

Tuesday Tabloid

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Principals Message

STAR WARTS- The Umpire Strikes Back!

Yesterday the students arrived at school to see some unusual images drawn onto the paths. One looked a lot like Yoda and the other a spaceship! It was the beginning of a day of surprises. After lunch Mrs Tuft and I announced the exciting news that we will be doing a MUSICAL again this year- and yes, it has a Sci Fi theme.

It will be wonderful to give all the students an opportunity to be part of such a great creative arts and community experience.

Students in Years 4-6 will be given samples of scripts for some of the lead characters next week. Auditions will be held in Week 8.

All students will begin learning songs and choruses in the coming weeks.

If you are keen to be involved in our production, please let us know. This is a whole school community project. The students will of course be the STARS, however, we will require talented and/or enthusiastic parents and community members to make costumes, paint sets etc.

STAR WARTS is an excellent musical and I'm sure all involved will have lots of FUN!

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting will be held next week WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH starting at 2:15pm. All parents are encouraged to join us for the meeting. Students will be supervised outside (weather permitting) or in the library. The following COVID protocols will be observed.

Community use of school sites including Parent and Citizens Association meetings are permitted. The school should have plans in place to avoid interaction between the community users and school students and staff.

- Community use of school sites should use outdoor spaces and be held after hours where possible.
- Community use of school sites should follow [NSW Government rules](#) [External link](#)
- A [Community Use Acknowledgement \(PDF 190 KB\)](#) must be in place
- All facilitators of activities must meet mandatory double vaccination requirements. **Parents, carers and other visitors participating do not need to be vaccinated.**

Clean Up Australia Day

At this stage the weather is not looking hopeful for Friday's clean-up of Number One Beach. We will make a decision on Thursday and let you all know if the excursion is going to proceed. If it is cancelled students will clean up our school grounds instead. This morning we talked about the importance of cleaning up all environments and Toti reminded us to TAKE 3 for the SEA every time we go to the beach.

Flood Safety

Important information about flood safety for our school community.

Never enter floodwater. If it's flooded, forget it!

The major cause of death during floods is from people entering or travelling through floodwater. This includes driving, riding and walking through floodwater and children playing in floodwater.

Floodwater may be deeper or faster flowing than it appears and can contain hidden debris.

Floodwater can also contain chemicals, raw sewerage, snakes or spiders – and much more that can cause serious injury. Roads and surfaces underneath floodwater can often wash away, and this damage may not be visible from the surface.

Consider the following during periods of significant rain or flood:

- Drive safely – don't feel pressured by vehicles behind you or your passengers to cross a flooded road. Even emergency services will only enter the water as a last resort.
- Reconsider your need to travel.
- Realise your best plan may be to avoid travel altogether. Sometimes your only option will be to wait it out.
- At all times, make sure your phone is charged and a charger is available in the car or at work. In a life-threatening emergency, call 000 (triple zero).

A 'road closed' or a 'road flooded' sign means that road is unsafe to travel on. Find alternate ways which are free from floodwater or wait until the 'all clear' is given for that road. It is safer to turn around than to enter floodwater.

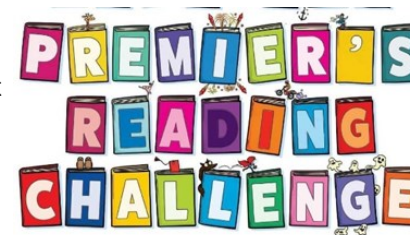
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FLOOD SAFETY

Please read the attached information about flood safety and COVID updates. Remember to check your phone messages/emails regularly for school safety updates. It is vital we can contact you if required. If your contact details have changed let us know.

Library News

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative of the NSW State government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely.



In order to complete the Challenge, students must read the following number of books based on their Challenge Level: **K-2 30 books and 3-6 20 books**. The challenge runs from **Monday 28th February until Friday, 19th August**.

Books the students borrow from the library and read within the normal classroom day will be added to their tally. However, parents can also add any books the child reads from their own library at home. You can either send the list with title and author to me at school or if you would like I can supply you with the login details for you to do it at home.

We will have a visual display on all students' progress throughout the challenge – sailing boats heading to a finish line.

There is a booklist of acceptable titles on the PRC 2022 website. Students are only permitted to read 5 titles not listed.

Reminder: Library day is Thursdays!

So let's get reading!!

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New Enrolment for 2022

Photo by Justin Hobbs



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Dear parents and carers

A big thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting our school and students during the pandemic – especially prioritising safety and learning.

The Premier and Minister for Education have announced changes to school settings for the remainder of Term 1. These updated settings were developed in close consultation with NSW Health and key stakeholders to ensure we continue to keep our schools open for learning, while keeping up with changing community settings.

The updated settings include:

- From Monday 28 February, we will move to symptomatic testing. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class. Our school provided 8 tests per student for the remainder of the term. If you did not receive your kits and you would like them, please contact the school.
- Beyond that, students and staff can access PCR tests or buy their own rapid antigen tests as these are now readily available and accessible in the community.
- Masks will continue to be required indoors for all school staff, volunteers and visitors including parents and carers in primary schools until Friday 4 March. This means that **from Monday 7 March, masks will no longer be mandatory for all staff.** However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so.
- students and their families are strongly encourage to consider vaccination including boosters when eligible.
- From Monday 28 February, visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. Our school will consider activities such as parent-teacher meetings and other gatherings in the coming weeks. We will let you know if these can proceed with our school in a COVID-smart way. All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process.

Our school will continue to ensure our layered COVID-smart measures are in place, including vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

Mrs D.Farley

Principal