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A Newsletter from
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Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Term Two

Welcome all school families to Term Two. Thank you to our families who have supported the school so strongly over the past few months as we have all dealt with COVID-19's impact on society. Over the past number of weeks, a myriad of COVID-19 – related communications have been sent to families and we very much appreciate your flexibility shown in dealing with changes.

Nearly 90% of students are attending regularly, which we are very pleased with, and would like to see this figure continue to rise over the next few weeks. On Wednesday our school received a call from Regional Executive Director Neil Milligan letting us know that our attendance rate is equal 5th highest in WA at this time – well done. It is ironic that during this uncertain time our total number of enrolled students is 244, which is the highest it has been for some years.

Thank you parents for the manner in which you have followed the 'drop-off' and 'pick-up' of students each day. This is very much appreciated.

As the State Government stated during the school holidays – the first three weeks of this term are a trial. I am expecting some time next week we will receive a major update from the Government on how the first three weeks have gone, and directions for the next part of the term.

Family and Domestic Violence

This is a very difficult issue and one that is not easy to talk about. It has been reported that during this time of 'physical distancing' and 'isolation', rates of family and domestic violence have increased in WA and throughout Australia. This is of the greatest concern. Domestic violence can (and usually does) have terrible negative effects on children. Verbal abuse and belittling of people can be considered domestic violence. Here are some useful phone numbers –

- Crisis Care Helpline 1800 199 008
- Men's Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 000 599
- Women's Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 007 339

Coronavirus Cleaning

All public schools in WA have received extra funding to provide 'day cleaning' during this time of COVID-19. We are using this money to employ one person a day

(between 9.00am and 3.00pm) to do regular cleaning of certain areas of the school eg. door handles, toilet areas, playground, and desks. Thank you to Josie Thompson, Emma Griffiths and Fiona Sing in taking on this role.

THREE

THREE (3 year olds transition) will resume when we receive the relevant notification about changes to current COVID-19 restrictions.

MOSH

Out-of-hours care continues this term.

Canteen

The canteen is operating as usual. Wednesday to Friday each week.

Cross Country

Although at this stage there is no Faction or Interschool Cross Country arranged, we are still doing cross country practice. We are doing so for many reasons – fitness, mental health, enjoying our beautiful school environment, continuing a 'normal' school activity, and to be prepared for any possible carnival/s.

P&C

The next meeting originally scheduled for Thursday of next week (14 May) has been postponed until further COVID-19 directions are received.

Assemblies

We are not holding physical assemblies but the head students and student councillors are running a weekly 'PA' (using the school's public announcement system) assembly each Thursday morning.

Responses to Anxiety

This is obviously a time when anxiety levels are heightened, both in students and adults. Mrs Hide found a list of terrific responses to anxiety. Over a number of newsletters, I want to share these with you.

10. 'I can't wait until ' (excitement about a future event/moment).
11. 'Let's put your worry on the shelf while we (listen to music, go for a run, read this story). Then we'll pick it up again'.
12. 'This feeling will pass. Let's get comfortable until it does'.

Regards

Michael Smith PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 1 June Western Australia Day
(Public Holiday)

Fri 3 July End of Term 2

Mon 27 July Start of Term 3

Information that has gone home in the past fortnight:

* COVID-19 school invited to participate in research letter

FACTION VALUES SHIELD

28s	Ken Beggs	561
Blueys	Tori Davies	453
Red Tails	Bailey Watt	556

CLEAN Environment

WEEK	CLASS
2	Room 1

ATTENDANCE AWARD

WEEK	CLASS	PERCENTAGE
2	Rm 1	99%



STARS OF WEEK RESPONSIBILITY

TAHLIA SIMPSON for consistently doing the right thing. Tahlia, you are a conscientious worker, you are well-organised, and you make good choices.

LUKE COOK for always being so organised in the morning. You do your morning jobs promptly and without being asked and remind others to do so also.

LINCON ADAM for your recent determination towards making a home for our chicks. You demonstrated thoughtfulness and concern towards their wellbeing. Very responsible Linc!

JACK HUNTER for making the right choices and bringing his attention back to his work when reminded. Keep trying hard Jack!

BEXLEY BACHOS for making so many wonderful choices since we have returned to school. You are a very responsible, independent young lady and we are very proud of you.

EDIE PEDLAR for helping the Pre Primary students in the playground. It is lovely to see you helping them on the equipment and showing them what to do. Great job Edie

CHEVELLE DAVIES for your positive and more responsible approach to school. Well done Chevelle! You should be SUPER proud of all you have achieved this term.

BRODY CARPANONI for always being a thoughtful and helpful class member who makes the right choices. Well done Brody!

DASSY NUNN is a responsible, hard working class member. We love how you speak kindly and respectfully to others.

HOLLEY KILLEN for taking her class job as "George Carer" for this week very seriously. You have done an admirable job! Well done!

MATTHEW WATT for spending some of his spare time before school to pick up rubbish in the playground. Thank you.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

BOOK CLUB IS COMING!

We're really excited to have **BOOK CLUB** running this Term, but it will look a little different! It will be a **virtual catalogue** rather than the printed catalogues you're used to receiving.

To order from this issue go to:

Scholastic.com.au/Book-Club/virtual-catalogue-1/

Place your order on LOOP as normal and orders need to be in by:

18 May 2020

We will receive your order here to our school like normal. Your order will be delivered to your child's classroom.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact:

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Even though this is a virtual catalogue, we will still receive 20% of your order value back in Scholastic Rewards to use to purchase additional books and resources for our school!