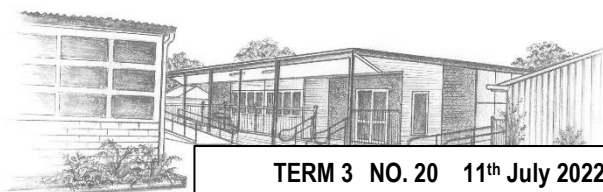


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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

- 1. Welcome** - We welcome back to our school Imogen, Amelia and Opal Castles along with their parents Carla and Jim. We are excited to have them back at our school and hear from their eventful experiences over the last few years. We currently have 80 students enrolled at our school which is pleasing.
- 2. Enrolment Forms** - As always we start planning for the next school year as early as possible. To assist with this we need to have a good idea of future enrolments, so it would be appreciated if any enrolment forms for new students to our school are handed into the office by the end of July please.
- 3. Work Experience** - We have a past student coming back to our school this week to do some work experience. Welcome to Jessica Bassett who will be doing some basic classroom tasks in the Foundation and Grade 3/4 classroom during the week.
- 4. Attendance Awards** - These were handed out today to students who had received 95% attendance or more for Term 2 and also Semester 1. These awards will also be acknowledged in the full edition of the newsletter next week. Obviously, this data is down a bit because of the large amount of COVID-19 cases along with a variety of illnesses which we had to navigate through last term.
- 5. School Photos** - These will be sent home as soon as they arrive back at school. There is a photo opportunity at Dookie PS at 9am on Friday 29th July for any students who were away when these were taken during the last week of Term 2. Families will need to contact MSP photography to make these arrangements.
- 6. Chaplaincy** - This position is currently advertised and we will be aiming to fill this ASAP. We will be working through this process with our provider - Korrus Connect.
- 7. School Reports** - These were handed out to students on Thursday 23rd June - 1 day earlier as planned. Any of these reports remaining at school will be sent home throughout the week. Don't hesitate to contact any staff if information in these reports needs to be clarified. An enormous amount of time and effort goes into these reports - we hope you find these a good reflection of your child's performance in Semester 1. These reports were accessible via the Grade Expert Parent Portal as well - hopefully families received an email in regard to this before the holiday break.
- 8. Naidoc Week** - A number of children from each class were acknowledged with a colouring competition before the holiday break - these winners received a small prize (boomerang) and will be acknowledged in the newsletter next week.
- 9. Child Safe Standards** - These were approved at School Council before the holiday break and can all be accessed at the [following link found here](#).
- 10. Police in Schools Program** - Grade 5/6 students will participate in this program beginning on Thursday 21st July - further information has been included in past newsletters. Please contact the school if you would prefer for your child to not participate so that arrangements can be made if needed.
- 11. Respectful Relationships** - This term, we will be focusing on the themes of Stress Management & Help Seeking. Some things to reinforce at home in regard to Term 2 themes will be included in next week's full edition of the newsletter.
- 12. Tutoring Program** - This continues this term and we hope that children involved with this support will attend school as much as possible over the next few weeks. We will be aiming to conclude some assessment over the next few weeks so participation is paramount in regard to this. This program will conclude on Tuesday 9th August with all funding available being utilised.
- 13. Music Program** - As you may have heard, Mrs Tucker is having a baby which is wonderful news for her family. As a result, we have a Music position advertised at present with the hope that this curriculum area may be maintained going into the future. This position would begin in Term 4. We may potentially have to be flexible with our Specialist Program depending on interest with this position - fingers crossed obviously.
- 14. Somers Camp** - A couple of students from Grade 5/6 have been allocated spots for this camp which begins on Tuesday 6th September. Relevant information and forms have been sent home and the full camp payment needs to be paid to our school by Friday 22nd July - contact Karen at the office if needed please. Can all forms be returned to our school by the date also please.
- 15. Parents Club Meeting** - This is scheduled for Monday 25th July straight after school and all are welcome as per usual. It would great to see some new faces at the meeting to assist with some activities which are planned for the future. Unfortunately, some of these had to be cancelled last term because of not enough helpers.
- 16. COVID-19 Cases** - We had a large number of cases during the last week of Term 2, so hopefully things improve as we begin Semester 2. Please be aware of these notifications on Skool Loop and take appropriate action as needed. Staff are currently using facemasks again inside and students especially from Grades 3-6 are encouraged to do this also. This is not a mandate - exemptions still apply as we try our best to control COVID-19 and the many illnesses across our school community.
- 17. Rapid Antigen Tests** - A reminder to families that RAT tests can be collected at school by parents at any time - contact the school if you are happy for your child to take some boxes home please.
- 18. Reducing the Spread of Influenza** - To help reduce the spread of flu, colds and COVID-19, students are being encouraged to: wash and sanitise their hands regularly, avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze, get tested for COVID-19 if they feel unwell and follow the current [Department of Health isolation requirements](#) if a positive result is shown and finally if unwell, stay at home until their symptoms pass.
- 19. Paws in Schools** - The next session will now be held for our Foundation students. This date will need to be confirmed (either on 19th or 26th July). More information has been provided in previous newsletters.
- 20. Curriculum Day 3** - The 3rd Curriculum Day for the year will be held on Monday 1st August with specific information in the full edition of the newsletter. Again, there is no school on this day and also no OSH Care - families will need to make alternative arrangements on this day, hence the early notice.
- 21. Student Led Conference Day** - This is planned for Friday 12th August. Again, there is no school on this day and also no OSH Care - families will need to make alternative arrangements on this day, hence the early notice. Booking will be available early in Term 3 with more specific information - refer to past newsletters if needed.
- 22. Face Masks (Bus Travel)** - Any Grade 3-6 students involved in bus travel related to school activities will still need to wear facemasks. Exemptions will still apply.
- 23. End of Year Excursion** - Funfields is booked for Friday 16th December - plenty of notice for any families needing to make arrangement with work.
- 24. COVID -19 Restrictions / Vaccinations** - A summary of these is below:
 1. Face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.
 2. Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.
 3. Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine as long as they have no symptoms and have a negative RA Test.
 4. Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 25. Absence Notes** - A reminder to families to submit an absence via Skool Loop when required please - this is the preferred method of notification. Please remember to have the correct date for any notification that is sent and be specific in regard to why your child is away from school. This may include such things as: medical, illness, COVID-19, appointments, family holidays and bereavements / funerals. The Education Department mandates that schools must record student attendance twice per day giving suitable reasons for each absence. This is necessary for schools to meet their legislative requirements and to enable school councils to report on student attendance annually. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
- 26. Specialist Programs** - This week is a busy one. We have Music and Library on Wednesday and our whole school rotation day on Thursday.
- 27. Sharing of Food** - The updated guidelines state that sharing of food is not permitted (ie: birthday cake), however pre-packaged food which doesn't require anyone to touch this food is ok (ie: lollipop, icy pole).

David Brodie (Principal)

Our general school rule is to "consider the feelings of others at all times".

Food scraps & food wrappers will go home in student lunch boxes to assist with hygiene in the school

The Department's latest advice on coronavirus can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus