



Chertsey Primary School

GROWING AND LEARNING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Term 3, Week 10 Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

Kindergarten 2021

As advised in last fortnight's newsletter, all Kindergarten transition programs across the state are to remain on hold. If we were not in the midst of a pandemic, by this stage of Term 3, we would have already begun our 10 Week Kindergarten HeadStart program. We have started creating our virtual HeadStart introduction and are waiting for the video to be finalised so that we can upload it onto our School Stream app, website and Facebook. We will be creating some HeadStart videos to make up for the 5 weeks of HeadStart that we have been unable to commence. We will keep you up to date of any changes to our HeadStart program via our app, newsletter, website and Facebook.



As we are beginning to plan for 2021, we need to finalise our Kindergarten enrolment application forms as soon as possible to ensure that no one misses out on information regarding HeadStart. If you have not enrolled your child at Chertsey or you know of school aged children, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Our friendly office staff can take your details and we can then keep you informed and up to date with all of the latest information regarding Kindergarten 2021 and HeadStart.

2021

Term 4 is a very busy time for schools as we are gearing up to the end of year celebrations particularly for our Year 6 students who will mark the end of their seven year primary education journey. We are also in the planning stages for allocating student numbers and classes. If your child will not be attending Chertsey next year, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Afternoon Pick Up

In every school, the end of the day pick up is one of the busiest transition times and Chertsey is no different. Students and parents are always eager to go to the next activity in the day or head home for some down time. It is so vitally important that every parent is vigilant in following the road and street signs that are displayed by the RMS (Roads and Maritime Services) to ensure the safety of all members of the public. Willow Road and Bilgola Close are both busy roads at this time. What is concerning is that I have had parents and community members report of cars that are at a standstill on the corner of Avalon Road and Bilgola Close trying to enter to pick up their child. This has resulted in other cars having to drive on the opposite side of the road so they can continue with their journey. If you are trying to enter the close and it is full, please continue your drive turning left onto Wells Street and around the block. Staff are on duty at the back gate and if any child has not been picked up after ten minutes, children are brought to the administration block to continue our supervision until a parent/carer has arrived.

Can you please encourage your children to listen and follow to staff instructions when leaving the school site. Staff are giving instructions so that all children are safe on their way to you. It may result in a few minutes longer however the near misses with students we have had recently are evidence that all of us, students, parents/carers and community members need to be cautious and follow the road and safety rules. Schools have a duty of care to ensure the safety of students and we need your involvement to keep them safe.

Bilgola Close and Staff Carpark

We are currently observing a number of native birds swooping the Bilgola Close entry pedestrian pathway area. If your child is frightened of birds it would be best to drop off at the Willow Street entrance until the breeding season is over (roughly at the end of October).

School Holidays

This Friday is our last school day for Term 3. School and classes return on Monday 12th October. The Term 4 Calendar has been attached to this newsletter however please take note of the highlighted events. The highlighted events are subject to the Department of Education guidelines as their NSW response to COVID therefore please take note of all communication so that you are not disappointed.

Recognition

If you are unaware, our chaplain, Donna Knee wears many hats. She works for Red Cross Disaster Relief, Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network, a mentor for Chaplaincy Australia, community chaplain for the Central Coast with BaptistCare, mentors school and community chaplains across the NSW with Chaplaincy Australia and she works here 3 days per



fortnight. This amazing woman has been recognised by the Premier of New South Wales and she is being awarded a Bushfire Emergency Citation. This award has been created to recognise the outstanding contribution of volunteers and service agency personnel who played a significant role in the emergency response effort to combat the 2019-2020 bushfires. The 2019-2020 bushfires were the worst in the living memory of the state of New South Wales. The catastrophic conditions impacted life, communities, property and the environment on an unprecedented scale. The dedication, selfless actions and sacrifice with which so many responded will not be forgotten. We are incredibly fortunate to have Donna support Chertsey. Students, parents and staff are very appreciative of the energy, enthusiasm, smiles and care that Donna brings to every aspect of Chertsey. A very big congratulations to our wonderful chaplain, Donna Knee who will be receiving this special award as recognition of the selfless contributions that she has made during such a difficult time for so many Australians.

“Holidaying with kids isn’t about the holiday... It is about making memories and spending time together.” – Mum’s Little Explorers

Mrs Sarah Baldwin
Principal



Seesaw

This year, all classes at Chertsey Primary School have joined Seesaw. Seesaw is an app designed to share student work with students, teachers and families. For families, this allows you to gain further insight into your child's learning and school happenings.

Recently classes have sent home parent logins so that families can connect to Seesaw and view some of your child's work at school. Please note that your child's class may not post work on Seesaw daily as this is only one way that we collect samples of your child's work. Also, while teachers may from time to time share class reminders or updates through Seesaw, parent contact through Seesaw is not encouraged as teachers may not be regularly checking the app for messages. It is preferred that parents contact teachers via a phone call to the front office or a letter directly to the classroom teacher. Teachers will endeavour to respond to any parent messages sent via Seesaw within 48 hours.

If you have not received or have misplaced your family login, please contact your child's teacher for a new copy. To ensure that you don't miss out on any information, please download our School Stream app, keep an eye on our school website or follow our school Facebook page.

Chaplaincy at Chertsey with Miss Donna

This term we have focused on supporting children by running small groups such as:

Seasons for Growth is an innovative, evidence-based change, loss and grief education program that draws on the metaphor of the seasons to understand the experience of grief. It builds the knowledge and skills necessary to strengthen social and emotional wellbeing following significant loss by:

- Exploring the impact of change and loss
- Learning about effective ways to respond and adapt

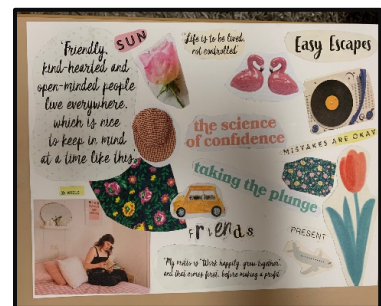
Participants learn that they are not alone in their experience of change, loss and grief, and are able to build their communication, decision making and problem solving skills within the context of a safe and supportive peer group learning environment.

Sibworks program for young primary school aged with siblings of children with disability or chronic illness have particular needs themselves. Some can feel quite isolated. Sibling groups allow these children to come together, have fun, share experiences and learn ways of dealing positively with challenges they face.

Shine is a unique personal development and group-mentoring tool that uses an inspirational, practical and experiential approach to learning for girls to discover who they are and the person they want to become.

These group have been a valuable resource to our students and their families and I have received excellent feedback from parents.

See some of the work below that your children have created in these groups.



Class Article

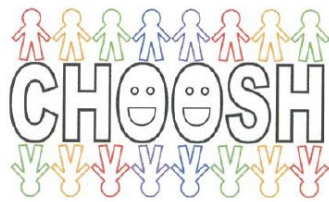
In Term 4 1/2H has been looking at different types of landscapes. We have read various picture books depicting stories of varying landscapes. In our artwork we have created our own landscapes using colours, materials and creativity.



CHERTSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL - Term 4, 2020

T 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
1	12 October Staff and Students return	13 October P&C Meeting 6:30pm via zoom	14 October	15 October	16 October	17/18 Oct
2 Book Week	19 October Book Fair	20 October Book Fair	21 October Book Fair Book Week Dress Up and Virtual Parade	22 October Book Fair	23 October	24/25 Oct
3	26 October	27 October Athletics Running Races K-6	28 October Stage 3 Excursion	29 October	30 October CHOOSH Disco? <i>K-6 Assembly (hosts K-6F and K-6D)</i>	31/1 Oct / Nov
4	2 November	3 November	4 November	5 November	6 November	7/8 Nov
5 NAIDO C WEEK	9 November	10 November P&C Meeting 6:30pm	11 November Remembrance Day	12 November	13 November Year 6 Mini-Fair <i>K-6 Assembly (hosts 4/5W)</i>	14/15 Nov
6	16 November	17 November	18 November	19 November	20 November	21/22 Nov
7	23 November	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November <i>K-6 Assembly (hosts K-6L & K-6S)</i>	28/29 Nov
8	30 November	1 December	2 December	3 December	4 December	5/6 Dec
9	7 December	8 December P&C Meeting 6:30pm	9 December	10 December <i>K-6 Assembly (hosts 5/6M)</i>	11 December Year 6 Fun Day Carols in the COLA	12/13 Dec
10	14 December Annual Presentation Day Volunteer Morning Tea Reports distributed Yr 6 Farewell Dinner	15 December	16 December Last day for students <i>Year 6 Graduation Assembly</i>	17 December PUPIL FREE DAY - Staff Development Day	18 December PUPIL FREE DAY - Staff Development Day	19/20 Dec
Hol	21 December	22 December	23 December	24 December	25 December Christmas Day	26/27 Dec Boxing Day
Hol	28 December Boxing Day Public Holiday	29 December	30 December	31 December	1 January 2021	2/3 Jan 2021

Calendar of events are subject to change. Please refer to fortnightly (even) newsletters, notes and/or Facebook posts.
K - 6 Assemblies are in the school hall at 2:20pm.



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Vacation Care Program

Oct 2020

COVID-19 - As you are aware the World Health Organisation has declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The situation in regard to COVID-19 continues to evolve with an increasing number of countries having sustained community transmission. In Australia the majority of COVID-19 cases are returning travellers or close contacts of cases, but there is evidence of limited community transmission in some states including NSW.

As this is an evolving situation, the recommendations are changing rapidly.

We at WOOSH Care take the health and safety of all our children, families and staff very seriously and follow the directions given by the Education Department. This may mean that at any time our program may be changed or even cancelled.

We will keep all families updated as we receive instructions.

Sun Safety: CHOOSH Care endorses the Cancer Council's 'Sun Safe OOSH' Policy. Under this policy, a daily UV check is conducted, and at times where the UV level is above 3, SPF 50 sunscreen is applied every 2-3 hours. Children are also required to wear sun safe clothing, including a broad brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire hat, and clothing which covers their shoulders. Singlets and caps are not sun safe clothing. If your child attends Vacation Care without appropriate sun safe clothing, they will be provided with a hat/ shirt. Children must also wear sensible shoes for walking and playing (i.e. enclosed shoes or strap-on sandals), and bring a jumper or a jacket and drink bottle each day. Thongs and slip-on style shoes are not permitted. **Caps are not permitted at CHOOSH Care**



Hand-held video games: Children are permitted to bring their hand-held games during Vacation Care, but specific times will be allocated for playing their games so that they spend some time participating in other activities. All games, including iPod games, must be G or PG rated as per centre policy. Any games above this classification (M, MA15+) will be confiscated and returned to the child's parent/ guardian at the completion of the day. CHOOSH Care is not responsible for any breakages or lost property. Children are not permitted to use mobile phones at CHOOSH Care at any time.

Hours of operation: CHOOSH Care is open from 6.30am till 6.00pm Monday to Friday during the school holidays and Pupil Free Days (excludes public holidays). Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Supervision: CHOOSH Care is approved for a maximum of 40 school age children per day, however limitations may be placed on maximum number of enrolments due to staffing or transport requirements. Staff to child ratios of 1:15 are maintained during centre days, with increased supervision on excursions. A Risk Assessment is conducted prior to each excursion and are available for parents to view upon request. A Responsible Person holding their Apply First Aid, Child Protection, Asthma & Anaphylaxis certificate will be rostered on at all times throughout the day. A photograph of the Responsible Person on duty is displayed at the sign in desk.

Payment: The cost per day for in-centre activities is \$54 per child for permanent enrolments, and \$58 for casual enrolments. The cost per day for excursions is \$64 for permanent enrolments, and \$68 for casual enrolments. Please note that additional costs may apply to some 'in centre' activities and excursions,

particularly swimming excursions to cover increased staffing costs. (Please see the program for these additional charges). Note: Permanent enrolments are those families who attend before and/or after school care and have paid a bond and registration fee.

Bookings: Bookings can be returned to CHOOSH Care via email or in person. *Please note: Verbal bookings will not be accepted.* Bookings must be received by Wednesday 23rd September. In the case that a day becomes booked out, a waiting list will be prepared and parents will be notified if a place becomes available.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS): CCS is available to registered parents for Vacation Care. Please contact Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 136 150 to be CCS assessed.

Cancellations: Please notify the Centre of any cancellations as soon as possible. There are no refunds once a booking is made, but it may be possible to swap places for another day within the same week as long as there is a vacancy on the desired day.

Red Hat/ Shirt surcharge: During excursions, children are provided with red shirts to ensure children are easily identifiable. Children are also provided with sun safe red hats if they do not have an appropriate hat on any day. To cover cost of purchasing, embroidering and laundering these shirts, a surcharge of \$5 per child per Vacation Care will be added to your Family Statement.

CHOOSH Care's Vacation Care Program: We are aware that sometimes programmed activities will not appeal to all children. Be assured that wherever possible we try to provide alternative activities such as craft, games or movies. There are also opportunities for children to assist with activities even if they do not wish to take part in the actual activity.

Program variations: The Vacation Care program is subject to change without notice if it is deemed in the best interests of children. E.g. changes to program on wet weather days. Should an excursion change, parents will be required to sign their permission for the new excursion prior to child attending.

Medication: If your child requires medication an *Administration of Medication* form must be completed on each day that the medication is to be administered. Please note that no over-the-counter medication will be given (except Panadol - see booking form). Medication must be provided in original packaging with the child's correct name and will be administered as per dosage instructions.

Food: Please pack a nutritious morning tea, lunch and some snacks for your children on all days. Afternoon tea is provided and **lunch is provided only on some days** (see program for days where lunch is provided). Water will be freely available at the Centre, but please supply a drink bottle for excursions as these can be refilled as required. Please ensure that your child has adequate food, as Vacation Care days are active and long and the children do get quite hungry.






Nut policy: CHOOSH Care endeavours to be a 'nut free' centre, as per policy, for the safety of all children. Please do not send any nuts or food products containing nuts to CHOOSH Care.

Breakfast: Breakfast is provided between 6:30am – 7:30am during Vacation Care. Breakfast options include wholemeal toast, weetbix, cheerios, cornflakes, rice bubbles and plain milk or milo.


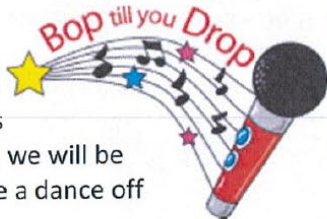


Special diets: If children are on restricted diets due to food allergies etc. parents are advised to provide alternatives food for their child as we cannot guarantee that the foods available will be suitable for your child's needs.

Spending money: Children are not permitted to bring money for an excursion unless the program indicates otherwise as there is no opportunity for them to spend it.

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care – Week 1
Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October 2020

Date	Activity	Please Bring
Mon 28th Sep Gardening day (Centre)	 <p>Let's get our funny faces ready to make our famous grass heads. After all the beautiful weeding the children, teachers and parents have done we are ready to plant some nice easy to maintain plants. We will get our tools out and try to build some garden beds so that we can turn our chicken area into a beautiful vegetable garden.</p>	✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed shoes ✓ Gardening gloves
Tues 29th Sept Springfield Park (Excursion)	<p>Today we will be heading to Bushlands park where we will take turns on the giant slide, flying fox and other park activities.</p> <p>Then we will be delivered lunch from Erina Leagues club. During the afternoon we will play some sports games and have fun rolling down the massive hill.</p> <p>Lunch order chicken nuggets & chips \$6 from Erina leagues Club</p> 	✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch order \$6 ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed Shoes
Weds 30th Sept Craft Day (Centre)	 <p>Wear your messy clothes today as we are going artists and create some amazing master pieces. We will be making plaster moulds that we can paint when they dry. Back by popular demand we will tie dying so remember to bring an item to transform from plain to colourful.</p>	✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed Shoes ✓ White shirt for tie dying
Thurs 1st Oct Putty Beach (Excursion)	<p>We are heading off to on a bus trip to Putty beach where we can spend the day looking for dolphin & whales. There are some bush tracks that we can discover what beautiful native birds and wildlife live around the area. Then we can sit and enjoy a sausage sandwich in the park. After lunch we can test our skills with some beach sports.</p> <p>THIS IS NOT A SWIMMING DAY</p> 	✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch Provided ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed Shoes ✓ Sun safe hat
Fri 2nd Oct 9D Cinema (Incursion)	 <p>Get ready to be amazed as 9D Cinema comes to us. Sense the Wind in your hair as you free fall into a gigantic, inflatable jumping castle. Feel the Rain drizzle on your skin while trying to escape the sea monsters. Catch Snow as you ski down the slopes in a wonderland or pop bubbles like balloons falling from the sky at a kid's birthday party. These and many other incredible special effects can be experienced as you go on a Ride of your Life.</p>	✓ Morning Tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Enclosed Shoes ✓ Drink bottle

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care – Week 2
Monday 7th October – Friday 11th October 2020

Date	Activity	Please bring
Mon 5 th Oct	LABOUR PUPPIC HOLIDAY CHOOSH IS CLOSED	
Tues 6 th Oct Cooking with Jackie (Incursion)	 Today Jackie from Fresh food fast is coming to do a cooking class with us and we will enjoy them for afternoon tea. Then we will testing our senses with tasting new flavours, smelling different scents, seeing foods in different forms and hearing some snap crackle pop as we prepare some other snacks to take home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed Shoes
Weds 7 th Oct Karaoke Disco (Incursion)	Clear your throats everyone as today Stacey from 'Bop till you drop' will be coming to our centre to create a disco with Karaoke. There will be prizes for best dance moves, best original song and many more. As we dance our way into the afternoon we will be having so much fun that we may have a dance off against the teachers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed Shoes
Thurs 8 th Oct Kincumber Mountain (Excursion)	 Bring your walking shoes today as we trek through some bush tracks with our bug catching nets and have fun sharing the different insects that we have discovered before we let them go back into the natural environment. We will relax with friends and have a picnic lunch before an afternoon of free play or more bush walking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed Shoes
Fri 9 th Oct Fete Day (centre)	Come along today to join in all the fun of the CHOOSH Fete. Sideshow alley will be loads of fun as we fish for ducks, throw darts at balloons, toss the rings at the bottle and feed the lion. There will also be a jumping castle for to bounce around and test our gross motor skills, We will be going home with our faces looking very different with face painting on offer as well.  Lunch order available from Erina Leagues: \$6 chicken nuggets & chips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Enclosed Shoes ✓ Lunch order \$6

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care Booking Form -Sept/ Oct 2020

Parent's name (please print): _____ Contact number: _____

Child/children's name: _____ Age: _____

My child/children will be attending on the following days (please tick and sign for permission)

✓	Date	Activity	Cost	Parent permission for excursion – please sign
	Monday 28 th Sept	Gardening	Centre: Full Fee = \$54 (Casual = \$58)	N/A
	Tuesday 29 th Sept	Springfield park	Excursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual = \$68)	
	Wed 30 th Sept	Craft day	Centre: Full Fee = \$54 (Casual = \$58)	N/A
	Thursday 1 st Oct	Putty Beach	Excursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual = \$68)	
	Friday 2 nd Oct	9D Cinema <input type="checkbox"/> \$6 Lunch order-Add to my account <input type="checkbox"/> I don't want a lunch order	Incursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual = \$68)	N/A

✓	Date	Activity	Cost	Parent permission for excursion – please sign
	Monday 5 th Oct	LABOUR DAY Public Holiday	CENTRE CLOSED	N/A
	Tuesday 6 th Oct	Cooking with Jackie	Incursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual = \$68)	N/A
	Wed 7 th Oct	Karaoke disco with bop till you drop	Incursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual = \$68)	N/A
	Thursday 8 th Oct	Kincumber Mountain	Excursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual = \$68)	
	Friday 9 th Oct	Fete day <input type="checkbox"/> \$6 Lunch order add to my account <input type="checkbox"/> I don't want a lunch order	Centre: Full Fee = \$54 (Casual = \$58)	

Please provide consent for the following;

- ☐ I give permission for my child to attend/take part in the above activities and excursions. I understand that the children will either be catching a bus, travelling in staff vehicles or walking to the excursions, and that the program may change without notice.
- ☐ I have read the *Information Book* and am aware of the *Vacation Care Cancellation Policy*. There are no refunds once a booking is made, although bookings may be swapped within the same week, as long as there is a vacancy on the desired day.
- ☐ I have read the *Vacation Care Program* and understand that CHOOSH Care holds no responsibility for any property that is lost or broken during Vacation Care.

The following questions are applicable to enrolments who attend Vacation Care only:

- ☐ I elect to pay the Annual Registration Fee of \$60 for the reduced daily fee; or
- ☐ I elect to pay the full Casual Vacation Care rate (no Annual Registration Fee) or
- ☐ I have already paid the Annual Registration fee for 2020

Parent's signature _____ Date: _____

Chertsey Primary School PBL Focus

Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Your Best



This week in PBL
We are learning
about...
Canteen ordering

Be Respectful

- **Walk quietly** and **calmly** when to the canteen to collect lunch orders.
- Line up in the **correct line**.

Be Responsible

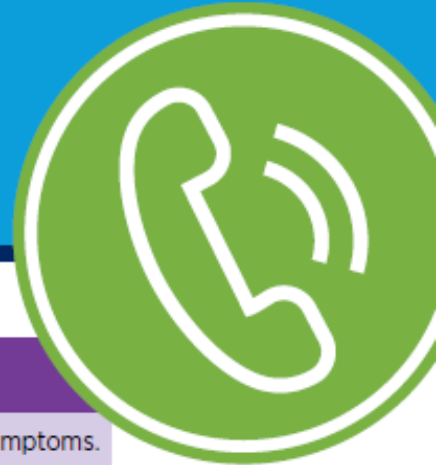
- **Use please and thank you** when ordering.
- Put lunch orders in **before 9:00am**.
- Lunch orders are collected and eaten at **eating time**.

Be Your Best

- **Listen to teacher instructions**.
- Spending time is at **playtime**.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Who to call



Questions and support

- Call **1800 020 080** (24/7) for health questions or to check symptoms.
- Call **13 77 88** (24/7) for non-health related questions.
- Call **1800 512 348** (24/7) for mental wellbeing support
- Visit www.healthdirect.gov.au to check symptoms.
- Visit www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 for all other COVID-19 related information

Triple Zero

Save Triple Zero (000) for emergencies such as difficulty breathing or shortness of breath at rest.

Interpreter service

For free help in your language call **13 14 50**.

If you have symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



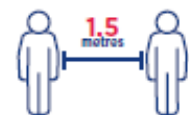
Shortness of breath

- **Self-isolate first.** Call your GP or visit a public COVID-19 clinic: www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19
- Travel in your own car or a private car driven by a family member or an existing close contact. **Do not travel by public transport, taxi or ride-share service.**
- **Wear a surgical mask.** If unavailable, ask for one immediately when you arrive.

Protect yourself and others.



Practise good hygiene



Practise physical distancing



Stay home if you can



Announcement

Changes to address or contact details

Please notify the school as soon as possible if there are any changes to contact details, address and phone numbers.

Administering Medication at school

When medication is needed to be administered at school, it is a departmental requirement that a form be filled out by the parent/Carer before we are able to administer medication.

This includes Panadol and Nurofen.
Please see the front office for the form.

School Canteen

The school canteen will be open Wednesday – Friday.

P&C

Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30pm via zoom
All welcome!

School Banking

School banking is every Tuesday.

School banking is on hold until further notice.

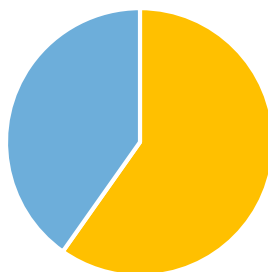
Attendance



100 CLUB

Percentage of students who have achieved 100% attendance this fortnight.

Students with 100% attendance this fortnight



■ Students with 100% ■ Students below 100%