



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear all,

Thank you for your support as we navigate our way through the cancellation of a number of significant events within our school and wider community.

Like adults, many of our students have been exposed to information and misinformation about Corona Virus and our school's aim during this time is to provide a place where children feel supported and safe. I have spoken with each class over recent days about the importance of hygiene and had positive conversations about why there have been some changes to our school routine. Many of these discussions have led to beautiful conversations of compassion, cooperation and doing what is right. The key message to students is that alongside learning, the wellbeing of self and others will continue to be the priority at our school.

I thank our amazing staff who have worked tirelessly to support our students at a time of uncertainty and for 'going with' the many changes and demands currently placed upon them.

You would have received advice earlier in the week about changes to school routines. Since that time there have been further cancellations, in line with Departmental policy outlined below:

- ◆ There will be no whole school assemblies for the remainder of this term.
- ◆ Leisure Sports will be cancelled for the remainder of the term (parents who have already paid will have their funds directed towards the Term 4 program).
- ◆ Our Easter Hat Parade will be cancelled, as will our planned Easter raffle.
- ◆ PSSA sporting events and trials will be cancelled until further notice.
- ◆ The Huskisson ANZAC march will be cancelled.
- ◆ Our school ANZAC service (scheduled for Wednesday 29 April) will be cancelled.

We are also:

- ◆ Asking that parents keep sick students at home and requesting that sick students be collected without delay.
- ◆ Encouraging students to drink from their own water bottles, so please ensure your child has a fresh, full water bottle daily.
- ◆ Increasing our focus and lessons on personal hygiene with procedures in place for students to regularly wash hands, with correct hand washing techniques being explicitly taught.
- ◆ Maximising natural ventilation in the classroom.
- ◆ Enforcing all Department policies around corona virus and ensuring staff are kept informed with regular updates.

Please also keep up to date with Department of Education news at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus.html> or following the NSW Department of Education Facebook page.

As teachers and as parents, the best thing we can do is maintain calm and rational discourse. If you would like to discuss our current procedures or have questions about our practices, please do not hesitate to contact me on 4443 4376 or rodney.white@det.nsw.edu.au.

Harmony Day

This Friday, we are asking our students to dress in orange as a part of Harmony Day. Rather than hosting a Doing Things Together Day with mixed classes, students will be participating in activities within their own classroom.

Cross Country

At this stage, our Cross Country carnival will be going ahead on Friday 1 April, so please continue to bring in your notes and money. If it is deemed necessary to postpone the event we will put the money towards the rescheduled date.

Canteen

Please note that the canteen will be open for **LUNCH ONLY**, this Friday 20 March and will be **CLOSED** next week. Please ensure your child has their recess and lunch on these days. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Stay safe,

Rod White
Principal



COMING EVENTS - TERM 1 - 2020

WEEK 8

Fri 20 Mar	-School Assembly - CANCELLED -Harmony Day -Year 6 Expressions of Interest Due -Scholastic Book Club Orders Due -Leisure Sports - CANCELLED -Library Borrowing - 3KB -Canteen Open - LUNCH ONLY -Uniform Pool - 2.50 - 3.10pm
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WEEK 9

Mon 23 Mar	-Library Borrowing - 2A
Tue 24 Mar	-Library Borrowing - KD, 4CF and 5-6M -CANTEEN CLOSED
Wed 25 Mar	-Library Borrowing - 1S and 5R
Thu 26 Mar	-StEPS Screening - POSTPONED
Fri 27 Mar	-CANTEEN CLOSED

SPORTS REPORT

Cross Country

At this stage, the school cross country will be held on Friday 1 May at 'Willandra', Browns Mountain Road, Tapitallee. Please see map below.

The cost of the carnival \$10 for students travelling by bus or \$5 by private car (course fee only). Parent online payment is the preferred payment method.

Students must bring their lunch, recess and something to drink. Students will also need to wear their sports uniform with hat. Sunscreen is also advisable.

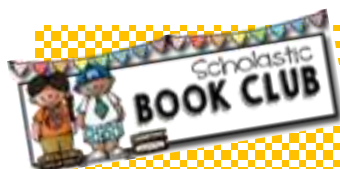
Please return your permission note prior to the end of term.



Leisure Sports

Leisure Sport activities will be cancelled for the remainder of Term 1. Payments already made for these activities will be transferred to the Term 4 program.

Mr Munn



Due
Friday 20 March

This week's value is
Hands and Feet to Yourself
Congratulations to last week's winners
Ella L and Asher

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting

At this stage, our AGM and next meeting is still going ahead next week, Tuesday 24 March, at 6pm in the library. Any change will be advised by the SkoolBag app. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Easter Raffle

Sadly, we have had to cancel the Easter raffle this year, but we will be running another fundraiser soon. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Donations for the Mother's Day Stall

After the success of our Father's Day stall last year, we are once again seeking donations of glass jars with the labels removed, homemade creative gifts or food goodies (with all ingredients listed), and new items to sell for our Mother's Day stall early next term. All items can be dropped off at the 5R classroom. For any enquiries, please call Karley (President) on 0406 175 541. Thank you for the kind donations already.

Skoolbag App Workshop

Watch this space for information on an upcoming workshop on how you can use the Skoolbag App for such things as absences and filling in permission notes.

Tomerong P&C Association

Canteen

Please note the following canteen schedule:

Friday 20 March - **LUNCH ONLY**

Tuesday 24 March - **CLOSED**

Friday 27 March - **CLOSED**

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Emma

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1 - 2020

Date	Name of volunteer
Friday 20 March	LUNCH ONLY
Tuesday 24 March	CLOSED
Friday 27 March	CLOSED
Tuesday 31 March	Lara
Friday 3 April	Mala
Tuesday 7 April	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

UNIFORM POOL

The Uniform Pool is open each Friday afternoon from 2.50 - 3.10pm