



**Don't forget your
drink bottles**

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Acting Principal and Acting Assistant Principal's Report

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Sandy



Fiona

What a fortnight it has been!

We acknowledge that there have been a number of challenges for staff, children and parents as half our students transitioned back to on-site learning and the other half continued to learn from home.

We would however like to thank our amazing learning community for considering the safety of others and adhering to our 'new norm'.

It has not been easy for parents dropping their little people at the gate but like us, all parents should be proud of their children's confidence and increased independence. During this fortnight we have welcomed three new students into our school – how confident are Poppy, Levi and Iris (and their parents!)

To support our Foundation - Year 2 students' transition back into the school setting safely, we have ensured 'hand hygiene' is a priority with sanitisers, soap and disinfectant wipes in every classroom.

We have thought carefully about the necessity of shared materials and restricted the borrowing of sports equipment, library books and take home texts. Children have remained in their own classrooms whilst still accessing specialist subjects.

We have also adjusted our daily timetable to include extra 'active breaks' in line with most 'home learning' programs.

These additions and adjustments will continue into next week as we welcome our Year 3-6 students back with us on-site.

From Tuesday 9th June all remote and flexible learning programs will cease as children can spend their school day back in their classrooms.

Staff have adopted a number of online tools during the '*Remote and Flexible learning*' period that they may continue to use in their classrooms. Microsoft 365 TEAMS, the assignments tab, channels and video conferences have many benefits to differentiated teaching and learning programs. The TEAMS chat feed however enabling conversations between teachers and students and students with other students will be disabled THIS FRIDAY AFTERNOON. This feed is no longer necessary as teachers and students can talk with one another face to face from next Tuesday.

Parents who wish to continue contacting staff by email may do so via Compass but do remember teachers will be back face to face teaching, with obligatory yard duties and staff and planning meetings. They will respond *at their earliest convenience* between the agreed hours of 10am and 4:30 pm. If your question or request is requiring an immediate response please continue to call us at the office.

Students in Years 3-6 returning on Tuesday who are driven to and from school need to know which ONE gate they will use to both enter and exit school as parents/carers will still not be permitted to enter the school grounds. For your information...

Gate 2 – leads down to the portable classrooms
Gate 3 – is at the Civic Court pedestrian crossing
Gate 5 – leads across to the tennis courts
Walking Bus – *Don't forget the walking bus stop at the Skate Park*

Thanks for organising this with your children.

It has been lovely to chat with some students during the past week to hear their opinions of '*remote and flexible learning*'.

It was good, yes, but I think I prefer learning from school – Hannah 2/3A

It was good that I got to see my sister and mum when I was learning. Sophie 2/3A

I didn't really like it cos I didn't get to see my friends. Reid 2B

*I was a good boy at it (learning from home) Campbell FA
I think it was pretty good because snack or lunch was going on a bike ride – Max 2A*

It was ok because I liked being home with my family but I like my school friends too– Harvey 1A

I got lots of my work done without the distractions – Harlem 4A

It was good - but I like going to school best – Bianca 1A

Many of us have taken advantage of this unexpected 'extra time' to pursue favourite or different activities, such as riding our bikes or talking with friends online and we will miss that time now, but hopefully we will all learn from this challenging period and continue to make time for those activities - and people - that are most important to us.

Enrolment forms for 2021 Foundation children are available from the office. We are happy for older siblings to take these forms home – just call us at the office if you would like us to arrange this for you.

Finally thank you to 90% of our Civic Court drivers who drive around the loop at the end of the court before parking on the school side. As we are currently manning the gates it is easy to see however that some drivers selfishly do a U-turn to take a parking space ahead of those doing the right thing.

TO SUPPORT TRAFFIC FLOW (AND TO BE COURTEOUS TO OTHERS!) PLEASE DRIVE ALL THE WAY TO THE END OF CIVIC COURT AND AROUND THE LOOP BEFORE PARKING ON THE SCHOOL SIDE.

We thank you for your support.

Enjoy the long weekend when it comes – *pursuing those new favourite home activities,*

Sandy & Fi

**SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS:**
Supervision before school commences at 8.30 am and after school until 3.30 pm.

UNIFORM SHOP
(Please note that samples only are kept onsite)-Cash only

Until further notice, all uniform orders are to be collected from Peninsula Uniforms, Carrum Downs

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DATES SOMETIMES CHANGE AND UNFORSEEN EVENTS MAY BE ADDED. CHECK COMPASS FOR UPDATES.

MONDAY	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 J	2	3	4	5 June
8 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	9 *Students in years 3 to 6 return to school	10	11 *Footy Dress Up Day (see details below)	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26 END OF TERM 2 2.15 pm FINISH

FOOTY'S BACK

**Wear your footy colours on
Thursday 11th June**

NO COINS - this is not a fundraiser
NO TOYS/NO FOOTBALLS

Come dressed in you favourite AFL, NRL or A-league colours to celebrate the restart of the AFL season.

