



From the Principal's Desk...

Open Classroom afternoon

The school will have an Open Classroom Afternoon on Tuesday 16 February from 4.30 pm to 6.00pm. It is a great opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet the teachers that they will be working with this year. Your child /ren can take you around the classroom and show you the work they have been doing so far this year. Please try and use the front of the school on Paxton Road as your entry point. A number of our other gates will be locked and so the best way to ensure that you are not frustrated by locked gates is to come in and out of the school the front gate (as if you were going to the Pool or heading to the Library.)

Governing Council Annual General Meeting

The Governing Council AGM is to be held on 29 February at 5.00 pm. This is the opportunity to join the main decision making body of the school. The Governing Council have an overview of the school and set policy and directions for us as we move forward. The Governing Council is made up of parents, caregivers and community members and whilst they work within the boundaries set by the Education Department, they have a big say in how our school is responding to the challenges that all schools face. The Governing Council manage the Canteen and the OSHC programs and have responsibility over our bus runs too. If you are interested in being on Governing Council but want some more information then please contact the school and someone will call you back to discuss the role in more depth.

Changes to bus runs in the afternoon

The RSAS team and the school are working together to get students home more quickly each afternoon. We will run 2 buses and some cars each night to get students home as quickly as possible. With the funding changes to RSAS, we are no longer able to keep the Bus Club open each night and so we have put on extra transport to make the process quicker. The morning and kindy runs during the day remain the same but the afternoon bus runs have been changed. We have trialled the runs this week and with a few teething issues, we have been successful in getting students home much quicker. Students need to be at the bus collection point quickly after school so that we can allocate them to a bus. It becomes quite difficult for us when we don't always know who is on and not on at any given time.

Hats on

Just a reminder that we need hats on during this term when students are playing outside at recess and lunch times. Please make sure your child has a hat in their bag so that they can enjoy some outside play time. Please put a name in the hat so that we can return it to your child when it becomes lost. Given our climate, the wearing of hats in the summer months should be a very high priority for everyone.

Term time swimming

The term time swimming program is kicking off as part of our Physical Education lessons for students in the Primary section of the school. Swimming and medical consent notices are really important to be returned before students can participate in the program. More details about the program will come home separately.

School value of respect

We have a strong focus on the school value of RESPECT this term. This is part of our Child Protection Curriculum as well as a normal part of the start of the school year when we establish classroom and yard expectations. We have had a number of students not showing respect to each other and to adults in the way they are behaving. This has and will continue to result in some harsh consequences for students involved. Take homes and suspensions will indicate to parents and caregivers that the behaviour in question is unacceptable in the school setting. We are hoping that students take this on board quickly and get back into the routine of showing RESPECT to others back at school.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Open Classroom afternoon– Tuesday 16th February 4:30-6pm

Swimming Carnival Friday 26th February

SCHOOL CARD

School card applications are now open.

Please see front office staff for an application form.

REMOTE SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE STRATEGY

The Strategy is funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the focus is raising attendance rates for all students at school. Many children in remote communities are not going to school every day, with attendance in some communities very low. It is just as important for children living in remote Australia to go to school every day as it is for those in the city. We need to increase attendance rates in remote schools so all children get a good education. Those students who miss one day a week can miss up to 40 days of school a year!

The attendance team is made up of Linley Belford Manager/Mentor, Julia Chamberlain, Richard Narrier, Gary Crombie and Cheryl Brown who are School Attendance Supervisors, Nikki Gardiner, Samantha Hayes, Francine Hoani, Peter Brown and Monique Holdfold who are the School Attendance Officers.

We feel that we are highly visible to the school community and the general community by our signature black and orange tops. We can be contacted via the Complete Personnel office or direct on mobile: 0428966637.

We are working with the School, families and students to assist in improving attendance rates. There are many and different reasons for students to be absent from school and our team can help support families. The Team work to increase school attendance through a variety of measures, including walking or driving children to school, helping with breakfast and can assist with some school lunches and organizing uniforms through the School.

There is a Red Cross Breakfast Club that runs from 7:00am until 8:45am each school weekday and all students are welcome to come along and have breakfast and then can participate in indoor or outdoor activities before the School Bell! Our team assist with the running of the Club and the activities.

All children dream big about what they want out of life when they grow up and getting an education will help those dreams.

Have your details changed?

Please let the front office staff or your child/ren Teacher know if you have Changed your address, changed your contact phone number or changed your emergency contact phone number.