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### Dates for your Diary

#### **Wednesday 19/02**

Digital Devices Information Session - Presented by Mr Loughhead & Mrs Zugna - 7:00pm in the Library

#### **Wednesday 19/02**

P&C Meeting - 7:00pm in the Library

#### **Thursday 20/02**

Uniform Shop - 8:30 - 9:30am

#### **Friday 21/02**

K-6 Assembly - 2:00pm

*SRC 2020 Badges & Swimming Carnival Ribbons will be presented.*

#### **Monday 24/02**

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion  
EOI & Deposit due

#### **Wednesday 26/02**

Scripture begins

#### **Thursday 27/02**

Uniform Shop - 8:30 - 9:30am

#### **Friday 28/02**

Year 6 Polo Shirt sizing & payment due

#### **Tuesday 03/03**

Zone Swimming Carnival

#### **Tuesday 10/03**

K-2 Ice Cream Day

#### **Wednesday 11/03**

Years 3-6 Ice Cream Day



### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the inclement weather at the moment, I would like to remind all parents and carers to please make sure all hats and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

This will allow the prompt return of them should they be lost.

I would like to thank both Miss Matrippolito and Mrs Sayan for their outstanding organisation of our Swimming Carnival held on Monday. Our students had a fantastic day and there were many fine results. Our Zone Swimming team will be heading off to their next carnival on Tuesday 3 March, 2020. Good luck to you all.

You may have noticed that there has been many letters sent home to families about when interest and Creative Arts Groups are starting or having try outs. These notes are also sent out on our Skoolbag app and uploaded to our school website. We hope this has helped in advising you of the requirements of each group and when they operate. A big thank you to all of our coordinating teachers who make these groups available in their own free time!

Tonight at our P&C Meeting (7pm – Library) Mrs Zugna and myself will be presenting information about the departments new 'Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services' Policy that has come into effect this year. Together with staff, parents and our P&C, we will be developing our school procedures that support the policy over the coming months.

Currently, we have been advertising for the new classroom teacher and vacant Assistant Principal Position. Over the next few weeks, we will be short listing and then appointing successful applicants to these positions with the intention to commence Day 1 Term 2.

This week, our Student Representative Council members from each class (Years 2-6) will be receiving their badges at our Whole School Assembly on Friday. These positions are significantly important as they give voice to our student body in decisions made across the school. We look forward to joining with parents/ carers and family then.

As always, if there are any queries about the school's direction or programs, I'm always more than happy to discuss these further with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Loughhead

Principal



## **From the Deputy Principal's Desk**

### **Student Attendance**

This year I will be working closely with the department's Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) to monitor student absences and punctuality to school. Below is some information and facts that are relevant to your child's partial and whole day absences from school.



When a child misses:

- 3 days per term over 7 years at Primary school = almost ½ a year of school
- 10 days per term = 40 days in a year = almost 1 term missed
- Over 7 years of Primary School this equals 280 days or 1 ½ School Years missed
- 20 minutes late on a regular basis, translates to up to 1 hour of lost effective learning time. Lateness can throw children out of routine for the entire day.

Children with a high numbers of days absent and lateness from school have difficulties adjusting to school routines, and can fall behind in their school work as they lose valuable learning time.

Children with a high number of days absent and lateness from school can also find it difficult to make or keep friends and may feel socially isolated from their peer group and classroom routines.

Being at school every day and on time is important. It teaches children:

- To be Punctual.
- To be Respectful.
- To become strong and confident learners
- The importance of routine.
- To be Responsible
- To form strong friendships

### **What do I need to provide to the school if my child is away?**

A note should always be provided for absences within 7 days from that absence. If a note is not provided within that time frame it is recorded as unjustified and remains on the student's record.

Children are our future and in order for them to be successful in adult life we must teach them good routine, responsibility and the importance of education at a young age.

If families need support or have any queries please feel free to see me

Mrs Zugna

Deputy Principal

**REMINDER**

The School Office is no longer taking credit card payments.

School payments can be made in two ways:

- In **cash** to the School Money Box OR
- **online**, through the 'Make a Payment' page on the school website.

Please note that P&C payments (Canteen & Uniform Shop) **cannot be processed via the School's online payment page.**

Please see the Office if you have any questions.

**Roy Ringrose has visited 4S this week!**



Roy has started 2020 in Stage 2, with 4S. He had heard about this great new class and decided he would check in to see what all the hype was. Roy was thoroughly impressed with how well the students in this class merged together and have very similar learning goals about improving what has already been built up in previous years. The students are dedicated to their learning and have shown a positive growth mindset. These boys and girls are ready to tackle Year 4 to the best of their abilities. Roy has noticed that routines have been developed and students are already aware of the class expectations. They have engaged in several writing, reading, mathematics, history, science and visual art lessons. Roy Ringrose has been amazed at how diligent they have been at immersing themselves into their learning. We can not wait to see what is to come this year – Watch this space!

**Office Foyer Display - Week 4 Term 1**

☀ 4S - Mrs Sayan ☀



## Pssst... It's a P & C Update!



**FIRST P&C MEETING FOR 2020** – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm in the LIBRARY. Our meeting this year will begin with a special presentation by Mr Loughhead and Mrs Zugna on the new digital policy. Come along to learn more about the mobile phone ban in schools and more. Following this we will have our P&C meeting and our discussion will include:

- The future and running of the uniform shop
- Suggestions from parents around the school about fundraising and uniform
- Fundraising ideas including our upcoming Mother’s Day Stall
- Planning for our AGM in March and the election of a new committee

Without parent support our P&C cannot continue, so we encourage all parents to come along. If you are new to the school, it’s a great way to meet people and learn more about things work.

We hope to see you there!

**UNIFORM SHOP** – Open 8:30 am – 9:30 am EVERY THURSDAY morning

## Canteen News

We are in need of new helpers in Canteen. Currently, we have a small number of parents who are volunteering multiple days a week to assist in Canteen. If you are able to assist in the Canteen this term, please contact me on 0411 143 609, or leave your details with the School Office.

Remember, if you help out in canteen

**your children will receive a free lunch order for the day!**

- Mrs Brett (Canteen Coordinator)

### Canteen Roster - Term 1 2020

<u>Week 5</u>		<u>Week 6</u>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>24/02</b> Priscilla Lazanas	<b>Mon</b>	<b>02/03</b> Atheer Alrabadi
<b>Tues</b>	<b>25/02</b> Priscilla Lazanas	<b>Tues</b>	<b>03/03</b> Priscilla Lazanas
<b>Wed</b>	<b>26/02</b> Atheer Alrabadi	<b>Wed</b>	<b>04/03</b> Fiza Ijaz
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>27/02</b> Gay Dimech	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>05/03</b> Sam Harvey
<b>Fri</b>	<b>28/02</b> Sam Harvey & Susan Porello	<b>Fri</b>	<b>06/03</b> Kayla Ryan

## Library News

Welcome to 2020! We have had a great start in the Library with the delivery of our new furniture 2 weeks ago. If you have a chance, come in and see it. There are many things happening this term in the Library, please see below for a rundown:

- Thursday 20th Feb (Week 4) - Library Monitor applications due (Year 4-6)
- Week 6 - Premier's Reading Challenge opens
- Friday 6th March (Week 6) - Year 6 Library Monitors badge presentation - at Assembly
- Week 7 - Book Fair open Monday - Wednesday and Thursday morning

Please encourage your child to borrow and return each week. It is a requirement to have a library bag to borrow. New library bags can be purchased through the Uniform shop using forms from the School Office. Class Library timetable (this could still be subject to change):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3M	1A	4S	2/3R
1H	5/6M	5/6R	5/6W
4T	2N	KB	KM
5/6C	2P	KA	1/2E



### Book Club

Everyone who ordered from Issue 1 Book Club should have received it by now. Issue 2 leaflets should be handed out shortly and delivered before the end of term. When ordering from Book Club, you are not only helping your children, but you are also helping your school—20% of your spend goes back to your school in valuable Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy classroom resources. We

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### Book Fair

In Week 7 we will be holding a Book Fair in the Library, to coincide with the beginning of the Premier's Reading Challenge. A separate note will be going out shortly with further information.

### Book worms and Reading Wizards

Our student book club groups Book Worms (K-3) and Reading Wizards (4-6) will be restarting shortly, meeting fortnightly on alternative Thursdays. A separate note will be going out shortly with further information.

**- Mrs Kranenburg (Teacher Librarian)**

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