



Newsletter

Week 7 Term 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 19 June

Kindy hosting MFPS virtual assembly – link to be advised

Friday 3 July

PJ or Onesie Dress up Day, Gold Coin fundraiser for our Global School partner St Gavins, Kenya

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Voluntary Contributions

We understand many parents like to contribute to the school through voluntary contributions and we have three ways you can do this: through the tax-effective way of utilising the Library Trust Fund or the Building Trust Fund or specifying neither and just making the contribution. So far this year we have not sent out invoices to families for voluntary contributions or book packs (due partly to the craziness of the last few months for both the school and families) but as things get back to normal families have started to ask so invoices have been sent out this week. Please let us know if you are having difficulties committing to paying these as we are very understanding, it's just good to know and please remember we value your continued support.

So how do your contributions help the school and your child? Over the next few months we will be starting on refurbishing the former medical centre so we can use this space for the arts, freeing the hall up and allowing an additional space for visual arts as only Preschool and Years Four, Five and Six have a space big enough for large-scale painting. Our second major project is to improve the shade and space outside the small portable (this is the only classroom unit that doesn't have a defined space of shade and seating). There is a large tree in the courtyard which we've been told has to be removed and so we will be looking at how we can improve the amenities in this area to ensure it is a nice area to play in, both from above (shade) and below (surfacing - many of the rocks are being dislodged from the walls for example). We have also recently invested heavily in lights around the school to try and reduce the level of vandalism we are currently experiencing (many hours of Mark's time is being spent each week rectifying vandalism, time that could and should be spent on better things) and also for staff safety after hours. Finally the Education Directorate will hopefully be able to support us in the replacement of the doors by the hall so they automatically close to reduce energy costs and in updating a very old system (the BMS - Building Management System - it's not very exciting but it operates the school bells, fans in the bathrooms, outside lighting etc. and is now 40 years old) which costs a fortune to update and change every time a technician is called out.

As we come to the end of the financial year, if you haven't already contributed voluntarily we have these two trust funds which you might consider for the above projects and make our great school even better while also helping us purchase books through the library and encourage a love of reading good quality texts.

Reports

I have started reading the end of semester reports which will come to you before or on the Friday of Week Nine. Reports this year are very much shorter than in previous years to reflect the lessened amount of assessment we have been able to do, the differences in children's home learning experiences and the workload of staff having to prepare for online learning and then back to the classroom in such a short space of time. As I said last year, these new reports print in very small font so I apologise for any errors not rectified. I pride myself in making sure as many typos etc. are found and changed before reports are sent out to parents (and it might seem odd but I actually enjoy reading about your children and their achievements - even if it does take away three weekends!).

There are no A-E grades this semester in any subjects. You will see that for individual strands in the curriculum your child will have been assessed on a 5-point scale (that admittedly looks identical to the normal report...!) but no A-E grades are being given out nationally this semester. We would also usually do a shortened report for children who have attended from this term but this year we are not, mainly because the emphasis of our reports is on the first seven weeks of learning and all other elements taught and learnt will be reported against in Semester Two.

It is important though to have the three-way interview with your child's class teacher. We have updated the PTO bookings so you will shortly have the ability to book in for the interview in Week Ten. These will be done remotely and after a bit of testing think we will actually use the Google classroom meet function that your children were using earlier this term. Anyone who comes in before their allotted time will be removed from the meeting (it sounds harsh but the parent who has the appointment needs to be able to speak confidentially) until it is their time to finish. The clocks on the Education Directorate computers are very closely aligned to <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>: when our clocks change from one minute to the next, the time on this website changes 2 seconds later so that can be a good gauge for you. Normally it is so easy - we ring a bell every ten minutes and you can see there is another parent waiting at the back of the room. Normality will hopefully return soon!

Learner Profile Certificates

We have made the decision to do hard copies of all learner profile certificates that have been handed out this term. Whilst they have been sent to you electronically, we know not all parents have access to a printer and even with them printed, it's not the same as a specific card. We have a staff member who is able to write these and hope to be able to hand them out at some point next week to children. Please let us know if we inadvertently miss your child - it certainly isn't intentional! Good work acknowledgements are still happening (children are sent up to me for a gold sticker) and reading certificates are being handed out in class with 100/200/300 nights achievement recognised in our virtual assemblies. A huge thanks to Mette Kragh for pulling together our videos and creating assembly videos that reflect our schools integrity and allow for children and parents to view and celebrate together.

Transitioning back to school- Reminder to parents

A huge thank you to our parents and grandparents for observing the social distancing rules we have put in place. Every now and again we still need to remind someone of this and we truly hope we won't need the reminders soon... You will be notified if and when there is a change to the structures we have in place. This is the 'new normal' - we don't like it any more than you do but we need to observe these for the health and wellbeing of staff, children and parents/grandparents in the community. Your continued understanding and support of these guidelines are greatly appreciated. I wouldn't be sending this reminder out every week if I didn't need to!

Chris

IB Learner Profiles

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates on Friday 19th June 2020.

Well done!

| Classes | Students | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| K Davis | Deizel G | Sonny M | Clementine G |
| K McGarity | Millar O | Sarah G | Samson K |
| K Stewart | Nicholas P | Matilda P | |
| 1 Bourne | Beau H | Maia R | Hamish V |
| 1 Packard | Jeanelle F | Jack L | Lily R |
| 1 Prunster | Indie H | Jana A | |
| 2 Holland | Josh R | Alastair W | Thomas W |
| 2 McGruer | Mika A | Annabelle Y | |
| 2 Morris | Ryaan R | Myka D | Tia G |
| 3 Marshall | Hayley H | Jesse F | Billy V |
| 3 Nuttall | Eva Brigit A | Ziggy R | Wrenn H |
| 3 Bullock | Callum H | Hannah J | Zara K |
| 4 Brennan | Annie B | Cacia F | Sarah S |
| 4 Fletcher | Sanan K | Kendra G | Jakob K |
| 4 Malusa | Ciaran P | Alexandra D | Leonard B |
| 5 Dorsett | Asleigh K | Oscar K | |
| 5 Dykes | Latoya G-W | Ellidah K | |
| 5 Sybert | Finn S | Jariah K | |
| 6 Sweeney | Skye B | Amy P | Breanna K |
| 6 Kragh | Aurora F | Yvie P | Julian H |
| 6 Maxwell | Jayla C | Henry H | Kayla T |

Year 5 Update!

Year 5 Have begun their new unit of inquiry - Sharing the Planet. Their provocation involved children working in teams to develop a shared understanding of resource scarcity and what we can do in the future to become more informed global citizens. We will focus on the Mekong River in south east Asia and the changes and effects damming and hydro-electricity plants have had on the communities and the river itself. We welcome any experts amongst our community to share their knowledge of rivers or how human choices and actions can change nature.



The first week back at school allowed us to share our music, dance and drama creations from How we express ourselves in Term One.



Year 6 Update!

Year 6 has been learning a lot about being a Global Citizen this year and have decided to use that as a focus for Exhibition. These are some quotes about what being a Global Citizen is to Year 6:



"Respect comes through action, not words" - Archie

"Friendship is one thing and citizenship is another" - Annabel

"Kindness is the key to our community" - Sophia



"To be a Global Citizen is to help and educate each other about world problems" - Kaitlyn

"Everybody has the choice to be a Global Citizen by washing your hands" - Jake

"Global Citizenship isn't given. It is achieved by giving." - Charlie

"You do not get given the name 'Global Citizen' unless you are a global citizen" - Jaeda

The landscape around COVID-19 is changing daily however we will be strictly staying in line with the current ACT Health Government Guidelines and the Cricket ACT & NSW Training protocols.

PRO PERFORMANCE CRICKET **CANBERRA CRICKET CAMPS & T20S**

ACT T20 SMASH CUP
8th - 9th July
Dickson Oval, Anit St, Dickson

ACT CRICKET CAMP & T20S
13th - 15th July
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We are passionate about helping each and every player achieve their goals and reach their potential through smart coaching in a fun, challenging, positive and professional environment. Through the game of cricket we ultimately aim to help our players learn, grow and develop into becoming better people.

SPECIAL GUEST COACHES HAVE INCLUDED:

- Steve Smith
- Chris Tsekos
- Peter Hands
- Scott Henry
- Stuart Clewley
- Ben Hainer
- Geoff Leckie
- Josh Latta
- Pat Cummins
- Jane Dean

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SRC PJ or Onesie Dress Up Day

What: Dress up in your Pyjamas or Onesie

Why: To raise money for our Global School Partners

When: Friday 3rd of July, Week 10

Bring: A gold coin donation

KNITTING CLUB KNEWS!

Knitting Club is back with a vengeance! Some of our students took on the challenge to learn a new skill during our online learning and returned with new projects and skills to share with our members! Knitting Club is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime. Check in with your teacher if you'd like to join us.





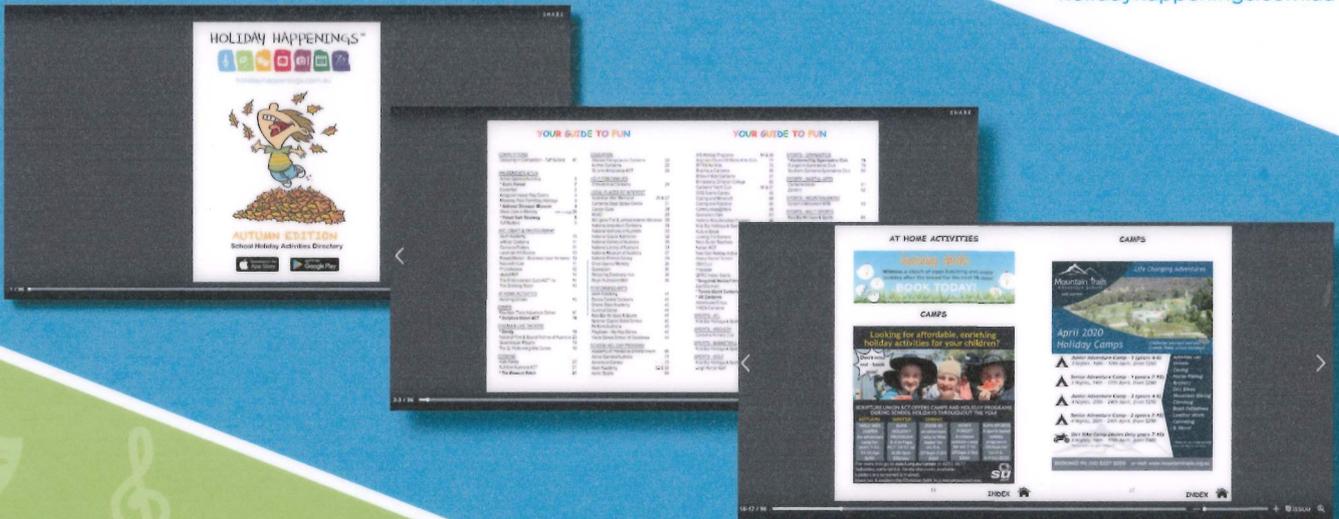
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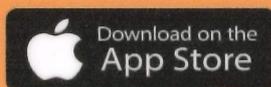
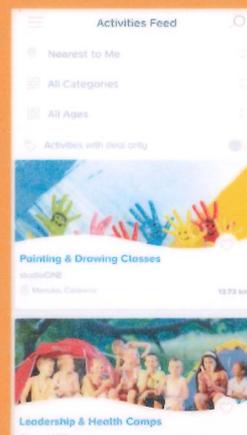
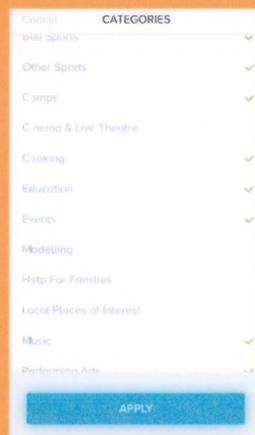
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We would like to thank you for your support to date in distributing the Holiday Happenings booklets within your schooling community. We are proud of the contribution our booklets make in keeping kids engaged and active during their time away from school.

Plus, we know the parents just love it!

As a result of the recovering COVID-19 situation, your school WILL NOT be receiving print booklets for the upcoming school holidays.

Instead, we are seeking your continued support and asking if you would be able to:

- **Place a link or small notice in your newsletters directing parents to our digital booklet.**
www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet
- **Display the attached poster on your notice board or community table**

For your continued support, we would like to give your school a FREE ongoing listing on our mobile application. This listing will be a great way to let the wider community know about your yearly school fete and open day. This offer can be accessed anytime simply by contacting us.

Thanks for your time

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