednesday 15th December. Over the course of the next two weeks the menu will be gradually reduced to run stock low for the Christmas break.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and understanding throughout the year. We are looking forward to presenting new and exciting things in 2022!

Fundraising

Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our Christmas Raffle have gone home with some great prizes to be won.

If you would like some more tickets - please ask your child to call to the office to collect a new sheet.

All tickets sold and unsold need to be returned by 7th December. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday - 8th December**.

Uniform Shop

To allow for end of year stocktake Monday 6th December will be the last date to order uniforms via Flexischools for 2021.

Skorts should be arriving in the next couple weeks and all preorders will be filled ASAP.

The uniform shop will be only taking cash orders for kindy orientation on Tuesday 14th December.