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WEDNESDAY 6th October , 2021 | Term4 Week 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to Term 4 and face-to-face learning! We were very excited to welcome all students back to school this week where they have enjoyed socialising with their friends and learning back in their classroom environment.

I want to thank Mr Andrew Morrison for his outstanding leadership while I was on parental leave. He went above and beyond, as did all our staff, in making sure students were learning and engaged during the learning from home period. Thank you to each of our parents for adhering to the guidelines provided by NSW Health and the Department of Education. Learning from home is a big job for everyone involved!

I've been impressed with how well each of our students has come back to school this week. As a school, we are regularly checking in with each student throughout the day and have incorporated well-being lessons as part of our PD/Health curriculum. It is so important to talk with your children, especially during the many changes that have been happening in all areas of life. Please know, we are always here and don't hesitate to call if you need any advice or direction regarding wellbeing.

GPS is currently operating on Level 3 restrictions. This means:

- Staff will be **required** to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds
- Masks or face coverings are **recommended** for primary students in indoor and outdoor settings on school grounds.
- We will reduce overall mingling of our classes which means no school assemblies or sport (outside of existing PDHPE classes), excursions or field trips
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check in and wear masks at all times
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds, follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows

The school will continue to update parents and community members as restrictions change.

The yarning circle and bike track are almost complete –they both are looking amazing! A big thank you to all involved in getting these projects off the ground and nearing completion.

Thank you for your support of our recent pie drive. We made \$500 which is a tremendous effort. I would like to thank Royce's bakery in Cowra for taking on our order at the last minute and going above and beyond to ensure our needs were met. Thank you also to Ann-Maree Watson and Brooke Dowd for packing and delivering pies – it is very much appreciated.

We are currently able to hold our full-day 2022 Kinder transition program, beginning next week. Please refer to the attached outline and call us if you have any questions. We will also be transitioning our current Year 2 students into the Primary classroom during this time.

Thank you for your support during these trying and ever-changing times.

Nick Doyle
PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR Term 3 - 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Oct 4 th PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Oct 5 th Staff and Students return to face to face learning	Oct 6 th Newsletter	Oct 7 th	Oct 8 th
2	Oct 11 th	Oct 12 th	Oct 13 th	Oct 14 th	Oct 15 th

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