 

**Principal’s Report**

It is wonderful to be back at school.

Everybody seems well rested after holidays ready to power through to the end of the year and Christmas will be upon us before we know it. We are making plans for our Presentation Day on December 14.

We are really keen to involve our parents and communities in our school. If you have any skills and talents that you would like to share with us, please let us know. Don’t be shy. We will be most appreciative. Having said that I don’t want anyone to feel pressure.  It would be great to have some plans in place for next year when hopefully we will be able to have volunteers working with us.

This term we are on Level Three restrictions. The following link will provide the latest information regarding the current requirements for schools.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/inside-the-department/covid-19/advice-for-school-based-staff/level-3-schools>

I completed the Flexible Learning Spaces professional learning on the holidays. It would be great if we could have a meeting by the end of week three. (Online)

I have included some key readings from the course that provide a background for the rationale of learning space development. If you have an interest in being part of this planning, please have a read and let Jane know.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/school-learning-environments-and-change/future-focused-learning-and-teaching/learning-dispositions>

<https://www.nzcer.org.nz/system/files/taking-future-focus-in-education.pdf>

<http://reports.weforum.org/future-of-jobs-2016/employment-trends/>

Last term we nominated our school to be part of the Rural Experience Program in 2022.  Essentially, this is where the Department is funding permanent teachers to relocate to rural schools for a year. There is no cost to the school and if we are successful, we will be fortunate to have an additional teacher placed with us for a year.  We have some additional paperwork to fill out this week. We will hear the outcome of this process before the end of the year.

This week our current year three and five students took part in an online NAPLAN readiness test. This test is to give us the opportunity to test our technology resources to see if we have to make any changes before next year’s NAPLAN test which will be online. It all went to plan this week which was good because our internet went out when we tried to do it last term. The internet and the phone lines went out when there was a nearby tower problem.

Next week Mrs Bush and I have online learning on the funding allocation for next year as well as evaluating the school plan. It is really hard to believe we are thinking about evaluating the school plan.

Over the next week Mrs Bush will be sending our parents a survey link for the Tell Them From Me Survey. The email will have the log in details for each family. It would be great if you could fill it out when you have a spare ten minutes.

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Thanks to Ange McMaster for volunteering to participate in reviewing our attendance procedures. Attendance is an area all NSW schools are required to focus on in the school plan.  Our attendance rate this week has been 100%. Well done everyone!

Thankyou Hayley for organising our canteen for the term.  The parents who volunteer for our canteen always provide the most delicious food.

Years four, five and six have had an exciting kick start to our learning for the term. We started our learning on reading and writing imaginative texts, number and fractions, Asia, painting and illustrating, We Video and Tinkercas.com.

Next week Mrs Nixon will commence her Science unit on earthquakes. The term is shaping up to be lots of fun while we are learning.

Thomas, an avid gardener brought in marigold, thyme and strawberry plants. Thank you, Thomas.

Kind regards

Mrs Sloan

**Big School News**

We had a lovely day learning about the letter ‘e’. Our rhyme is ‘empty eggs, e, e, e’. Ella starts with that letter and Lettie has two e’s and Felicity has one.

We iced arrowroot biscuits (they look like eggs) with pink icing and decorated them with writing icing, sprinkles and M and M’s. This activity was very good for our fine motor skills especially the ‘writing icing’ as we had to squeeze a tube to get the icing out (Felicity is squeezing a tube). Lettie is very carefully placing her M and M’s around her biscuit. And look at Ella’s biscuits!

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We drew a picture about something we did in our holidays. We told Mrs Forsyth our story and she wrote it on our drawings. We practised reading our stories and read them to each other and we even read them to the whole school.

This is the beginning of reading where we are learning that words are made up of letters. We can read the sentence because it is familiar and we have visual cues by looking at the picture.

Well done girls!

Mrs Forsyth

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Thank you, Rachel, and the P&C for the lovely new plants for the front garden. John planted them on Tuesday and they look great

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Mrs Bush

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**From The Office**

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. I hope you all had a great holiday!

On Monday 18 October, a new streamlined digital school visitor check-in system will be implemented in our school.

The Department of Education has partnered with ServiceNSW to give every visitor and contractor a streamlined way to check in and out of any NSW government school they visit.

It may sound different, but it is the same process as you were following with checking into the school at the front office as soon as you arrive.

The Public Health Order in NSW mandating vaccinations for education and care workers has now been signed. All staff, including contractors and volunteers at schools must be fully vaccinated by 8 November or they need to provide an approved medical contraindication certificate if they want to come onto school grounds.

Because our school rocks, I’m sure all our parents are vaccinated. However, the department requires a record of sighted vaccination certificates, so could you please email me a copy of your certificate as soon as possible. Thanks, much appreciated.

We are still a Level Three school.

Unfortunately, this means that non-essential visitors are still not permitted on school grounds.

The department’s requirement regarding changes to student drop off and pick up is that parents are to stay in their car if it is safe to do so.

This is going to be hard for Marg, as she loves her chats with the parents after school!!

Please ring the school when you get here, and a staff member will meet you outside.

Thanks for working with us on this.

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