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Newsletter

Week 2 Term 2 – Thursday 7th May 2020

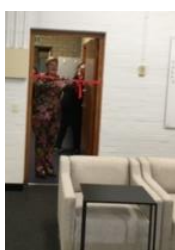
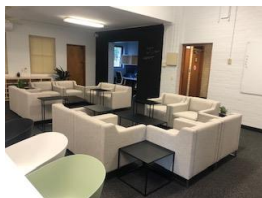


Finally, last week the school sign was repaired. The wiring is a little worn but still has some life, although a safety switch required repairing. Once this was installed the Arranounbai sign returned to life, shining brightly. Perhaps the start of things returning to 'normal'! I know this will please Michael immensely. He was often asking me what had happened to the sign. It's back and I can't wait for you to see it.

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

Exciting Afternoon

Last Friday was a very exciting afternoon for the Arranounbai staff. After spending a week in a make shift staffroom while builders completed the staffroom refurbishment, it was handed over and we had ownership. Sally Egan and Jann Pattinson joined staff to 'open' the staffroom and mark the occasion with a distant afternoon drink. Staff milled about opening drawers and cupboards as they explored the space. Sitting in various locations and deciding where things needed to go. This has been such a very long time coming. The new layout provides greater access to the kitchen facilities, making breaks more effective and transitions smoother. It has created a very collaborative space that allows all staff to be together in a very comfortable space. We feel very blessed and thank the incredible work of John and the team from Enhanced Space for making us feel very corporate. We can't wait to host a P&C Meeting or an Arranounbai community gathering very soon. You will also love it. Some of the kids loved it when I showed them during story time.



P&C Meeting

Please join us virtually for this terms P&C meeting on **Friday 15th May at 10am**, straight after Assembly. Grab yourself a cuppa, your device and join others from the Arranounbai Community. I will give you a tour of the staffroom and we will have a chance to connect with others that are in the same boat as you, navigating the highs and lows of 2020. *NB: This meeting can only be accessed through a school ipad or using the students email to login as further security has been added by the DoE.*



Phase 1 at Arranounbai



Monday 11th May is a monumental day for Education. It marks the day that schools begin their return of students to face to face teaching. This is a complex process as we balance many moving parts to ensure the safest setting for students and staff, in keeping with Department of Education and Health guidelines. Each school is unique in its context and will be very different.

Arranounbai is able to manage students returning for four days a week rather than just one. Students will have face to face teaching Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is a learning at home day for all students.

This model has been constructed carefully to ensure best practice can be established and the highest safety and hygiene protocols put in place. It does not guarantee safety and if you prefer your child to learn from home please let me know. We hope we can move swiftly to five days face to face teaching and regular school routines and thank you so much for your incredible support in these interim phases. Without your support of this process it would make it much more difficult to return to 'normality'.



Coffee & Connection

Each Friday I have scheduled a Zoom meeting for 11:30am so that we can take the opportunity to catch up and check in. If you have a chance pop in.  
 Don't forget it only works with a DoE / student login

Love to see you there!



Class Merit Award recipients- Week 1

1A – Owen, Jerina, Beau, Lucas, Ricky **3N** - Willem
1N – Surya, Miguel **4M** - Mikey
2C – Aaron **4K** – Archie
5S – William

Arranounbai Attitude Awards

Congratulations to the following student, who gained their tokens to receive their Bronze Award.



Rachel, Zoe, Jerina, Michael, Samson, Margaux, Mikey



Owen
 Jatin
 Margaux
 Mrs Pickford
 Mrs Spence

Class of the Week

Each week during assembly a 'spy' will watch each class, looking for those doing their best to follow the Arranounbai Attitude. At the end of the spy will announce the class that has shone that week.

Week 1: Spy – Mrs Black Class: 3N

Preparation of students



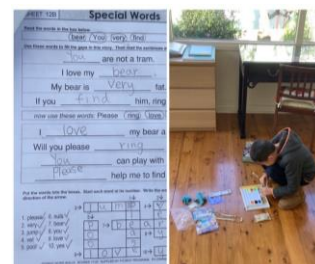
As students return to face to face teaching please take the time to prepare them. Discuss with your child that as they arrive hands will be sanitised and temperatures taken. Playtimes will be different and this may mean they will not be able to play with their friends. They may play in different areas to assist with social distancing and staff will wear masks, goggles, gloves and aprons during personal care. Things will not be the same. Students will

not visit the art or music room, the kitchen or the library. They will be very restricted to their classroom. We know that change is difficult for all of us but in this current climate it is essential for everyone's safety. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me on **9452 3168** or email

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This Week: 1A

1A have become so wonderfully adept using Google Classroom that even when back at school they continued to learn from the content on their ipads. They enjoyed the control they had with their own learning as they steadily worked through the daily schedule. Even with the content on the Smartboard they focused on their individual tasks, progressing smoothly through the sequence. It has been beneficial to connect each morning and afternoon through Zoom meetings and the students have enjoyed communicating with each other. Many photos have been sent showing the completed tasks and other activities that they have engaged in whilst learning at home. It has been admirable to note their positive growth mindset as they navigate the changes and challenges involved with new ways of learning.



Dates for Your Diary

Friday 8th May – Virtual Assembly @ 9:30am

Coffee & Connection for Parents Zoom style – 11:30am

Friday 8th May

Sunday 10th May – Mother's Day

Monday 11th May – Students who can return for face to face teaching – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday ☺

Wednesday 13th May – Learn at Home Day for all students

Friday 15th May – Arranounbai P&C