



Newsletter – Edition 3 29 May 2020

I would like to thank all parents for the part you have played in making Term 2 such a success so far. There have been many different messages from the Western Australian Government and the Department of Education which could have easily caused confusion. Through good communication, as a school community, we have worked through all of this smoothly.

One of the biggest changes has been the directive of no parents or carers on site. This of course has impacted the way children have been dropped off and picked up. What has been very noticeable is the patience of our parents and carers, as well as the independence of the children making their way to and from class.

Especially pleasing are the actions and behaviours of the Kindy and Pre-primary children. They walk calmly to class, get all their water bottles and equipment out of their bags without assistance, set themselves up for the day and get straight down to work. Our ECE staff have been very diligent with supporting the children through developing these skills and following procedures. It is this independence that we will be looking to further develop and continue as the year progresses and when parents and carers are allowed back on site.

School Board Nominations – The nominations for positions on our inaugural school board closed at 4:00 pm 29 May. Shortly I will go through the nominations and the community will be informed whether an online election is required. If the election is not required, the community will be informed who the board members are shortly.

Semester 1 reports – Our reports for this semester will be noticeably different to what would typically be delivered. This is due to the required responses to COVID-19.

With the regular attendance of many students being lower over this time, the breadth and depth of the curriculum covered throughout Semester 1 has been reduced in certain learning areas. For this reason, schools are not required to include A to E grades on this year's Semester 1 student reports. It also means that your child's attendance will not be reported, and any written comments will provide less information on their progress than usual.

With schooling once again returning to normal and our students engaging in the regular curriculum, Semester 2 reports will reflect this and therefore provide the usual, more detailed information on your child's progress and achievement.

Reports will be sent out via Connect/email on Tuesday 30 June. It is essential that all your details are correct to ensure you receive this report. For those very small number of families that have no or limited internet connectivity please contact the school for the possible provision of a hard copy report.



Reconciliation week – Over Week 5 and 6 we have been focusing on ‘Reconciliation Week’. Activities include a ‘Reconciliation walk’, foot print artwork, reconciliation flowers, and learning of the Wandjoo song and Auslan actions.

The focus for Reconciliation Week 2020 is “In this together”. I strongly encourage you to talk to your children about what they are learning.

Long weekend – Monday is WA Day and is part of the June long weekend. We will see all the children back on Tuesday 2 June.