



Newsletter 8, 25th June 2020

School Finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 26th June 2020 and will resume for Term 3 on Monday 13th July 2020. We wish you all a very happy and safe holidays.



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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.

And here's the last Newsletter of the term and what a term it has been!

I would really like to commend the students on their adaptability and resilience during this time. They are now getting back full swing into their learning and will be ready to launch in Term 3 when we return.

Thank you again to our parents/ carers for supporting our children to be the best they can during these difficult times. One of the surprising highlights of this situation has been the tremendous growth in independence of our Junior students. They have been able to say goodbye to grownups at the gate and walk independently into school. They have been able to get their school bags and their lunches into school and sort out their shoes etc., unaided by grownups. They have all been inside on the first bell and ready to learn by the time the music starts! What an amazing achievement - well done!

Yesterday, I saw some great examples of highly engaged students across the school, completing projects and debating professionally. They have done a tremendous job over a very short period of time! I was fortunate this morning to watch several teams debate one another. Each team was professional, well researched and presented their arguments and counter arguments clearly.

I thank again our teachers, who spent the holidays putting together the remote learning programs, moved into mixed learning environments, back into 'normal' school and straight into report writing – it's been a big term!

We noted with sadness, the recent passing of Glenis Slinger, our school crossing supervisor. She was very much admired and loved by the children and will be very much missed.

I thank Ms Prior for stepping in whilst Ms Paulet has been on leave. Ms Prior has been fortunate to secure a full time teaching position at Loch. We are so very grateful for all the hard work and great relationships she has developed with the students and wish her well in her new position.

We welcome back Mr Davis next term. I shall put out a Compass notification for parents as soon as possible, once the teacher in Ms Paulet's room can be confirmed and once I know whether Ms Duggan will be able to return as well. I shall notify you all, as soon as I know but please be reassured that back up

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
26th 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.

plans are already in place!

Next term we are able to offer additional specialist subjects for our students. The P-2 students will be having an extra Art session each week with Ms Wogan Browne and the 3/4 students will be having extra Science (Kitchen) sessions with Ms Wogan Browne also. Kitchen sessions will return for these students once restrictions allow. Ms Zuidema will also be teaching the Grade 4/5, 5/6 students Science, Design and Technology for an extra session each week.

We constantly try to improve the specialist offerings we have at our school to give the students the best opportunity to learn in a variety of environments. We are so fortunate to have extremely well qualified, French, Music and PE teachers at our school and thank them for their dedication and provision of such rich learning.

We shall be having some minor works done over the holidays and welcome the Holiday Program team back on site.

I wish everyone a very safe and restful holidays and look forward to seeing you all again in Term 3.

Lorraine Gurnett

Principal

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