



Term 2 Week 10  
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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2 2017

**Wednesday 28th June**      **3WI's**  
(Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews)

**Thursday 29th June**      **3WI's**  
(Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews)

**Thursday 29th June**      **Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day**

**Friday 30th June**      **Term 2 Concludes**

### TERM 3 2017

**Monday 17th July**      **Term 2 Commences School Resumes**

**Monday 17th July**      **Fete Meeting 6:30pm**

**Friday 21st July**      **All Schools Cross Country**

**Tuesday 25th July**      **Year 5 Excursion to Penrith**

**Tuesday 25th July**      **Year 6 Graduation Cake Stall Fundraiser**

**Wednesday 26th July**      **Grandparents Day Mass 9:15am**

**Tuesday 1st August**      **English Competition**

**Friday 4th August**      **School Disco**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

As we approach the mid point of the year and with holidays just around the corner, I thought I would share some thoughts about using these holidays well. Australian families are increasingly time- strapped. The busy-ness of life can make it difficult for adults and children to participate in enjoyable activities or to just 'hang out' as a family. Do you engage regularly in activities that involve play and laughter or are all your interactions with children of a managerial nature?



School holidays offer families a chance to unwind away from the normal routines. They also provide the window of opportunity for parents to spend some enjoyable time with children. There are many

theories about promoting healthy parent-child relationships and strengthening families. It is, however, easy to overlook a simple, cheap way of forming family relationships – spending enjoyable time together.

American family researcher John DeFrain has found that the happiest childhood memories that adults hold have two common threads. First, childhood happiness always centres on activities experienced together as a family. Second, the most pleasurable childhood times almost always centre on simple, inexpensive activities. During the holidays do something fun and enjoyable with your children. It doesn't have to be expensive but it should be something different, something fun and something that involves laughter and play. Money can't buy happiness, but loving family relationships can create it. (See inside for some holiday ideas).

This week has seen hundreds of parents visit the school along with their children to participate in our Three Way Interviews. The interviews were highly successful – thank you for your participation.

As we finish Term 2, may I extend my thanks to our dedicated staff for their work this term, to the students who have worked hard and achieved great successes in their learning and to you, the parents for your ongoing support.



Enjoy the holidays – and don't forget to participate in the Holiday Challenge!

Peace and best wishes.

Richard Blissenden  
PRINCIPAL



**NEW FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

A reminder that our new Financial Management System will go live at the start of Term 3. Due to the changeover, we will be unable to accept any over the counter payments at the office on Monday 17th July and Tuesday 18th July. As paper receipts will no longer be sent home, please also ensure that you have supplied the office with an up to date email address for your family if you haven't already done so. Please be patient with us during the changeover period while we establish our new procedures and work through any unexpected issues. Thank you.

**RMS FEEDBACK**

At the last P&F Meeting I was able to share, in some detail, the reasons why we were unsuccessful with our application for a crossing supervisor on the Pine Street crossing. In summary, the reason we were unsuccessful was that the "crossing must be used by a minimum of 50 unaccompanied infant and / or primary school children per hour across a road carrying 300 passenger car units per hour in the morning and afternoon school zone times. (Heavy vehicles over three tonnes unloaded are counted as two passenger car units.)" In our case, we met all the other requirements except this one!

**WE READ TOO!****Invitation to all parents/grandparents.**

I love to promote reading, not just as an enjoyable pastime, but as a key to improved learning, literacy, empathy, creativity... to name just a few.

If you would like to take part in a library display "**We Read Too!**" and are happy for your photo to be displayed around the school or on the library's Twitter page, please bring a book you are currently reading, or a favourite children's book to school **Week 1 of Term 3** and take a pose!

Take this opportunity, just like our staff did (see display just outside the library), for children to see important adults in their lives **READING!**

Photos will be taken in the library on:-  
*Monday 17 July; Tuesday 18 July and Wednesday 19 July* from 8.30am – 10:00am and 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Hope to see you and Happy Reading!

*Mrs Radocchia*—Librarian

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

June 29	Isabel Kable
July 4	Oscar Moy
	Sarah Jalil
	Aanya Singh
July 6	Jacob Carr
July 9	Eric Mastronardo
July 10	London Ardeleanu
July 11	Andrea Leon
July 16	Nicholas Kim
July 18	Nadia LaMacchia
July 19	Nate McKinnon
July 21	Sebastian Jalil
	Oliver Hill
July 22	Chloe Williams
July 24	Lochlainn Melville
July 25	Elizabeth Hogan

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

**HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR YOU AND THE FAMILY**

Holiday ideas to do with children and young people:

- ◆ Ask children about their favourite activity and take your cues from them.
- ◆ Take older children on a date - one-on-one.
- ◆ Plan an outing in advance and use public transport if that is not your normal mode.
- ◆ Start and finish reading a novel to older children.
- ◆ Take a photo of you and / or your child reading and tweet about it.
- ◆ Have a TV Free day – play a board game, play cards or listen to some good music.
- ◆ Visit the library or local park.

Make the alternative activities so good that the kids look forward to the 'games' day.

**ENJOY YOUR BREAK!!**

# TECHNOLOGY...

## Technology News BYOLT in Stage 3 Bring Your Own Learning Technology



Ethan, Marcus Cruz and Eve share some of the great things happening in Stage 3.

There is some very exciting learning happening in Stage 3. Students have their own learning devices in the classroom and this means that technology is always available at home and at school.



Students always have access to a device at school and at home. Students are accountable for their own devices and this teaches responsibility.

Students can keep in touch with their teachers.

The class website helps us organise our learning with a calendar that helps students keep on track.

Access to apps and learning tools that students can use both in the classroom and at home as well as links to other useful sites.

### Google Classroom.



Teachers can set tasks and assessments that students can work on any time.

Teachers can give feedback to help inform student learning.

Peers can give feedback.

The site is easily navigated.

Teachers can see if students work is handed in on time.

### iMovie



iMovie is a great way to share our learning.

Lets us work collaboratively.

iMovie is a great way for visual learners to learn.

Shares our learning with a bigger audience.

Shares learning with different age groups.

Green Screen lets us use different backgrounds.

### Password Security

To make sure that all students have safe and secure access to our network, all student passwords are being reset this week with each student given a unique password. There may be a few disruptions to access for a few days but we will work to minimise this. **Students should not share their passwords with classmates.**

**Woolworth's Earn & Learn** is on again this year.  
26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Spend \$10 and get a sticker.

Have your family and friends collect stickers for you.

Send the stickers to school.

We then collect fabulous new learning resources.

Maree Jordan—LTST



## MR BLISSENDEN'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE..

Visual literacy is where a learner must show the ability to interpret, recognise, appreciate and understand information presented through visible actions, objects and symbols which may be natural or human-made.

The next Holiday Challenge draws on student's creativity. The Challenge is to design the front of a greeting card (Birthday, Christmas, Get Well, Thank You, Congratulations etc) **without words** but convey meaning through a visual medium.

- The design must be a unique and original piece of artwork, a photo or computer graphic for the front of a greeting card.
- Each student may enter a maximum of 5 times (choose your best work).
- Students should use the template provided (please copy this one if you need more or print it from Skoolbag).
- The student with the best design from each grade will have his/her design made into an actual card to be sold at our fete.
- ***Designs will be chosen based on their originality, creativeness and ability to convey a meaning without words.***
- There will be 7 student winners and 1 staff winner with the set of 8 cards professionally produced for sale.



**So...get started on your design – plan, draft, re-craft, polish and refine your work to produce the best greeting card possible. Bring your entries on the first day of school in Term 3 (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2017).**

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