



Mini-Newsletter

Wednesday, 17th June 2020 (Term 2, Week 8)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Even if you are not particularly a great football fan, the return of AFL football has been yet another sign and comfort of things returning to more 'normal' for us.

Even though we have not had the extra-curricular activities that we would usually have, this has still been a busy term and for some with very little break in the last holidays, seems like two terms have melded together.

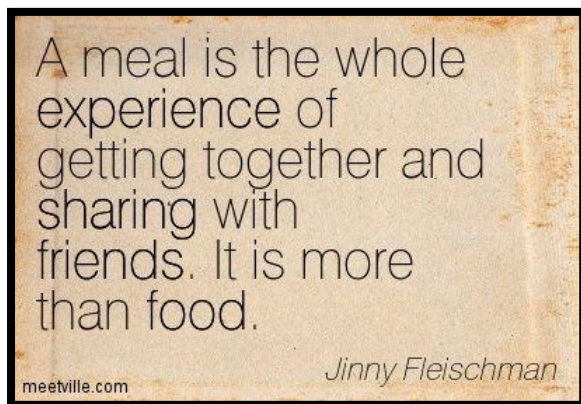
With only three weeks of this term to go, the holiday break is in sight but we still have much to accomplish.

The winter season colds and illnesses are starting to make an appearance, as always I encourage you to keep children home when they are unwell. Even though this might be inconvenient at times, this contributes to us being able to maintain good hygiene practices here at school.

Here at school I have asked staff to continue to maintain very high expectations of student behaviour and work standards, keeping on top of behaviours such as manners, respect. Even though we are in the last weeks of term, we are getting a little tired we do not relax these expectations.

Our culture is one of excellence and we achieve this when we have high expectations.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continuing positive partnership with this.



1 Corinthians 11-26

*For whenever you eat this bread
and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until
he comes.*

THE RETURN OF CLASS MASSES

We are grateful and excited to have the return of class Masses. What a wonderful experience of getting together with our friend Jesus, sharing the gift of the Eucharist!

The 6/7 class have attended Mass today in Kadina; thank you to Bishop Greg who celebrated the Mass for us.

The 3/4 class will attend Mass Wednesday, Week 9 and the 5/6 class will attend Mass Wednesday, Week 10 – in Kadina.

The students will travel by bus to Kadina. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions parents and carers are not able to join these celebrations.

Thank you to everyone involved in preparations for these Masses: Fr Matthew, Bernie, Lisa, Mat, Ali, Hannah and of course the students.

The 3/4 students were involved in a unit of work on Celebrating the Mass earlier this term, with Ali and Amie. The students prepared beautiful posters reflecting their learning and the inquiry questions they asked Fr Matthew. Fr Matthew has hung the posters in the Kadina Church for all of us to enjoy over the coming weeks. Well done to the Year 3/4 class.

STUDENT PERSONAL PLANS FOR LEARNING

Previous Newsletters have kept you informed about student PPLs and the changes to these for this year. Teachers have been working very hard on preparing these, along with the huge task of writing Semester 1 reports. PPLs will be sent home to parents over the next two weeks along with explanatory information. Please do not be concerned if these come home at different times for different children, the distribution will be slightly staggered.

POLICIES

Recently the School Board sub-committee of Education Policy and Procedure have been reviewing several policies which were then ratified at School Board meeting last night.

The following policies have been reviewed and ratified:

Uniform, Drug Education, Allergy Awareness and Management of Infectious Diseases. Within the next week, these policies will be placed on our school website for easy access for parents and carers.

UNIFORM POLICY

Given the everyday relevance of the Uniform policy, this particular policy is being sent home today with the Mini-Newsletter. I ask that parents and carers read over the policy carefully. Everyone knows when they enrol here that we have a uniform policy and it is a matter of equity that everyone makes every effort to adhere to this. The policy will be shared with students here at school.

In the event that a student is not in uniform on a particular day, this must be accompanied by a note in the diary, a message or phone call to the office. When this does not occur and the student is not in correct uniform this will be followed up with the student and with the parents or carers, by the Principal.

Thank you for the positive way in which our uniform policy is supported by you all.

7-9 BUILDING PLAN – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Plans for our 7-9 building development are available and gradually being shared for community consultation. The teaching staff and School Board had this opportunity last night. The plans will be on display in the front office as of tomorrow. There will be opportunity for you to jot down your comments, questions, feedback.

SUBWAY LUNCH – WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE

We are looking forward to a treat for lunch next Wednesday!

Thank you to Miranda, Sam and Karen for helping out with coordinating the orders.

Blessings for the week ahead,

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Have you ever heard of a 'fogbow'?

A fogbow is a phenomenon similar to a rainbow, produced by sunlight shining on fog.

We saw a fogbow over our school this morning.

Thank you to Ron Sherriff for the photo!

The students were very excited running around in the fog early this morning and it has cleared to a beautiful sunny day.

