



Learning Together in Harmony

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Welcome to Week 5, a term like no other! We have had some very excited students keen to see both their friends and teachers over the past two weeks as we returned to school on Phase 1 and I know how excited WE all are today as we return to normal face-to-face lessons for all students. All school activities and operations will be in line with AHPPC and NSW health guidelines as applicable.

From today all students should be at school unless:

They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition or;
They are currently unwell.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school, you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please ensure your child's contact details are up to date.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like; regular washing of hands, avoid sharing food and drinks, coughing and sneezing into their elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

As part of the Department's guidelines, all non-essential visitors/parents/adults to the school site is discouraged. Parents/carers should only access the school when there is *genuine* need to do so. If there is an urgent reason why, as a parent, you believe it is necessary to enter the school grounds, please call ahead to alert staff. Parents/carers can phone the school office any time for enquiries. If you are after uniforms or

hats please phone the office and we will send them home with your child with an invoice. Just a reminder also that if you are picking up your child/children up from school, we ask that you wait outside the school gates, adhering to social distancing, remain in your car or wait at a designated meeting place until your child leaves school grounds. This is to assist the school to maintain safe social distancing within our site. If you are picking your child up early please phone the office and we will bring your child to the gates for you.

A reminder that all students need to now bring back with them all loaned devices, equipment and workbooks. The school bubblers are no longer in use, so please make sure your child has a water bottle and a reminder that we can no longer heat up food for your child.

Our school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff who have been quick to adapt and change during the first few weeks of the COVID-19 situation. Our way of teaching, as we currently knew it, was turned on its head and upside down! All staff have quickly embraced new technology, new ways of teaching and supported students to 'learn from home' ensuring that all students were valued and cared for. A mammoth effort on their behalf, and for that I cannot thank them enough.

Thank you also to our students who adapted, changed and completed work from home.

We thank you for your patience and understanding. We know it hasn't been easy juggling the day-to-day activities and commitments. A reminder to have Skoolbag and Facebook updated so we can continue to communicate the latest information to you as soon as it becomes available to us.

Stay safe and welcome back,
Rachel Leary

Staff Changes Term 2

We welcome Mr Peter Allen to our school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the remainder of this Term. Mr Allen will be working with all students as the RFF teacher.

Unfortunately, Mrs Mahony has had some reduction in her hours. There will now be no one in the office on Friday's and every second Monday (even weeks) for this term.

Mrs Bettinzoli has also been transferred to another school. We will miss her also and wish her all the very best. Payments can now only be collected from Tuesday – Thursday or paid online through our website.

Bookclub

Bookclub brochures were sent home today. Orders need to be back at school no later than Wednesday 17 June.



Painting and skipping

New school signs



2019 K/1 Artworks



National Anthem and School song



Shalea turned 12 on 15 April
Eliza turned 11 on 17 April
Aliyah turned 9 on 14 May
Ben T turned 12 on 15 May
Emma turned 6 on 16 May
Anaston turned 7 on 16 May
Sophie turns 10 on 27 May



Handball and basketball

Year 3-6 class report

Welcome back! It is so wonderful to have our classroom full of laughter and learning again. I am so proud of the way our Astronauts adapted to home learning and worked through all of the challenges they faced during the past weeks. And a huge thank you to all of the mums, dads, nans, pops, aunts, uncles and other helpers who supported our students with their learning and wellbeing. I'm sure you were all excellent teachers (enjoy your well-earned break this week). With only six weeks left in the term, we will be continuing with our normal program. That includes our combined Science/Art/Writing project that is building a Cardboard City full of interesting characters and our History research projects on global celebrations. Students have made a great start on these projects during the home learning period. Be sure to check out the epic video the Astronauts created in the past weeks too. It's on the school Facebook page and is sure to impress you with their creativity and skill. Lastly, I'd like to welcome Ben T back to our school. Ben, who joins our leaders in Year 6, has been warmly welcomed by old and new friends.

Ms Hartigan

K/1/2 Welcome back

A sincere thank you to all parents and caregivers who embraced and supported their children through this home learning journey!

*You partnered with us, you did us proud,
Now it is time to cheer out loud!*

*Although this home schooling gig was sometimes
tough,*

Your love and patience was more than enough.

During this time bonds grew stronger,

But now it's time to worry no longer.

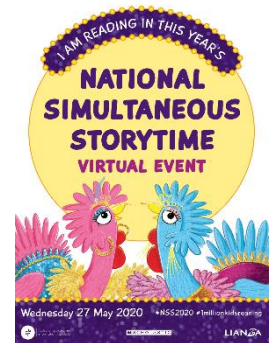
So grab a brew and pull up a seat,

Drink in silence as you enjoy a treat.

Thank you for your dedication,

*As we take back the reigns of your child's
education.*

We are excited to be participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime event on Wednesday. The National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year, we are reading *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas* written and illustrated by Lucinda Gifford, as well as participating in engaging activities associated with this book.



Homework

Kindergarten- This term we are just asking Kindergarten students to read their home readers each night. Reading the same book more than 3 times helps build fluency. We are also asking for parents to go through their sight word book with them. This works best if students read through it once a day and they should only move onto a new level once they have all their ticks for the previous level. These words should be recognised on sight and not sounded out.

Year 1 and Year 2- Yr 1 and Yr 2 will be given a sheet with their spelling words on it and a grid with activities. They need to practise their spelling words in their book 4 times (2 per week) and complete an activity 6 times (3 per week). There are 8 spelling activities to choose from so they can pick their top 6 activities. As we are not sending home maths homework, if there is some work that hasn't been finished in class we will be sending that home to be completed.

We will be having spelling tests on Friday Week 6, 8 and 10.

Sport

We will be learning how to throw over arm and how to strike a ball with a bat. These skills will be practised during games of T-ball.