



NEWSLETTER

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The following students received a Principal's Award at assembly this week:
Laura Page Emma Johnstone Ana Pogainis

Oct 2	Last day Term 3
Oct 19	First day Term 4 Students and Staff
Nov 2	Evening Kindergarten Orientation
Nov 3	Day 1 Kindergarten Orientation
Nov 4	Day 2 Kindergarten Orientation
Nov 6	SRC Disco

Dear Parents and Students,

UNIFORMS

It is anticipated that all students return to school next term wearing their summer uniforms. It will be surprising to see how much the children have grown over the winter. A reminder that the uniform pool is open on Friday mornings if you wish to purchase any additional items.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

It is a timely reminder to speak to your children about all aspects of safety. Road safety, water safety, safe internet usage and safe usage of home appliances are just a few areas that need to be refreshed. Please take care over the holidays and enjoy your break.

HOLIDAY GROUNDS WORK

As part of our annual maintenance the oval and grass areas will be sprayed for weeds during the holidays.

VALUES EDUCATION

This week's value is Democracy.

Core Value: DEMOCRACY

Accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.

In **school communities**, evidence of this value includes:

- ☺ listening to different views on school related issues
- ☺ consulting parents, staff and students about major changes
- ☺ ensuring that minority groups have a voice in decision making processes
- ☺ choosing appropriate processes for decision making

In **classrooms**, evidence of this value includes:

- ☺ consulting and negotiating assignment timelines
- ☺ respecting the rights and responsibilities of others
- ☺ accepting responsibility for one's own learning

BACK TO 2G

It has been my pleasure to have undertaken the role of Principal for this term and I have had a very positive insight as to the “unseen” operations that happen in the office when managing a school. I’ve attended numerous Principals’ meetings and forums, attended P&C and School Council meetings, met a lot of new people both in school and out of school, consulted as site manager for BER upgrades, signed off on interactive whiteboards, attended an Opera House performance and zone athletics carnivals, worked on various school policies, responded to many official emails, happily addressed some very proud Grandparents and *now* know where to find a lot more information on the DET website. (This is just the short list!) My job would not have been so trouble-free without the support and professionalism of everyone in the school including my very capable executive, my fellow colleagues, the very talented Mrs Shears (a wealth of knowledge on just about everything) and the hard-working office staff. Thank you to Mrs Bretherton for proficiently taking on her role as Assistant Principal and we all look forward to Mr Kunkler’s return next term.

Helen Georgiou. Relieving Principal

He who knows all the answers has not yet been asked all the questions. - Author unknown

DEBATING NEWS

After a long debating season, congratulations go to the Premier’s Debating Team (A) for their efforts over the last two terms. Their skills in public speaking, rebuttal and team strategy greatly improved over the debating season which will most definitely prepare them for future activities such as essay writing and oral speaking. **Matthew Corish (6M)**, **Josiah Binet (5/6P)**, **Lauren Benham (5/6P)** and **Emma Jirgensons (5/6P)** should be very proud of themselves. They almost reached the regional division of the Premier’s Debating Challenge but were ousted on a count back.

PUBLIC SPEAKING NEWS

Congratulations also go to **Emma Jirgensons (5/6P)**, **Ishan Schou (5B)**, **Richard Crago (4N)** and **Jaime Dunn (2/3B)** who represented our school at the finals of the Hills Network Public Speaking Competition on Monday. Our representatives very confidently presented their speech in front of students and parents from 13 other schools in the area. They should be commended for their hours of preparation and rehearsal and I’m sure they are very proud to reach such a high level of competition. Special mention goes to **Jaime Dunn** who received a Highly Commended on the day. Well done!

Kylie Newland. Coordinator

