

Term 4 Week 2
2020
Date

A Quick Note from the POPE

Quote

“To be good, and to do good, is all we have to do.” — John Adams

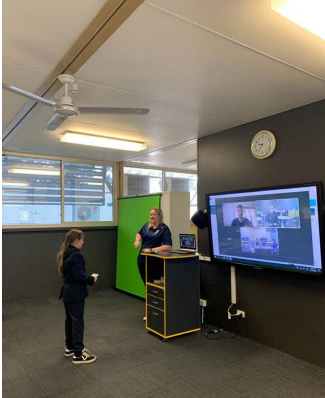
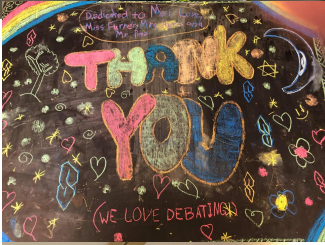
TERM 4 ALREADY

Well here we are already in week 2 Term 4 2020. I am doing a quick newsletter as our amazing student journalists (from Year 6) who do the student newsletter and give me a small part are still working away on their ‘reports & news stories’. No fake news from them ... they want to get their stories right.

It has been a turbulent year for us, for you and for the world. Our main desire has been to see our students safe and to get back into school, to care for their wellbeing, see them have fun with peers and friends and grow as learners and people.

And what a great bunch of people they are.





Our kids are back, settled, learning and we are all becoming a bit better at coping with what 2020 keeps throwing at us. Further down I'll talk about COVID and its implications in term 4. Much hasn't changed since last term but a couple of things are different. Year 7 transitions (max of 2) will be happening (without parents on school sites – look for notes coming soon). Our Kinder transitions will be starting up soon, however they will look different. Parents may drop off and pick up but must do so at a pre-arrange point for a limited time. Parent information sessions will be videoed and printed and available online in the weeks to come. (Stay tuned for notes coming your way soon).

Our Debating team this week zoomed in on the knock out competition against other zones. Unfortunately, we were eliminated, however to get this far we had to be the best in our zone. This means our wonderful team of Dani, Tianna, Sammara, Chelsea and Aisha won the most debates against local schools last term. The girls spoke well and it was a close contest. Thanks Miss Love and Miss Furner for your hard work and support of our debating team who not only displayed and grew in their speaking and debating skills but learnt how to compete like this online.

While there are still many restrictions in place due to COVID we are looking forward to a term of learning and continuing to care for our kids wellbeing. Please ensure your child comes to school when they are well. School reports will return to normal this term and teachers are looking for hard workers, listeners, students who are doing their best, co-operating with others and engaging in their learning with the aim of constant improvement.

Fortunately year 6 will still get to experience some special moments as the year winds up with an in school camp full of great activities. Our Year 6 Farewell is able to proceed with some modifications. Stay tuned for more information coming soon Year 6 parents.

Finally our end of year presentation days will be somewhat different. This year assemblies will be broken into different stage groups as cohorts are not permitted to mingle for long periods.

- Kindergarten - Thursday Week 9 10.12.20 at 11.40am
- Stage 1 – day - Thursday Week 9 10.12.20 at 9.30am
- Stage 2 – day – Tuesday Week 9 8.12.20 at 9.30am
- Stage 3 – day - Monday Week 9 7.12.20 at 9.30am
- Support Unit – will be included within their appropriate stage group.

While parents are unable attend, the assembly will be filmed and uploaded (students who don't have permission to publish will be edited out). Children who receive awards will be photographed and parents will receive their child's photos via Seesaw.

Mrs Flamos is Now a School Principal

I am both happy and sad to report that Mrs Flamos is no longer at our school. She has been an integral and beloved part of our school for the last 4 years. She has been an integral part of our school changing and improving lives (students, staff and parents) both personally and professionally. Mrs Flamos' kindness, leadership and expert educational knowledge has played a big part of our growth and success for many years now. This is of course the reason that she was recently selected on merit to become the Principal of Campbelltown Public School.

As she was required immediately Mrs Flamos had to pack up in a matter of hours and head straight to her new school. This meant she didn't have the chance to even say a proper good bye to the students she has come to care so much for, the whole 530 or so. Not to mention so many in our community as well. She will be greatly missed by so many but we look forward to working with her across schools in the future

We will however, arrange to have her back for a proper farewell when she has had time to settle in to her new school. Mrs Harris our current Instructional leader will be relieving as Deputy for the rest of Term 4.

COVID 19 Guidelines & Rules as per NSW Health and Department of Education

Reminders for Parents

- Don't send your child if symptoms or unwell. Get a covid test (share result with school)
- Parents still not permitted inside school gates at drop off/ pick up. This includes wet weather (Pack rain coat / umbrella)
- Parents may enter the school if signing child out early but must not proceed beyond the office.
- Parents may meet with staff at school for essential meetings but this must be arranged with the school.
- Parents are not permitted at assemblies
- Some excursions / incursions allowed (With COVID safe plan)
- External Providers (such as NDIS) with permission from school may return / continue.
- P&C and parent meetings not permitted – (Mixed or extended staff meeting likewise not permitted)
- As Above be ready for more information regarding –
 - Kindergarten transition and Parent information.
 - Year 7 Orientation
 - Year 6 Farewell (with limitations on parents and staff)
 - Year 6 Camp at school
 - End of year presentation assemblies (parents not allowed). This will occur in stage groups.

When you child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes each day	50 minutes each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks each year	Nearly ½ a year of learning
20 minutes each day	1 hour and 40 minutes each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks each year	Nearly 1 year of learning
30 minutes each day	2 ½ hours each week	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 day each week	8 weeks or nearly 1 term each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day



See here for more Kindy Transition re: 2021 - <https://thomasacrep.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2020/10/kinderstart-and-orientation-day-for-class-of-2020.html>

Enrol online ? – see this link

<https://thomasacrep.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/doe/sws/schools/t/thomasacre-p/www/news/2020/8/online-school-enrolment.html>

When you child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means, the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days each year	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day each week	40 days each year	8 weeks each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days each week	80 days each year	16 weeks each year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days each week	120 days each year	24 weeks each year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

School success starts with attendance