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Term 3, Week 2

Coming up:

District Athletics (Field events): Friday 5 August

Gymnastics: Tuesdays 9am Weeks 4-8

School Photos: Thursday 25 August

Book Week Parade: Friday 26 August

Regional Athletics: Friday 2 September

Welcome.

We would like to welcome Mrs Kirsty Leahy who is our new School Administrative Manager (SAM). She will be working every Thursday and Friday and every second Wednesday.

Farewell.

A huge thank you to Mr Aaron Knopper for his enthusiasm and care and all that he has brought to the school. Unfortunately, funding has run out for his position and he will be moving on from our school. We wish him all the best.



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Attendance

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. **Justified** reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school Principal.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide the school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence. Parents must contact the school about absences and not relay messages via siblings of students who are absent.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as **unjustified**.

Return and Earn:

We're collecting eligible containers to redeem for a 10c refund each under the NSW's Return and Earn scheme. It's a great way for students to get involved in recycling, help reduce litter and raise money for the school.



You can help by bringing eligible containers and drop them off in the office or in the designated bin.

Rural Access Gap:

Through the Department of Education Rural Access Gap Strategy, we have been fortunate to receive two new mobile Interactive Panels. This is a part of the Schools Digital Strategy that ensures rural schools receive the same access to technologies as metropolitan schools.

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Reminders:

- Please remember to bring a hat and drink bottle every day.
- In the cool weather it is important for your child to have a jumper/jacket with them every day. Please make sure the jumper they wear is a part of the school uniform colours. This is also the same for socks and leggings.

Tennis:

We would like to thank all of the wonderful community members who came out last term to help us with tennis at the local courts. We would especially like to thank Maria Dunn who gave up her time every week to be there.



Learning and having fun:



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