



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9-13 SEP SWIM PROGRAM
- 24 SEP PULL UP YOUR SOCKS DAY
- 27 SEP LAST DAY OF TERM

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

*HAPPY FATHERS DAY
TO ALL OUR DADS*

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From the Principal's desk

Although a newsletter was distributed last week there is additional information that I would like to convey. The following pieces of information will hopefully relive some of the angst that is in the community at the moment.

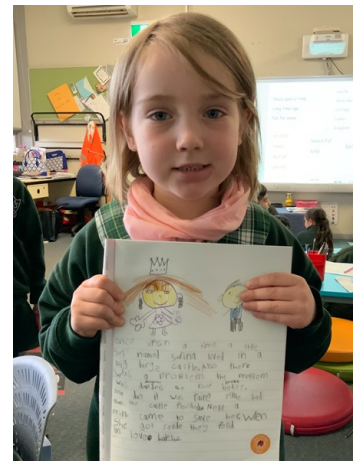
Enrolment Policy

Earlier this term a new enrolment policy was put into place by the department. This has caused repercussions throughout local communities. The information contained in the policy stated that schools were no longer able to accept out of area enrolments or to guarantee future enrolment for siblings. As you realise this would have major affect in our school, particularly for families living in Willowdale. After discussions with my director, who fully understands and supports our concern that the in-area school is too far away, it has now been determined that we can continue to accept enrolments from Willowdale, including siblings until the new school is ready in 2023. Please pass on this information to family and friends who might be unsure as to what is happening.

News from Kinder Red

Kinder Red has had an amazing start to Term 3. In class students have been working hard writing narratives in English. Students have been taking extra care to make sure they are using many adjectives when they describe the characters and setting. K Red thinks it is really important to give the reader an image in their head.

K-Red also used their creativity to design a Father's Day card and write a short message using their amazing adjectives. They can hardly wait till Sunday!



Christine Easter
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Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Zac Baloglow and Eric Marie who have both been selected to compete at the Regional Athletics on 13th September! Zac will compete in the 200m and Eric in the 800m.

We wish both boys the best of luck.

Library News

We still need your help in covering books for our library. Please see Mrs Lunguly or Mrs Gaut if you can help!



Tell Them From Me Student Survey

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

Our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26 August and 25 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday**.

Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers and will take 15 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

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Library News

This week Mrs Lunguly, our librarian has been super busy ordering new books that we were able to purchase using our grant from Dymocks. Altogether we had just over \$12500 to spend! We can hardly wait to see that delivery when it arrives. Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to that fund raising effort. A fantastic result! However we will then need help covering all those books. If you are able to spend some time either here at school or take some home to cover, your help would be greatly appreciated. The faster we can cover them, the quicker we can get them on the shelves for students to borrow!

If you can help please see Mrs Lunguly or Mrs Gaut in the library.

**Uniform**

Please ensure that all clothing for your child is labelled. We have an enormous amount of lost property without names that we would love to return to you! Just a reminder to all students that it is expected that all students wear the correct uniform every day. Coloured jumpers, jackets, leggings or joggers(except on Friday) are unacceptable. Thank you to all those parents who ensure that their child looks fantastic in their uniform every day!

Medication at School

This is a reminder that parents are not to send students to school with any form of medication for them to administer themselves. All medication including Panadol or cough medicines are to be handed to the front office with a letter from a parent stating the required dosage and time for administration. **Teachers are not responsible for administering medication.**

Enrolments 2019

We are now accepting enrolments for students for next year. Please pass on this message to any friends or neighbours who might have children to start next year. We would like to know our expected enrolment for next year so as to plan in advance.

Enrolment forms are available at the office.

Afternoon Pick-Up

This is now proceeding very smoothly with the majority of our students leaving either by bus or through Kiss and Ride. A reminder to parents that you can only park in the zone for 2 minutes so arriving after 3pm is the best option. Council and the police are patrolling this area and have booked parents parking illegally. Parents are still more than welcome to pick up their child from under the COLA if they need to speak to a teacher or come into the office. However we do ask that you collect your child by 3.10pm. Lately we have had a number of students still here at 3.30. We understand that emergencies occur and we'll always look after your child if this happens. Please ring the school if you are going to be late.

**Bus Safety**

We now have a large number of students using the Willowdale bus in the afternoon. The bus picking up our students is also a public bus. Over the last week I have received a number of complaints from adult commuters and the bus company regarding their inappropriate behaviour on the bus. I have discussed expected behaviour with our students and that

continual misbehaviour could lead to a loss of their opal card. Please talk to your child about staying safe and respectful on the bus.

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