



PRINCIPAL REPORT – WEEK 11 TERM 2 2020

School Review:

Looking ahead to Term 3, I would like to draw the attention of our school community towards our upcoming school review. This is a rigorous process undertaken by schools every four years, providing us a great opportunity to reflect on gains made over the previous four-year period, identify areas for improvement, and develop a new strategic plan for 2021-2024. Our review was originally slated for Term 2 and was then rescheduled to Term 3 due to COVID-19. The review team will consist of our School Council President (Duncan McAllister), Department of Education and Training Senior Education Improvement Leader (Kevin Mealing), two Principals chosen as Challenge Partners (Tamina Taylor – Yinnar Primary School, and Julie Skee – Newborough East Primary School) our reviewer (Karen Patten) and myself, and along the way, opportunities will be made available to our staff, students, parents and community members to contribute to this process. I will provide more details in Term 3 once these come to hand.

Request for Volunteer(s):

As many in our parent community would agree, we believe we are very fortunate to be located in such a beautiful setting, with an abundance of lovely trees and gardens all around us. Within our gardens are a small handful of fruit trees that need their annual prune, and these school holidays will provide an ideal time for any green thumbs prepared to donate their time and expertise to this task. Although small hands and the occasional bird are quick to pick the fruit as soon as it looks big enough to eat, it is nice to see our students eating fresh fruit straight from the tree whilst they are in the yard. We also some have mulch needing to be spread. If you or someone you know might be able to help, please let me know and I will be happy to discuss this further.

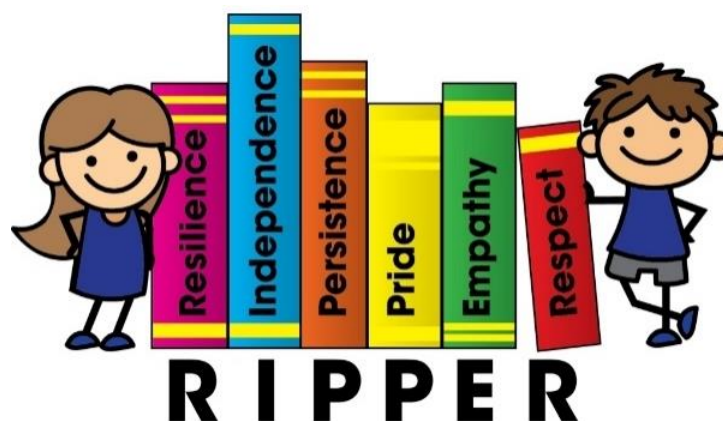
End of Term 2:

Friday 26 June marks the final day of an eventful Term 2, with students dismissed at 1:30pm. We normally conclude a term with a whole school assembly, but given the circumstances, this is unfortunately still not allowed. The school bus will run as normal, though this will be at a time in the afternoon to match our earlier dismissal. On behalf of our staff, I hope you have a wonderful school holiday break and enjoy some downtime with your family. Our students have shown incredible resilience, independence, persistence and pride over the previous 3 months, and after working through a bulk of the previous school holidays to redesign our teaching programs to prepare for remote learning, I know my staff are very much looking forward to a chance to switch off and recharge! As such, I am sure these holidays have come at an opportune time for everyone in our school community. Look after yourselves and I will see you again in Term 3.

Take care

Joel Blythman

RIPPER Student Awards - Week Ending 19th June 2020



Prep/1	Fletcher Brand	For showing independence and persistence in the classroom.
1/2	Malachi Dutton	For showing persistence in Maths and working with concentration on all tasks.
2/3	Nathaniel Rhue	For showing independence and persistence in all class activities.
3/4	Milla Phelan	For being a helpful friend and showing empathy and respect towards others.
5/6	Isobel McAllister	For showing pride in all areas of her learning. Her books are set out beautifully and she is reflective and adaptive in her learning.
Art/Music	Milla Phelan	For taking pride and respecting the art room materials and fantastic picking up.
PE	Roy Riseley	For showing independence and pride in all PE activities.

DATES TO REMEMBER

26 th June	Fri	Last day of Term 2 - 1:30pm dismissal
13 th July	Mon	First Day of Term 3
26 th Jul	Sun	ICAS Competition Online Entries Close - Years 2 - 6 only
28 th Jul	Tue	School Photos

ICAS Competitions

These are academic competitions held in Maths, English, Spelling, Digital Technologies and Science. Students in Years 2 to 6 are eligible to enter on a 'user pay' basis. The competitions are held during Term 3. Further details are available in the in Dojo or copies can be requested via email.

~ Paula Landy ~

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

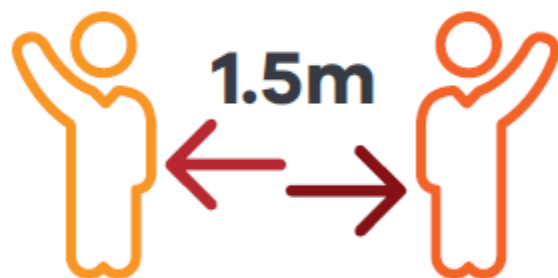
If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school



- keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs



- wash your hands regularly.





SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP ZONES

To ensure our school community meets various COVID-19 social distancing requirements when parents are dropping off and/or collecting their child(ren), please note the designated zones we have established below. Adhering to these allows us to avoid any complications associated with staggered start and finish times, which in turn maintains a level of normality for all members of our school community.

These zones will be applied from **Tuesday June 9 2020**, until further notice. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**CATS CRICKET
OVAL/
PRE-SCHOOL
CAR PARK:**

Year 4-6 students

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Immediately vacate the school as soon as you are able.
- Only students and staff to enter the school grounds. Parents may enter the school grounds only when essential, and this time must be minimised.
- If parents are on-site for essential purposes, social distancing measures must be followed.

BUS STOP:
All bus travellers



ALL PEDESTRIANS:
Exit school via relevant gate

MAIN CAR PARK:
Prep—Year 3 students,
plus all siblings from
any year levels