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COMING EVENTS

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| 25 th March | Governing Council meeting 7pm |
| 1 st April | Special lunch |
| 7 th April | Parent Club Meeting 9am |
| 7 th April | Wheels Day |
| 9 th April | End of Term 1 – school finishes at 2.30pm |
| 27 th April | Start of Term 2 |

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream” C.S. Lewis

What a difference colour makes to our world! The white wall that we always used to look at has been transformed into the most wonderful farm art work. A big thank you to Sarah, Lisa and Demi for your creative efforts. The children certainly enjoy looking at it and can't wait to see what you now create on our toilet doors!

On our student free day, teaching staff reviewed the Site Improvement Plan, tracking how we are currently progressing against our targets and agreed actions. We also moderated the students writing samples, where we looked at word choices, paragraphing, spelling, the characters and setting, did the story flow and what punctuation was used. From this we could see what areas we still need to work on within the classroom with the students.

I would like to share some easy phrases with you that you might like to say when you notice your child doing something that impressed you:

You never gave up, even when it was hard.

You have such a positive attitude.

I love how you took ownership of that!

It was brave of you to...

I can tell you tried your very best because....

Sometimes that acknowledgment is just what the child needs to hear.

Coronavirus: Any information regarding coronavirus we receive from the DfE we will pass on to families as quickly as possible.

Did you know the longest word that can be typed using only our right hand is 'lollipop'?

Sue Stacey
Principal

Honesty – Respect – Caring – Responsibility - Getting along

ADVANCE NOTICE - 2020 CAMP

The whole school camp this year will be held on Wednesday 4th November to Friday 6th November (Week 4, Term 4) at Woodhouse Activity Centre, Piccadilly. At the Parent Club AGM, the members decided to use their fundraising money to go towards subsidising the camp. So the cost of the camp will be **\$100 per child**. Parents may start paying this by instalments whenever they want to.

FROM RENEE (PSW)

Hello everyone,

There can be a lot of uncertainty, worry, stresses and fear of the unknown of the future, especially with what's going on right now that is beyond our control. We humans are automatically 'wired' to control, fix and plan things and situations, although these things have a place at times, sometimes there are things that we cannot control in life. If we think about it, why would we want to control everything anyway? It is a false sense of security, so when things do not go to plan, panic may set in. We can pause and re-think what we may do differently that can create a sense of security. We are able to turn our thinking around by being a part of the solution and self-care, by making a decision based on being sensible and wise. Sometimes we need to let things be.

Life can be challenging at times, but life can most definitely be full of beauty, strengths, joy, blessings and love. Thinking on the positives of life and self-care is important. Take Care. Regards, Renee 😊

FROM THE CLASSES:

Reception to Year 2 class

Over the last two weeks the children have been developing their skills in planning a narrative before writing it. The plan includes the characters, the setting, the problem and the ending. In Maths, they have been practising their addition skills using different strategies, their measuring skills and telling the time. In HASS, we have been comparing how family life has changed over time. The students have heard stories of how when adults were children there was only one TV in the house (with no remote), that children had jobs to do around the house and with only one car, mum and the children had to walk everywhere.

Happy Birthday Niamh.

Year 3 to 7 class

We have celebrated two significant events this week. For St Patrick's Day we learnt that Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, however he was not actually Irish. Also, the event started as a religious holiday, but over time it's become a celebration of Irish culture. The colour green is worn in celebration of this day, but was originally blue. St Patrick's Day is on the 17th March.

Following this event is Harmony Day. In Australia Harmony Day is on the 21st March. We celebrate Harmony Day to promote diversity and acceptance of other cultures. Traditionally, orange is the colour worn and it signifies social communications, freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Harmony is when you feel happy. Harmony is when people are getting along together. Harmony is when people are nice to one another.

In writing, we are adding detail to our writing using our five senses by adding sound, sight, smell, touch and taste. Here is a poem using this technique:

The Car

Screaming tyres blast our ears (sound)

Glaring headlights slice the night (sight)

Bitter fumes hit our mouths and nostrils (taste and smell)

Rubber tyres grip the road (touch)

Our car vanishes in a cloud of dust.

