



NEWSLETTER

Towards 2022 @ The Place To be!

Monday 29th of November, 2021

Hi Everyone and welcome to Week 9 of Term 4.

We had our final P&C Meeting for the year last week and I'd like to thank all our P&C members who have contributed during the year. A big thank you also to our Uniform Shop Committee who have kept our uniform supplies flowing with the help of our office staff to ensure all our students had access to school uniforms. Hopefully 2022 will allow us to hold more events that our P&C usually do so well – Mother's/Father's day, Special treat days, BBQs, etc. Thank you to all members and have a restful Christmas break, see you in 2022!

The NSW Health Minister has announced the following changes which will be introduced from today – Monday 29th of November:

In order to minimise disruptions caused to schools by COVID-19 cases, and to maximise the time our students have learning in the classrooms a number of changes to operations for schools will be introduced from Monday 29 November for the remainder of Term 4.

Rapid antigen 'test-to-stay' program

A rapid antigen home testing (RAHT) 'test-to-stay' program will be available to any student who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case in a school setting. This will enable them to get back to school immediately following a negative PCR test and on the basis they do daily RAHTs before attending school across 7 consecutive days. This means that our students' learning is able to continue with minimal interruptions following a positive COVID-19 case. Full support will be available to help you implement this should it be required at our school and many other schools and students are already using RAHTs successfully.

Singing, chanting and instruments that rely on breath allowed outdoors

In line with community settings, instruments that rely on breath and singing and chanting will now be permitted if held outdoors, within cohorts, with distancing in place and where there is no sharing of instruments. Under these same conditions music classes, bands, ensembles, group repetition and choirs within cohorts can also resume.

An update to our cleaning protocols

NSW public schools are cleaned by professional cleaners each day, guided by expert advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), the National Health and Medical Research Council and NSW Health. As we have already seen in many schools, cohorting and our other COVID-safe layers of protection have been effective at minimising disruption. NSW Health has provided clear advice, based on evidence that the department's regular clean, day clean and enhanced clean provides a more than sufficient layer of protection in schools for students and staff. NSW Health have advised there is no health and safety benefit to undertaking an environmental clean which is highly disruptive to a school's ongoing operations and can close a school for up to 2 days. This is another important change that will get students back into classrooms faster in parallel with the 'test-to-stay' program. You can read more on the department's [website](#) about the different levels of cleaning in place in our schools.

Please continue to refer to the department's [Advice for families page](#) for the latest information on settings in our schools.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

As you may have already read in the Skoolbag notice last week, the following Year 6 events have been organised for the remainder of the term and remainder of primary schooling for our Year 6 students:

*** High School Orientation Day - Refer to High School websites and Facebook pages**

Due to the ongoing Covid safety regulations, the state-wide orientation day for public high schools was cancelled. Instead, local high schools have developed their own plans using dates that fit into their compacted calendars. Please refer to your child's high school website or Facebook page to confirm details of this event. High schools will also email or mail information out to parents.

*** Year 6 Graduation Assembly - Thursday, 9th December (by invitation)**

This assembly is only for our graduating group of Year 6 students. All regular end of year certificates for Year K to 5 will be handed out in classes.

*** Fun Day - Monday, 13th December**

*** Year 6 Farewell Dinner- Tuesday, 14th December**

*** Year 6 Day out to Tik Tocs - Thursday, 16th December**

The last day for all students is Thursday 16th of December. We will notify you all how our end of day event will proceed closer to the date.

Way back earlier in the year we were able to hold our annual Walkathon to raise much need funds for our technology program and access for all students. Thanks to the generosity of our school community we were able to raise almost \$16,000. We also had a very generous donation of a new laptop from one of our families to complement the fundraising. Thank you to all of you that donated. We were able to purchase 26 more laptops for our mobile labs and we were also able to purchase more Interactive Panels for our classes as we slowly replace the outdated Interactive Whiteboards. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our wonderful school! The list of prize winners is attached to this Newsletter – Congratulations and thank you to everyone that donated! Prizes will be distributed over the coming weeks, in a safe cohort procedure.

Sadly, I have received a number of reports/complaints from our community this morning regarding traffic and parking on De Chair Avenue. The complaints were about double and triple parking, parking in no parking zones and parking in the bus zone. Please follow all road rules as the life of a child depends on it. That child could be yours. We will be contacting Springwood Police for any assistance that they can give us in this matter.

Please be safe, take care and be kind to each other.

All the best,

Mr Mehmet.

WALKATHON PRIZES!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

1st Prize for the most funds raised by one student!

\$200 JB HiFi Voucher: *ARI MASCORD* - \$925

2nd Prize for second highest amount of funds raised!

\$100 JB HiFi Voucher: *LUKE ALLEN* - \$358.10

3rd Prize for third highest amount of funds raised!

\$50 Turning Page Voucher: *ANDRES CROUS-ELLSWORTH* - \$288



\$20 Turning Page Book Voucher for the student with the highest amount raised in each class AND a Pizza Lunch for the highest class amount raised!

Class	Winner	Total
KE	Rex Regan-Grice	\$225
KG	Tre Kerin	\$280
KM	Franklin Lowery	\$130
1S	Ari Mascord	\$925
1W	Adelaide Smith	\$200
1/2W	Adalie Brennan	\$270
2H	Zoe Booth	\$123
2V	Tessa Crous-Ellsworth	\$138
3M	Ruth Fox	\$141.50
3WC	Laura Gianatti	\$185
4P	Andres Crous-Ellsworth	\$288
4T	Rhys Hale	\$220
4W	Eliza Brown	\$126
5/6B	Luke Allen	\$358.10
5/6C	Travis Sagovac	\$144
5/6H	Shaun Maher	\$70
5/6J	Ella Hale & Natalya Schuback	\$220 each
5/6S	Laiken Want	\$172.50
Unit	Calvin Daintith	\$100
CLASS	1S	\$1957.25

Total Raised for whole school - \$15,807.11

