

Learn to Live

Term 2, Week 6 (5th June, 2020)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

TERM 2 - JUNE 2020

Mon 8 Public Holiday - No school

TERM 2 - JULY 2020

Fri 3 Last day of Term 2

Mon 6 to Fri 17 School Holidays

TERM 3 - JULY 2020

Mon 20 Staff Development Day

Tue 21 Students return for Term 3



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to pack lunches for kindy kids.

Packing lunch boxes for the first time can be overwhelming. Here are our top tips for new kindy parents:



- Pack something from each of the 5 food groups plus water. Check out our [lunch box builder](#) for ideas.
- Keep foods fresh and safe by packing an ice brick or a frozen water bottle to keep lunch cool.
- Make sure your child can open the lunch box and containers.
- From day 1, make vegetables a habit in the lunch box.
- Remember it is 'OK to say NO' to unhealthy foods such as chips, chocolate and lollies.
- For recipes, snack ideas and lunch box examples visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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Principal: Mrs C Frith

Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs N Bridges

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs K Jansons

Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mr P Earl

Enews Updates

- ◆ Week 5 at Faulconbridge - 29th May
- ◆ Changes to the opportunity class placement process for 2020 - 1st June
- ◆ Opportunity Class Applications for 2021 - 2nd June
- ◆ Newsletter - Term 2, Week 6 - 5th June

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED TO VISITORS

The Uniform Shop volunteers will fill online orders only and leave them at the office for collection.

You can order via the following link: [Uniform Shop](#)

Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing 2pm

TERM 2



School Activities Update

Garden Classes - Term 2
Stage 2 - 3/4Z, 3/4K, 3/4S

Sport Days - Fridays
K-2 (9.55 - 10.55)
3-4 (12.25 - 1.25)
5-6 (1.55 - 2.55)



PE Days (sports uniform)
Tuesday: 2/3C, 3/4K, 3/4Z, 3/4S, 5/6P, 5/6S, 5/6T
Wednesday: KC, KB, K/1G, 1/2F, 1/2W
Thursday: 1/2H

Library Days
Tuesday: 3/4K, 3/4S, KB
Wednesday: 2/3C, KC, 5/6P
Thursday: 5/6S, K/1G, 5/6T
Friday: 1/2W, 3/4Z, 1/2F, 1/2H



Music
Monday: 5/6S, 5/6T, 5/6P
Tuesday: KC,
Wednesday: 2/3C, 3/4Z, 3/4K, 3/4S
Thursday: 1/2H, 1/2F, K/1G, KB, 1/2W



Choir
3-6: Sopranos Tuesday 8:00am, Tenors Thursday 8:00am in the Main Hall
K-2: 8:15am Thursdays in the Music Room



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Access student portal: <http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au>

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Phase 3 continues

As COVID-19 restrictions are easing across the community, we are continuing to implement our Phase 3 restrictions, in the interests of keeping everyone safe and well. We currently have a good stock of hygiene supplies and students are getting used to stricter hand hygiene routines.

All school incursions currently remain on hold across the state.

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential, such as departmental staff (Directors Educational Leadership, Executive Directors School Performance, school services and itinerant support staff), allied health providers, wellbeing and case management professionals, maintenance providers and final year teaching practicum students.

Community users may only recommence for uses that are necessary for continuity of education. Any decisions regarding community users of the school facilities is made in consultation with Director, Educational Leadership, Helen Davis.

Our additional enhanced cleaning will continue until the end of the term. We are very thankful to our cleaners for doing what is an important component of our COVID-19 strategy in keeping everyone safe and healthy. We appreciate their efforts at this time, particularly as the weather gets colder.

Time to reflect and reset

The COVID-19 situation has been an interesting and challenging time for the whole school community. As part of our recovery process we are starting to document and evaluate the experience. We are aware there were negatives to this situation for students, staff and parents, and many of these have already been given attention as we worked through the restrictions.

We are looking to capture the experience by reflecting on the positives. We are asking that you respond to a quick google survey to share your thoughts and reflections about what went well with learning from home, what did you miss about school, and what are the things we should keep from the experience in our 'new normal' environment. Please click on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/zm3Jve3TCLSmDET8>

Opportunity Class 2021 Testing

Information regarding the revised dates for 2021 Opportunity Class applications have been released by the Department of Education. Attached to this message are 2 PDF documents which explain in detail how the application process will look moving forward.

In summary, key information for Opportunity Class applications include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply via the application website at education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5 between **9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- The placement test will be on Wednesday **16 September, 2020**.
- Outcome of applications will be released on Tuesday **1 December, 2020**.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores. There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

We will follow up with families who have indicated that they intend to apply closer to the application date closure.

If you would like any further information on the Opportunity Class placements, please contact Mrs Jansons via the school office.

Principal's Report cont'd

Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June

This year's theme 'In this together' has a resonance beyond that which Reconciliation Australia probably imagined when the theme was announced early this year. Even though we may not be physically together, it's still hugely important that we make space to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation.

Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May – 3 June each year. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey:

- the successful 1967 referendum which allowed Aboriginal people to be counted in the census and gave the federal government, rather than individual states, the power to make laws for Aboriginal people.
- <https://australianstogether.org.au/discover/australian-history/1967-referendum/>
- the High Court Mabo decision which recognised Native Title and the end of Terra Nullius
- <https://australianstogether.org.au/discover/australian-history/mabo-native-title/>

Many of our classes have used this week to acknowledge and talk about these milestones in the reconciliation journey.



Enjoy the long weekend, keep safe and keep healthy,

Mrs Carol Frith
Principal

LEARNING IN THE GARDEN IS FUN!

Welcome back to our garden classes! We have been busy weeding our garden beds, planting seeds, building a no-dig garden, planting donated seedlings and of course, harvesting! The students have enjoyed taking their harvest home to cook with their family. We love seeing photos of what they are cooking. Roast potatoes are the favourite!

We are excited to be awarded a grant from the Edible Garden Trail. Thank you to all our families, staff and volunteers for all your hard work preparing for open day and all our visitors on the day. We are looking forward to purchasing some new tools, mini greenhouse and perennial plants for our school garden. Big thank you to the Blackboard Cafe for all your support and providing delicious food and beverages that help make it such a successful day!

Thanks,
Beth





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Refill your water bottle here



Don't drink straight from a water bubbler

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A managed return to school

Phase 3



5 days a week



Students at school 5 days a week



Bring a packed lunch and water bottle



Parents, please remain outside the school gates for drop-offs and pick-ups



Follow health advice and keep your child home if they are unwell



For full details, visit
education.nsw.gov.au/managed-return

education.nsw.gov.au