

From the Principal



Hello everyone!

Welcome to week 3, Term 2! We are getting closer to the 'half way mark' of the year as we find ourselves in the 5th Month. It has been amazing to get all of this rain and see the land around us transform into greenery – I can imagine that our farming families are busy working day and night to get the seeding completed!

We have had almost all students return from Home Schooling; we now need to work on consistent, daily attendance, moving forward unless students are unwell.

I hope all of our mums and special female caregivers had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday the 10th of May! There were lots of beautiful gifts and cards produced here last week to acknowledge and thank our mums for everything they do! *Mothers, grandmothers, aunts make the world go round!*



As previously communicated, this week we are running NAPLAN practice tests across the school in years 3, 5, and 7. With the postponing of the national online and paper tests this year, staff agreed that it would be very useful to know at this point in the year, students strengths and areas for continued growth so that they can be more targeted in their teaching. The data will stay onsite and will be informing teaching programs rather than collected and populated on the My School Website. We are treating it as no different to any other assessment task so students do not feel anxious.

Due to the continued restrictions around large gatherings of students and parents indoors, we will be running our school assemblies in house using WebEx! These will be held every 3 weeks on a Friday – the first coming up this **Friday 15th of May**. Mrs Stratford and Mrs Andersons' class and the School Captains will be hosting this coming Assembly. We will attempt to film the assembly and post it on Seesaw so that you can still be connected to our site...through technology!

Have an amazing week
Sally Cormack - Principal

Our Vision

Our students show a high level of independence and interdependence in their learning, with strong personal resilience

Our Mission

Engaging students in active learning to become citizens who contribute to our wider community

We promote the values of:

- *Responsibility**
- *Respect**
- *Relationships every day!**

****In 2020, we have a whole school focus on writing improvement****

2020 Term dates:

Term 1: 28 January - 9 April

Term 2: 27 April – 3rd July

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September

Term 4: 12 October- 11 December

Bunnings donate plants for the Nature Space

We are so very grateful for the recent donation of assorted and colourful native grasses from Bunnings to extend the nature play area. The year 6-7 students assisted in planting these as part of our leadership and wellbeing program.

With all of the rain – these should thrive!



Mother's Day Gifts made from the heart!



Key rings, tulip cards, necklaces, succulent pots were some of the beautiful gifts crafted at PCLC last week

Pastoral Care Update - Week 3 Term 2

I hope all of our mothers and female carers had a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday☺. It has been great getting back into the swing of school routine and reconnecting with all of the students again.

The breaky / 'tummy top-up' is available for any student to enjoy in the mornings...the students are very excited to have it back and it makes for a smooth start to the day of learning.

My colouring in and craft activities are in full swing and many students are enjoying this time to show their creativity. It is also so good watching all students use the nature play area.....it looks great especially with the recent addition of the plants donated from Bunnings.

I hope you are all adapting ok to this time of uncertainty and that you are all keeping safe. It has been positive to see the steady relaxing of some restrictions in our state. I look forward to seeing you around!

Take care

Helen

An update from Mrs Anderson – Wellbeing and Inclusion Coordinator

What excitement we have had in the 'Wellbeing' space this term! Our Nature Play area and Cubby has been hugely popular and enjoyed by all students - and the teachers!! 😊

SRC have been working hard to support the teachers in maintaining the area after play and being responsible and democratic in negotiating a roster across the school. Students in all classrooms have voiced their ideas for other activities this term with the challenge of COVID-19 restrictions- this fits perfectly with our persuasive writing in class!

Student Voice have been encouraging, as our leaders Taj Williams and Fletcher Beard held their first video link across all classrooms to inform and gain feedback on upcoming possible fun activities. This worked well but we are still learning to be digital warriors and learn how to hold meetings in this way.

As I walk around the school and engage with children, I am hearing such positive responses to the term and how well they have adapted to the changes over the past 4 weeks. Students have certainly shown resilience and flexibility for learning but it has been beautiful to watch positive relationships and the need for our 'mates'. School is a wonderful learning environment but what matters the most is 'human connection'! We are excited for term 2!

EMMA ANDERSON



27 MAY – 3 JUNE

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year - **27 May to 3 June**. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey: the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

In 2020, **Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years** of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation. On this journey, Australians are all **In This Together**; every one of us has a role to play when it comes to reconciliation and in playing our part, we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.

Our school will be partaking in a range of cultural activities and rotations on Wednesday 27th of May. We will film these and post them on Seesaw.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27 April <i>Welcome back WebEx Assembly 10.30am</i>	28 April	29 April <i>Governing Council touch base 7pm WebEx</i>	30 April	1 May
2	4 May <i>Emergency Drill- Invac Parent interviews for any students who didn't have one in term 1</i>	5 May <i>Parent interviews for any students who didn't have one in term 1</i>	6 May	7 May <i>Parent interviews for any students who didn't have one in term 1</i>	8 May
3	11 May NAPLAN WEEK <i>Cancelled due to COVID-19 A practice test to be run instead. Please see Sally if you do not wish your child to do this.</i>	12 May	13 May <i>Governing Council meeting 7pm WebEx</i>	14 May	15 May <i>School Assembly via WebEx. This will be filmed and put on Seesaw for parents ☺</i>
4	NAPLAN WEEK <i>Cancelled due to COVID-19 A practice test to be run instead. Please see Sally if you do not wish your child to do this.</i>	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May
5	25 May <i>Reconciliation Week (27th May-3rd June)</i>	26 May	27 May RECONCILIATION WEEK ACTIVITIES	28 May	29 May
6	1 June <i>Emergency Drill - Evac</i>	2 June	3 June	4 June	5 June <i>School Assembly via WebEx. This will be filmed and put on Seesaw for parents ☺</i>
7	8 June <i>Queen's Birthday</i>	9 June	10 June <i>Proposed Governing Council Meeting 7pm WebEx</i>	11 June	12 June
8	15 June	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June
9	22 June	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June <i>School Assembly via WebEx. This will be filmed and put on Seesaw for parents ☺</i>
10	29 June	30 June	1 July	2 July	3 July <i>2.30pm finish Written Reports Sent home</i>