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Newsletter Term 2 Week 10

DATES FOR THE DIARY
THURSDAY
1ST JULY 2021

[Parent Cyber Safety
Presentation 6:30pm](#)
Wednesday 30th
June

Postponed

End of Term 2
Early Dismissal
2:20pm

Friday 2nd July

Student Free Day
Monday 19th July

[Beginning of Term 3](#)
Tuesday 20th July

[Open Boys/Girls Basketball
Carnival](#)
Thursday 22nd July

[Flinders Mobile Library](#)
Friday 23rd July

[RAP Presentation Yr 11 & 12s](#)
Monday 26th July

[Hockey Clinics](#)
Monday 26th July

[8/9 5-a-side soccer at BCDS](#)
Thursday 29th July

[SATAC presentation](#)
[Year 10s & 11s](#)
Monday 2nd August

[Year 11 SACE information
workshop](#)
Monday 2nd August

Principals News

Dear Parents & Carers,

Mobile Phone & Personal Digital Devices Policy

In our last newsletter, I wrote

"our school will be introducing a new Mobile Phone & PDD Policy. This policy will come into play,

and be enacted upon as of Tuesday 20-July, the first day for students, Term 3.

The policy will be made available for viewing and distribution next week".

Tuesday night's staff meeting exposed a few management issues regarding phone security etc. Before we can move forward with this policy, we all need to come to terms with it, be collectively supportive of it and design how it's going to be rolled out, eg the pick-up and drop-off protocols; management of breaches; notifications to parents; breach-follow-up with parents; acquisition of secure containers; record-keeping for every device accounted for in collection; review processes and managing submitted request for exemptions, to name a few.

I can also recognise we have under-done student consultation. If we are serious about supporting student voice at BCDS then we really are obliged to open up conversation with the students affected.

Today commenced with all Yr 7-12 students assembling together, then breaking off into year level teams to discuss the following 3 enquiries:

- What are the unique educational benefits to the use of mobile phones/personal digital devices in a school setting?
- What are the risks, distractions and undesirable outcomes of mobile phone/PDD used at school?
- With consideration to the risks, distractions and undesirable outcomes of mobile phone/PDD use at school, how might we best manage them?

The year level meetings were all minuted and that information gathered. This information will then be collated and reflected upon. All of that takes time. So in summary, an immediate start on our policy in Term 3 is unrealistic.

Thank you for your anticipated patience in this matter. I look forward to being able to update you as staff and the Governing Council continue to refine the reviewed policy and procedures. Our next Governing Council meeting is 16-August. Parents are invited to contact Nicolle Carey (GC Chairperson: cliffsclouet@hotmail.com) with any views or issues before that meeting.

Tarcowie Bus Route

For the time being we have an answer to our call out for a Tarcowie Bus driver. Trish Wilson (PCW) will commence duties once her accreditation is finalised. In the meantime, Raelene Zanker, will be the relief driver.

All the best,

Peter Blackburn | Principal, BCDS

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Kindy News

Last Thursday we were fortunate to have Nick the Policeman visit our children to talk about his role of keeping people in our community safe. The children were very curious about Nick's uniform, equipment and the many ways Police-men and women help people. After Nick's visit staff heard lots of pretend play of siren's sounding and baddies on the run, with the Police in close pursuit.

Tuesday was International mud day. This was a muddy delight after children helped to create a muddy patch to play and create mud pies, birthday cakes and mud prints. In the morning we read the book "Garden Stew" and children were able to find many leaves, sticks, stones, lavender and rosemary to add to their making. We certainly had some very muddy and happy children at the end of the day.

This is the last week of our Vinnies Drive. Thank you to families and staff who have kindly donated food items and clothing. If you wish to make a donation, this Friday is the last day.

We wish families a happy and safe holidays.

Quote

"The earlier and more often children are exposed to nature, the *happier, healthier and brighter* they become".

The Kindy Team



School News

End of Semester Reports

The end of semester reports are planned to be uploaded to Sentral for students and their families today and tomorrow. Please let us know if there are any issues with the reports as it was a new process. Further information regarding assessment, and in particular, the continuous assessment trial, will be available in the week 1 newsletter.

Parent-teacher interviews will be scheduled for early in term 3.

Primary

If parents have questions regarding their child's report, they could contact home group teachers through communication/home books or Seesaw. A follow-up meeting can then be arranged, if needed.

Secondary

Teachers who have requested interviews with parents/caregivers will be available for interviews during weeks 1 or 2. Please make your requests through the Sentral message portal, diary notes or the Front Office. If you have not been requested for an interview, you are still welcome to contact a teacher if you have questions or concerns.

Year 10 SACE Information Evening/Work Experience

Thank you to the students and their families who attended the SACE Information Evening on Monday night. At the meeting, we discovered that not many students had taken their Work Experience letters home. Please ensure you have seen the material for Work Experience as the timelines are getting shorter. The Year 10 Work Experience is scheduled for Week 1, Term 4.

Year 11 Work Experience

The Year 11 Work Experience is scheduled for Week 4 of next term (Term 3). At this stage, not many students have accessed this opportunity. A decision regarding the viability of the Work Experience program will be made in the near future.

Kathryn Kupke, Senior Coordinator

PJ Day

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Taco Tuesday



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