

End of Term 2

As we move into the last week of Term 2, it is a great opportunity to reflect back on the first semester of 2021. These two terms have come and gone very quickly and so much has occurred, not just in the day to day operations of the school, but also in the wider community. This has included bushfires, border closures and re-openings and a lock down due to COVID restrictions resulting in a late start to term 1.

In addition, there have been many different activities including school and interschool sporting events, swimming lessons, incursions, public holidays and system assessments, such as NAPLAN, which have kept us all very busy and focused. Throughout all of these challenges, the students, staff and parents have been so very supportive and hardworking and everyone should be acknowledged for their efforts.

I would personally like to thank the staff at Caversham Valley PS, who always put our students at the centre of everything. They are dedicated and hardworking, yet always in good spirits and having fun with their students. It is nice to have people at any worksite that can overcome obstacles that are not of their making. I have no doubt that they are looking forward to their well-earned two week break.

Semester 1 Reports

On the afternoon of Wednesday 30 June, your child's **Semester 1 report** will be sent to you via Connect. This report outlines what your child has achieved in Semester 1 as well as areas that they can work on in Semester 2. It is important that once parents and carers receive the reports, they take the opportunity to sit with their child and discuss what has been written and the grades allocated. Just as important is your child's attendance, attitude, effort and behaviour. Coming to school every day and always doing their absolute best is critical to maximise learning and growth. If you have any problems receiving your child's report via Connect please contact the school office on Thursday July 1st.

Class restructure Semester 2

The Department of Education has given us the final approval and funds to employ a teacher to complete our **PP – Year 6 Semester 2 restructure**. This leaves a very short amount of time for a new teacher to be identified and employed. Additionally, the new classroom can't be set-up until the July school holidays; however it will be ready for the first day of Term 3. The Semester 2 class lists will be sent to parents and carers via Connect on the afternoon of Thursday 1st July.

On Friday 2nd July, your child's current teacher will have a small celebration with their class before recess. Between recess and lunch time, classes will clean-up and pack-up as they do at the end of each term.

After lunch, children will be placed into their new class so they can go to their holiday break knowing their Semester 2 teacher and peers. There is a possibility that we may not have the new teacher for one of the classes at this stage.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break and hope that parents will also be able to spend some time with their children over the school holidays.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at school for our first day of Term 3 on **Tuesday 20th July**.

George Craig
PRINCIPAL

Winter Lightning Carnival

On the 4th June, Caversham Valley hosted our first ever Winter Lightning Carnival, competing against students from Brabham and Caversham Primary. All three schools competed across AFL, Netball and Soccer. The sun was shining, making it a beautiful day for this inaugural event.

All students demonstrated our values of being kind, respectful and responsible in all team sports. Our teachers Mrs Liebeck, Miss Jacques and Mr Eveson did a fantastic job coaching their respective teams. Our volunteer umpires did an exceptional job to create a safe and supportive environment for all students. Umpires were Year 11/12 students from Ballajura Community College and Hampton Senior High School, who are studying for their certificate in sport and coaching.

I would also like to thank our awesome P&C for providing a sausage sizzle for all three schools.

Caversham Valley won the Perpetual trophies for Netball A & B, and Soccer. This is a wonderful achievement for our first ever Winter Lightning Carnival. Caversham Primary won the AFL Shield. Our faction captains spoke beautifully at the conclusion of the carnival, specifically thanking all volunteers, participating schools and their teachers.

Jasmine Cookson
Phys Ed Teacher



Water Wise Incursion

On Friday the 25th June Djaril 1, 2, 3 and 4, Wornt 3 and 4 and the year 1's in Balga 7 participated in an incursion delivered by the Water Corporation. This linked in with our Science topic for the term. The students learnt about, the water cycle, where we get our drinking water, what the Water Corporation does and how we can conserve our water supply. They even got to take home some gifts, including a 4-minute timer to be used in the shower.

Cassidy Metcalfe
Science Teacher



Student Councillors Report Term 2

Welcome all students and parents to this term's review. We will be sharing with you some of the exciting and key events from the past term. The first of these events is NAPLAN followed by Reconciliation Week, Sport, Class Restructure and finally Funky Friday.

This term in week 4 the year 3s and 5s did NAPLAN testing. The NAPLAN test does not go towards your grade and is just a way for the education department to see how the school teaches students. A lot of the students were scared, excited, overwhelmed and ready.

During reconciliation week, which went over week 7 and 8, all year levels experienced and embraced Indigenous culture through different engaging activities. One of the activities was the Blanket Activity where the Year 5s and 6s had the opportunity to experience things from an Indigenous person's perspective. We got to know the hardships of the Indigenous people like; The Stolen Generation, massacres and having land taken by force.

We are a new school, but we already have great achievements. On the 4th of June we had our first ever winter lightning carnival. The Year 4's, 5's and 6's all did their best. As a whole school, we won almost all the events. It was a huge success, especially as we were hosting it. Cross country was also a great event. Every student tried their hardest, which was wonderful to see. It was a great day, which just added to the positivity of the event. Both the lightning carnival and cross country were a huge success and we hope to have them next year.

This term all students from PP to Year 6 have been informed about the classroom restructures. Last year your child may have experienced a classroom move. Our teachers have assured us that this will be a positive move. The main reason our school is restructuring is because of the large increase of student enrolments (which is a great thing). Due to the restructure, our Funky Friday event has been postponed and will start in the first few weeks of Term 3.

We all hope that you have enjoyed our brief overview and understanding about all these key events and be sure to keep reading as we will keep you updated about all information.

Student Councillors

Agam, Sophie, Yashica and Arnesh