



Newsletter

Week 2 Term 2

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Tuesday 28 April - Friday 5 June	Enrolments for 2021 open
Friday 8 May	Mothers Day stall in school Hall 9.30-12.30pm
Friday 8 May	MFPS virtual assembly - link will be provided

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Mother’s Day Stall

This Sunday is Mother’s Day (just in case you needed reminding!) and our wonderful P&C have organised a Mother’s Day stall for your children. More information about Friday’s event is further into the newsletter. I know we are all trying to practice social distancing and doing everything to stop the spread of coronavirus and our P&C have worked closely with the school to make sure everything is as safe as can be on Friday in the hall. If you are able to support the work and effort that Leesa and the team have put in, that will be appreciated.

Transitioning back to school

This is very important but I think our mums are more important right now so this is the second thing! You will probably have heard through various media channels that we are transitioning back to school and there is more information on this in other communications you are receiving today. I’m sure many of you have questions and I am happy to receive them - please feel free to email me and I will endeavour to get the answer to you. Please don’t ask the teachers - they are busy enough as they are and will probably come to me to get the answer in any case! We will clearly need

your support to make this as smooth a transition as we can make it. As things progress nearer the time I will be back in touch with you - I'm formulating plans as I write, they are literally swirling around my head! We understand how hard it has been for many of you with children learning from home, but it is still hard work and confusing for many. If you'd like a quick chuckle about confusion, feel free to watch this clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pV1IP4N9ajg>

Please also focus on the wellbeing of your children. Now that you can see 'light at the end of the tunnel' for the return, be reassured we will do our utmost to catch up on any missed learning. Please keep things going as much as you can with the learning from home but we do not want any (more) stress for children so don't worry too much. Things will be fine, it will be a different year but everything will be OK.

Google Meet

We have had some contact from parents regarding Google Meet. This was a function that children were using through their school account to meet up online and chat to each other. This facility has been stopped by the Directorate as the owners of the platform due to concerns how it could be used by students across Canberra. We have seen some instances already of inappropriate online behaviour over the last few weeks (we would have probably seen some on the playground if we were still in school too!) so we recognise the problem but also acknowledge it is now much harder for children to connect individually with each other.

Take care

Chris

IB Learner Profiles

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates at our virtual assembly on Friday 8th May.

Well done!

Classes	Students		
K Davis	Damian G	Archie C	Pippa J
K McGarity	Heidi J	Piper S	Sebastian B
K Stewart	Indigo B	Baxter C	Neve C
1 Bourne	Alara B	Samuel QI	Nick C
1 Packard	Zak M	Sebastian S	Charlize L
1 Prunster	Aubrey P	Sienna L	Lacey B
2 Holland	Eleanor B	Kaleb S	Abigail B
2 McGruer	Ava N	Zoe D	
2 Morris	Teoman D	Jarvis W	
3 Marshall	Jack G	Adalia L	Zara R
3 Nuttall	William V	Otis M	Aurora W
3 Bullock	Chimezie D	Zac L	Nina K
4 Brennan	Justin R	Jade M	Myles C
4 Fletcher	Cody M	Dayal S P	
4 Malusa	Ruby E	William J	Alexander M
5 Dorsett	Sam W	Alice F	
5 Sybert	Callum S	Zoe O	Tamara G
5 Dykes	Victoria	Kieran P	Poppy B
6 Sweeney	Julian M	Skye J	Lea O
6 Johnston	Julian H	Lily R	Sophia M
6 Maxwell	Blake L	Chloe M	Jasmine N

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kindergarten Health Checks

Due to the redeployment of Registered Nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic response and the closure of schools, the 2020 physical component of the Kindergarten Health Check has been cancelled. The Academic Unit of General Practice questionnaire data, completed by parents at the beginning of the 2020 school year, has been collected as usual. The results of the questionnaire will be sent to the GP if consent has been given to do so. If parents have concerns regarding the physical check we recommend they see their GP for assessment. For more information please contact the School Health Team on 5124 1585.

Mothers Day

For our Mothers Day stall tomorrow 8th May (brochure attached), our families will be able to enter the school via the back door near the stage (as on other occasions recently). There will be orange cones placed in the area to ensure that we meet the social distancing requirements.

The P & C have pulled together so many amazing gift packs for the children to select from (older and younger siblings not at the school are also very welcome to purchase gifts too – and of course our lovely teachers can come in and choose some gifts too). The gift packs are \$1 and \$2 each, we can't provide change so are asking everyone to please bring exact money.

Thanks
P & C

Enrolments for 2021

New enrolments are now being processed. Please see the education web site: education.act.gov.au for more information.