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Newsletter

Week 2 Term 3 – Thursday 30th July 2020



This week certainly began with a bit of wild weather. The sideways rain at drop off and pick up certainly made it rather interesting, as does opening the front gate whilst holding an umbrella. Nothing like a challenge to start a school week!

Stephanie Hopkins: Principal

Winter Ailments

As we begin Term 3 and we find ourselves in the midst of winter, it is so important for us to be extra vigilant. Our health and safety in this ever-changing time is a top priority. To ensure the safety of all it is critical that we remain very cautious, even if we think it's a little over the top. If anyone is at all unwell you must remain at home and if you have a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of smell or loss of taste you need to get tested. Tuesday morning, I awoke about 3:30am with a slight sore throat and a blocked nose, usually I may well have still gone to school, thinking nothing of it, but not currently. By 8:30am I was in the queue for the local COVID drive through...by 9:30 I was tested. What an experience. I wanted to rip the nurses arm off as she tickled my tonsils, tears ran down my cheeks and I was gagging away (I am not nearly as brave as others, clearly). Then came the nostril swab or as the nurse said "wasabi up your nose"! As I drove away, with a shiny new brain, after what felt like a bottle washing expedition I began the waiting game. I had been warned with the recent increase in Sydney that it would take 72hours. I received my negative text message last night! Quite the experience for a slight sore throat but much better to be safe, even if inconvenient.



At this time, your test result for the COVID-19 sample which was collected on 28/07/2020 is **NEGATIVE**.

Thank you so much for all your ongoing support when phone calls have been made home, as students have developed a runny nose or their temperature has increased throughout the day. Thanks for not sending anyone to school sick. We all appreciate it. Take care and stay safe.

ILP Goal Meetings

Notes will be in communication books today setting out times for this semesters ILP meetings. The next three weeks have been allocated to complete all these meetings. Due to COVID, meetings ideally will be completed on Zoom. Onsite meetings will be offered but will be limited to one parent, class teacher and an executive member only. Zoom meetings can have a larger team; both parents and any therapists where needed. Please return your preference note to teachers tomorrow, so that meetings can be scheduled as soon as possible. Please indicate your meeting preference of either Zoom or face to face, so that arrangements can be planned.

I am looking forward to ILP meetings as staff have been working very hard on drafting very specific learning goals for each student that are SMART goals. SMART is an acronym for **S**pecific, **M**asurable, **A**ttainable, **R**elevant and **T**ime-bound goals. These will assist us to collect more specific data to enable us to plot every student's progress more effectively. Each goal will be presented to you in a colour coded format making key features easily identifiable. **Condition**- how the activity/task is presented. **Instruction**- what is said to the student. **Response**- what we want the student to do. **Mastery criteria**- what we expect the student to complete to demonstrate understanding. The aim of this is to provide greater understanding and clarity of all student goals.

P&C Meeting

Friday 7th August is the P&C Meeting for Term 3. The meeting will be held on Zoom at **10am**. We look forward to seeing you there.



External Providers Return

It has been so nice to see the return of therapists to Arranounbai this week. While this looks a little different for some, its good to have you back.

School Bus Returns

Yesterday, thanks to Jack and Mrs Bell, the school bus was picked up and returned to Arranounbai. It has received a new clutch after breaking down at the top of the driveway. Can't wait until we can actually use it again for excursions.



Class Merit Award recipients- Week 1

1A – Owen

1N – Grace

2C – Michael

5S – Evie

Kitchen Garden- Willem

3N - Jonah

4M - Rex

4K – Kai

Music- Jerina

Life Skills- Matthieu

This Week: 3N

This term in 3N we are learning about Discovering Diversity. Each morning, as part of our morning circle, we participate in an Acknowledgement of Country. We are also learning how to use Key Word Sign to say an Acknowledgment of Country. We are learning about the importance of respecting the traditional owners of our land and why this is important. We are also learning about similarities and differences, and how to show respect to others.



Arranounbai Attitude Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who gained their tokens to receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.



Willem, Riley, Jatin, Zoe



Jin, Joe



Jerina
Kaleigh
Mrs Nestor
Mrs Amos

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 the spy will announce the class that has shone that week.



Week 1: Spy – Mrs Nestor Class: 2C

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 31st July – Virtual Assembly @ 9:30am

7th August – P&C Meeting

3rd Aug – 21st Aug – ILP Meeting weeks

1st September – School Photos

