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Principal
 Ms Sarah Landers

"Great teaching is explicit, engaging and enables students to experience success."

Upcoming Events

June	
Fri 21	\$100 Payment for Coffs Adventure Camp was due
Fri 28	Responsible Pet Ownership Visit

Hands Up

This is what we do if we know the answer or want to contribute to a class discussion.



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Term 2 Week 9

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CREATIVITY

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

Hands Up or Hands

When we work together in the classroom we want to create a community of learners. In our classrooms, students are valued not only for their contributions but when other students are speaking they have to be listening appreciatively to each other. Sometimes teachers ask for hands up and sometimes they ask for hands down depending on how they would like to shape the discussion and gather evidence of engagement and learning. The kind of attitude we want teachers to be communicating to students is that you are in this classroom, you are valued, you are important and we care about what you think about these ideas. All students are expected to connect to the learning and discussions in the classroom.

School Focus

Hands Up or Hands Down?

Students will be given opportunities to:

- ⇒ contribute
- ⇒ pass because they are still thinking
- ⇒ or justify their answer.

In our morning meeting today we discussed what a community of learners looks like.

We're not sure.

Can we have some more time to think about it?



Attendance at School

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if they are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Non-attendance at school places the student's learning and social and emotional growth at risk. Schools, in partnership with parents or carers, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students and for ensuring that non-attendance is addressed effectively. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences. The school has legal obligations to follow up with parents when non-attendance becomes a concern.

Parents and Carers are responsible for:

1. Ensuring their child is legally enrolled at the correct age
2. Ensuring that their child attends school every day the school is open for instruction
3. Promptly explaining the absences of their child from school, preferably on the first day of absence and certainly within seven days from the first day of any period of absence.
4. Working in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school.

Winter Uniform

Parents, as we are now well into winter, I ask for your support in ensuring all students are correctly outfitted for school. We are currently seeing many students wearing incorrect jumpers and jackets to school. School hats are a compulsory part of the uniform and as such students need to have a hat so that they can play and participate in outdoor learning activities. With your support, I would like to ensure that our students are all dressed appropriately for school each day.

Semester 1 Reports

Reports will be sent home on Friday 28 June. As discussed in the P & C meeting, families are to make an appointment to attend the presentation of their child's portfolios on Thursday 4 July. Each student will lead their own meeting. This is a critical part of the reflective learning culture that we are embedding in our practice.

Artists of the Week



Campfire Day

This Friday will be our campfire day. Students are encouraged to wear suitable clothes, sturdy footwear and a hat. We will cook damper for morning tea and bacon and egg rolls for lunch. Please send in fruit for morning and afternoon tea.

Indigenous Story Time

We are really enjoying watching Indigenous Stories to gain a perspective and understanding of Indigenous culture.



**VOICE
TREATY
TRUTH** 07 - 14
JULY 2019
Let's work together for a shared future.

Saturday Soccer

Congratulations to Quinten, Beau, Marshall and Evan whose teams scored lots of goals at soccer on Saturday.

Rain

Thank you to Marshall for keeping an eye on our rain gauge. We had 9.5mm up until 11.30am. Did anyone get more than that?

Regards,

Sarah Landers
Principal