



What a very interesting and different term we have had. To say it hasn't been typical would be an understatement of significant proportions.

Usually schools have targets and milestones in place to be measured and assessed. Many of these went out the window once the realities of COVID-19 became clearer. The impacts of the responses that needed to be enacted shaped how we operated as a school and community.

At the start of 2020 one of our main aspirations was to come together as a community. Looking back over this term I am proud to say that we have achieved this. Our staff have been fantastic with their communication and it has ensured our school has been very productive. Walking around our grounds and carparks in the mornings and afternoons has allowed me to see how we have bonded as a community. I would say that COVID-19 has made us stronger.

Early this term it felt as though changes were sent our way on a daily basis. With every twist and turn the staff were very practical in tackling the challenges. At no stage did they say it was too difficult. I can only appreciate and look on in awe at the professionalism and care each staff member has demonstrated. It is a school and staff to be proud of.

I would like to make special mention of our cleaners. What they have been asked to do is most unusual, yet they have always completed their tasks with great humour and joy. Hot, cold, sunny or rainy they have always cleaned. Thank-you Noy, Sue, Sita and May.

We can all be proud of the children attending our school. They have proven themselves to be very independent, flexible and resilient. Children always adapt well to situations if they are provided with the right support and encouragement. In fact, in many ways they are better at this than adults. When we look back in years to come I don't believe that we will see these children as missing out because of COVID; we will see children who grew, persevered and overcame because of COVID.

On top of the changes due to COVID-19, we ended the term with a re-structure. Once again the children met the challenge head-on. To hear young children say that this is a great chance to make new friends and learn new things is very special. Every parent should be proud of their children, and focus on the positives. The teachers put in many long hours after school to do in a week what would typically be discussed over a month. They too saw it as an opportunity to make the school even better for the children attending. The growth we are experiencing is also a vote of confidence from our community that we are heading in the right direction.

HeartKids fundraiser - We finished the term with a Super Hero Day to raise funds for 'HeartKids'. HeartKids support and help people affected by congenital heart disease. This is a most worthy cause which not only touches many families throughout Western Australia, but also ones in our school community. We dressed up as a hero for a day; but what shouldn't be forgotten is the wonderful medical staff who work with these children requiring such special care and attention. These doctors and nurse do truly difficult and heroic work. It also recognises the families who have been in the position to need the help of these wonderful people. A special congratulation to Charlotte who spoke to all our students about



her journey with HeartKids. I am so proud that as a school we were able to raise just over \$515 for this incredible and wonderful cause. Thanks to Mrs Liebeck who organised this event.

Term 3 starts on Tuesday 21 July for our students. By then we will likely see further movement towards a more normal operation of the school. There will still be restrictions on parents entering classrooms; cleaning throughout the day will happen and hygiene practices such as hand cleaning will continue. As changes occur parents will be notified via Connect. As a school and staff we have appreciated the support and understanding that all our families have afforded us. Your care, humour and good grace has made the situation that much easier to navigate.

Whatever you may be doing over the two-week school break I hope it is enjoyable and relaxing; and that the time you are able to spend with your children is pleasurable.

