

Some Quick News Bits to Kick of the Year from Principal Pope



Holding Classes with some changes now & soon

Hi all and welcome back to school. It has been great to see our kids (your kids) back and smiling and settling back into class and into some necessary class changes. This year we also welcomed close to 30 new students. This influx of new students along with some other families moving away means some changes have occurred and some children have or will change teachers and rooms. As Principal however, I am proud to say that all of our teachers are caring and effective at building warm, supportive classes, where we know and care for our students.

Helping your Child to do well at school and in life.

You can help your child by being a good role model and by reinforcing skills and values that will enable them to work and play with others -

- Show **respect and care** for other people.
- Use **manners** and be polite.
- Be resilient, don't give up and learn from mistakes
- **Stay calm**, make, **good choices** and adapt solve problems, fix

mistakes, apologise if needed. (Life is full of problems. and challenges.) Success is controlling yourself, reacting appropriately or calmly and make the best of situations.

- **Building friendships** by listening, being kind, taking turns, sharing, compromising(not always wanting things their way).



You can help your child become a better **learner** by doing a few things at home

- Make **reading a regular and enjoyable** thing at home. Read to your child, read with them, get them to read to themselves or the cat and get them to tell you about the book or story.
- Encourage **deep thinking and quality talk**. Talk about what happened in a book or on a TV show or the news. Talk about problems and how they might solve them or talk about things they see in nature or on documents. Talk about numbers. Do money problems at the shops.
- •Instill in your child the **importance of education**, learning and hard work.
- Make sure they come to school. **Regular attendance** is vital for learning and social skills.
- Talk to your child's teacher - **Let us know** about your kids - (There will be opportunity to meet with teachers and students later this

term – stay tuned) See us if you have a problem and partner with us to give help your child solve or overcome challenges. Seesaw is no longer in use so please contact teachers via school email, phone or a note.

COVID 19 & School

Cases are still popping up consistently in students and staff. While Mandatory Isolation is over (late 2022) students, staff, parents and visitors who are symptomatic and unwell should stay home.

Students and staff displaying symptoms will be sent home. If you have symptoms you should test (with a Raht).

If you have a positive result this should still be reported to NSW Health.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/testing-managing/register-a-positive-rapid-antigen-test-rat-result>

Also monitor your child for symptoms if they have been in close contact.

You can return to school when well and symptom free.

Masks are optional but advised if close contact or non symptomatic.

Vaccinations are encouraged

Please help us stop the spread. Currently it is a challenge to replace teachers who are unwell.

Dates to be on the look out for

- 14.2.23 P&C Meeting at 1.45pm in the hall (come along all ... Kindy parents why not join us)
- 27.2.23 Swimming Carnival
- Meet/Greet/Eat - 27.3.23 – 2..3.23 (More information to come – re date)
- PLPs / ILPs – more information to come (soon Dates TBA)
- 9.3.22 School Photos
- 10.3.23 Gala Day (Primary sport teams)
- NAPLAN – 15.3.23 – 27.3.22 (School Specific dates TBA)
- 31.3.23 Gala Day
- 6.4.23 Easter Hat (last day of term)
- 24.4.23 Staff Development Day
- 25.4.23 Anzac Day
- 26.4.23 Students return for term 2

Things to look out for – dates to be announced soon

- Connect Meets (Student Parent Teacher Catch Up) – TBA
- Personalized Learning Pathways and Individual Learning Plan meetings

Welcome to New Staff

- Peta Grae – Assistant Principal for Stage 2
- Renae Bligh – Year 3 teacher
- Courtney Raftrey – Year 5/6 teacher welcome back
- Heather Lockhart – Assistant Principal for Kindergarten – Welcome back
- Diana Ross – Wellbeing Nurse (works at TAPS on Fridays)

More on these new people soon – especially wellbeing nurse

