OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR OUR STUDENTS





Term 2 Week 2

Monday 7th May, 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first week has been very busy. I am currently working on familiarising myself with the all parts of the school and forming strong relationships with students, staff, parents/carers and community.

On-going quality professional learning is paramount to build our capacity as teachers and leaders and we were used our Staff Development day to engage in relevant professional learning. Our teaching staff participated in the Wi-j Alliance Staff Development day hosted at Duri Public School. They focused on the Professional learning requirements set down by NESA, engaged in deep discussions around to form consistent teacher judgements of assessments and learned about Mindfulness techniques to relax. Our SASS staff including our teacher aides attended selected personalised learning hubs at the SASS Conference in Tamworth.

I would like to welcome William Hugo to our school. Will comes to us from Oxley High School and he will be completing his work experience program over the next fortnight.

I look forward to meeting everyone. If you would like to speak with me regarding a concern please contact the school to make an appointment.

Kindest regards,

Shanyn Worley

Principal

Thought of the Day

"People want to be heard and want to be loved. That attitude of acceptance and support inspires them to be the best they can be."

Bobby Genovese

Main photo: 'Saluting to the Sacrifice' visitors

Dates to Remember

May

- 8 GRIP Leadership Year 6
- 13 Mother's Day
- **15-17 NAPLAN**
- 16 P&C Meeting
- 17 Playgroup
- 18 School Cross Country
- 19 Currabubula Art Show
- 25 School Assembly
- 25 Quirindi Horse Sports
- 25 Zone Cross Country
- 26 Sorry Day

June

- 1 School Schools' STEM Day
- 4-8 Canberra Excursion Years 5 & 6

Toys at School

Our school provides the toys and equipment for play for our students so students are asked to keep their own toys and cars at home. Only 'Show and Tell' items can be brought to school but must stay in student bags during play times to keep them safe.

Late to school

When students are late to school they are required to be signed into the school by their parent or carer at the front office before attending class. School commences at 9:00am and any time after this the above procedure is required to be followed as part of the school attendance policy.

Visiting our school

We welcome all visitors, parents and contractors to our school and ask that you please enter and leave our school through the office and sign in and out in book on the counter in the office. This is a requirement of the department's Work, Health and Safety for all visitors, parents and contractors.

As a safety measure for our students the large front gates will be opened at 8:30am and closed at 9:00am and reopened at 3:00pm or during special events. Please enter the school through the small front gate during all other times. Your support in this safety measure will be greatly appreciated.

Sending money into school

If you are sending money into school, please ensure the money is in a sealed envelope with your child's name, event and class on the front and give to the class teacher. Please remember you may use the \$ Payment button on the school website to pay for large sums of money like excursions.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day ensuring students are ready for a big day of learning. Our school offers a Breakfast Club on Tuesday mornings. The foods presented for breakfast are in line with the Healthy Canteen guidelines.

Kitchen/Garden Program

Our primary students will be using produce from the school vegetable garden as a basis to prepare, cook and sharing in the experience of hosting a healthy meal for friends. This program is subsided by the school and student are asked to pay \$1 per week. The students will be cooking on Tuesdays just before lunch. You may pay weekly or a bulk sum of \$9 for the term.

Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference

A reminder the GRIP Leadership Conference for year 6 students will be on Tuesday 8th May from 9.15am – 2.30pm at the Tamworth Town Hall. The student will be leaving our at 9am and returning by 3pm. Please remember to send in the sign note giving permission for the student to travel with a staff member.

NAPLAN Breakfast

NAPLAN will be next week commencing on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May. Our school offers a special breakfast for our Year 3 and 5 students. If you can help please contact the school.

Stage 3 Small Schools Canberra Excursion

Thank you to all the Year 5/6 parents and carers for being organised and commencing the payments for the Canberra Excursion. Next payment Friday 18th May.











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Attunga School Cross Country Day

Our school Cross Country day will be on Friday 18th May. More information next week.

School Captain and Vice Captain Report

On Friday 4th of May our school welcomed 'Salute to the Sacrifice" by creating an honour guard for them to walk through as they entered our school. We welcomed the runners that participated in jogging from Manilla to Attunga Public School. Rebecca Linch spoke to us about why they were running, they also told us about where they have been. Many served in war zones like Afghanistan, Vietnam and Iraq. They were running for the people who lost their lives in the war.

Rebecca has trained her dog Tucker to turn on a light because Rebecca is scared of the dark because of her experience in the war. After she was finished talking we all went for a jog around our oval with Rebecca's Husband Chris. After that they finished their morning tea and continued jogging to Tamworth.



A big thanks to Salute to the Sacrifice for coming to our school.