



Newsletter 7, 12th June 2020



## **Excellence in Teaching and Learning**

**Welcome back** to our Grade 3-6 students and families! It's always remarkable to see just how resilient and adaptive our young people are. School feels so much better when everyone is back!

Well done to our Grade 3/6 students, teachers and parents who are still working remotely. It has been a huge effort with much learning all round. Thank you so much to our Grade 3/6 families for going that extra mile over the last two weeks and to our teachers for consistently trying to engage our students in interesting and educational ways.

There were some changes, with Ms Duggan unable to return this term, so Mrs Pyke is looking after 3/4 D and doing a splendid job settling everyone back in. Our teachers work so hard to share and collaborate to ensure that everyone knows exactly what is going on and our students receive the best education possible. Ms Prior is continuing to look after Ms Paulet's grade for the next little while. Ms Thurgood will continue in Mr Davis' room until the end of this term.

Given the disruption to schooling across the country, the government has given schools more flexibility about how they present reports this semester. All children will receive a school report at the end of this term. We will be commenting on the students' learning progress and efforts over the last two terms. However, given the very different circumstances that families found themselves in, we will not be providing the progression points this semester. We have several intervention programs at the school targeting literacy and numeracy and have started these to help give those students that need it a bit of a boost with their learning.

## **Positive Climate for Learning**

I thank you all for dropping your children off in the respective zones at the front of the school. This went extremely smoothly on Tuesday when the 3-6 students came back to school. Remember, students who are on their own can enter from any gate of the school, whichever is safest. Thank you also to those parents who have called and made appointments before entering the school site.

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Mrs Lorraine Gurnett

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**Hours of supervision:**  
8.30am—3.30pm

## **SCHOOL TERM DATES**

### **Term 1, 2020**

Wednesday January  
29th—Friday 27th  
March

### **Term 2, 2020**

Wednesday 15th  
April—Friday 26th  
June

### **Term 3, 2020**

Monday 13th July—  
Friday 18th September

### **Term 4, 2020**

Monday 5th October—  
Friday 18th December

No School Assemblies  
until further notice.

School Vision: Everyone Can Learn to Learn.  
School Values: Be a Learner, Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Caring.

## IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SPORTS & EXCURSIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED AT THIS TIME.

### June

8th Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday  
9th Grade 3-6 Students  
return to school  
26<sup>th</sup> Last day Term 2

### July

13th First day Term 3

### August

### September

18th Last day Term 3

### October

5th First day Term 4

### November

3rd Melbourne Cup Day  
Public Holiday

### December

18th Last day Term 4

Please check the school [webpage](#) for a list of important dates for 2020.

Our school has enhanced cleaning taking place throughout the whole day and students are frequently washing hands, helping to minimise the risk of infection whilst at school. On a different note, the old oil tank has been removed from the playground and the tidy up should be finished by the end of next week.

The focus of the weeks moving forward really is on settling the students back into school life, whilst trying to keep some of the exciting things that have developed over the last few months like, the instant two way communication and detailed knowledge of where students are at for parents/ carers has been fantastic.

### Community Engagement in Learning

As we work our way through the next few weeks before Term 2 finishes (and oh, what a term!) I thank you all for your support and hard work. Please continue to keep the lines of communication open too. I am so very grateful to all parents who have contacted me and given feedback or asked questions for clarity. This really helps us move forward in the most positive way possible for our students.

School Council will be meeting at school next week for the first time in a long while – remember you can always approach School Council members if for any reason you are uncertain about approaching the school directly.

I shall endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible with either remote learning, COVID-19 or any other developments as soon as they happen.

Lorraine Gurnett

Principal

A REMINDER THAT FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

THE CHILD SAFETY OFFICER IS LORRAINE GURNETT. PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK TO OUR CHILD SAFE WEBPAGE SHOULD YOU NEED SOME ADVICE ON [MAKING A REPORT](#).

