

Term 1 Week 8
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THE TAPS NEWS

“Knowledge will give you power, but character respect.” **Bruce Lee**

STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2021

This week we had our student leader badge induction ceremony.

Firstly it was **lovely** to see some **proud parents**, onsite to celebrate our 2021 student leaders. The parents of our senior student leaders came along to pin badges on their child. Due to COVID our numbers were still restricted for adults at school events. As well as that, assemblies are time sensitive (due to COVID) and unfortunately we were still unable to sing (due to COVID). However, our boys and girls are wonderful and respectful when listening to the national anthem. We are getting **closer to normal** after a crazy 12 months plus of COVID restrictions. Hopefully in the weeks or months ahead we'll have many more parents at assemblies and events. Just last Friday some regulations loosened and I will share more about that later in this newsletter... Hey even singing is back.



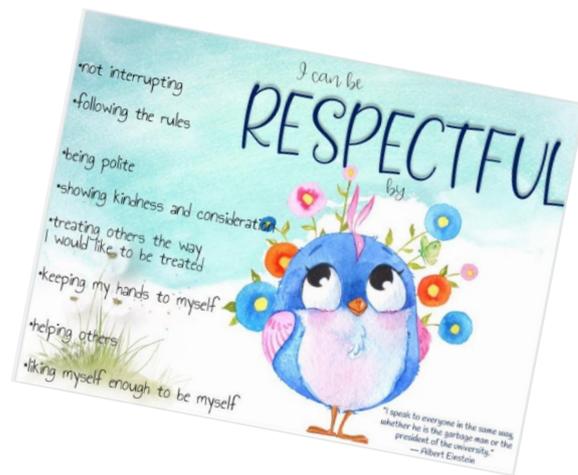
Congratulations to our school leaders

- Captains and Vice Captains, Samara, Sebastian, Dani and Yuki.
- AECG leaders, Zakaiiah, Tyler-John, Isabelle and Ella
- House leaders, Manea, Holly, Bailey, deklin, Sanah, Heath, Sophie and Lloyd.
- Also a huge congratulations to our SRC leaders who will represent their class and advocate for positive change at school.

Leadership can be many things and often different situations require different leadership strengths. The students above have been recognized for their leadership qualities but any one of any age can be a leader with or without a title. In fact it is **great to see people acting like leaders without seeking recognition**. So if you want to be a leader see how you go with the traits below...

Practicing and displaying our Character Education traits is a great path to leadership;

- Respect
- Kindness
- Co-operation
- Responsibility
- Mindfulness
- Friendship
- Empathy and Compassion
- Perseverance (Resilience)
- Courage
- Creativity
- Curiosity
- Growth Mindset (Positivity and I can do it)
- Honesty
- Gratitude



Leadership is about **caring** for, **servicing** and **encouraging** others. It's about working hard to make a difference. It's about taking **personal responsibility** and showing **self-control**. It is about **staying positive** and promoting that amongst others. It's not about changing others to be like you but it is supporting others to be the best they can be. It is about accepting or **owning your mistakes, learning from them and doing better next time**.



Swimming News

Firstly a few weeks ago we had an efficient and fun swimming carnival for our school competitors. Congratulations to all who competed and thanks to Miss Johnston for organizing this and the subsequent representative events. Then Miss Robb took the following students to the zone carnival, Alice, Andrew, Jax, Rowina, Sophie, Maryia, Lacey and Holly.



Last week the following students Alice, Andrew, Rowina and Mariya went to the Regional swimming carnival. Well done swimmers maybe we'll see you all in the Olympics one day. They all placed well and this is a great success considering our team were versing students from all South West Sydney, many of whom swim in squads daily.

Things to look out for this Year

- **Easter Hat Parade** for K-6 on the last day of term 1.4.21 (with COVID safe practices – information coming soon). Please note some stage 3 students will be out on a school excursion
- **Technology Roll out** – last year stage 3 received new laptops for in class learning. A few weeks ago another 60 laptops landed for Stage 2 and we have another 25 on the way to support other classes soon.
- **Upgrades to front of the school** – at the moment uncle Wilbur's Aboriginal Garden is getting an upgrade and the 'goanna' will be more prominent. Our train will be converted into a Hogwarts space for students and community. A veranda is being built which will become platform 9 and ¾. There will also be a roof, water tanks and a garden upgrade. (This should occur in June)
- **School Mini Bus** – Due to Covid this 2020 plan was put on hold. But once again we will forge ahead with a mini- van which will support mini excursions for students, support attendance and be useful for school community events
- **Various Playground Upgrades** – Standby as students, staff and community decide on possible improvements to our playground.
- **Parent, Teacher and Student meetings** – as covid becomes less and less of a problem we will look at reconnecting with our most important people, students and their parents/carers.

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

- **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 to drop students to class or to pick up. Don't forget our pick up spot has always been out the front near the train. Please sign in using the COVID QR code.

- Parents may meet with staff at school for essential meetings but this still needs to be arranged with the school.

- **Parents permitted at assemblies with COVID safe plans in place**

- Some excursions / incursions allowed (With COVID safe plan)

- **External Providers (such as NDIS) with permission from school may return / continue.**

- For other changes stay tuned.



P&C and CANTEEN NEWS

- **Easter Hat Parade** for K-6 on the last day of term 1.4.21 (with COVID safe practices – information coming soon). Please note some stage 3 students will be out on a school excursion.

- **Canteen going to tender:** we are now in a situation where we are unable to manage a P&C run Canteen. As such the school with the support of the P&C will advertise for a business to take over the canteen. This can take some time and as such Brooke's canteen will continue to support us this term and throughout term 2. The successful business should be good to commence in term 3. This means the business will then pay rent to the school which can be used to support the learning and wellbeing of our students.
- **P&C – AGM – New Executive & Membership** - Early next term we will host an **AGM** declaring all position vacant. Our current P&C due to personal reasons can no longer continue in their roles and as such we will need all new positions. Moving forward we will look at running P&C meetings at 6.30pm on Wednesday evenings. Keep your eyes on Facebook or Seesaw also as next week I will give opportunity for parents/carers to pay their \$2 to become a member with enough time to spare before the AGM (this is a mandatory condition ie: you can't pay and vote the day of – it should be a month before. Below I have included role descriptions for the executive for your information as some of you may wish to nominate for President, Vice President (who supports the president), Treasurer and Secretary.

Role of the President - The President is elected at the P&C Association's Annual General Meeting.

Duties The President is responsible for:

The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings

The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives

Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school

Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome

Supporting volunteers

Consistent adherence to the constitution

Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed

Setting up lines of communication with the Principal

Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts

Chairing meetings, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting.

Role Of The Treasurer - Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer's primary responsibility. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques* and presents accounts. The Treasurer also ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association. This includes all P&C Association committees. This does not mean that the Treasurer must undertake the actual bookkeeping themselves but they must ensure that the various sub-committee financial records have been kept to the Treasurer's satisfaction. The Treasurer is a signatory on the P&C accounts and should not delegate this responsibility.

The Treasurer should encourage members to understand the state of the P&C Association finances. The

Treasurer must ensure a case book or books are kept, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association.

Role Of The Secretary The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas.

The Secretary is required to attend P&C Association meetings and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to members and for receipt, possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting. (In the absence of the Secretary the meeting should elect a person to take the Minutes, this person should be identified in the Minutes.) Further, the position includes receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate. The Secretary also issues notice of all meetings and maintains official records of the P&C

Association such as the constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees, Incorporation Certificate, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, Attendance book.

PARENTS WHO WISH TO PAY TO VOTE IN OUR UP COMING P&C AGM

Must pay \$2 to Bree our 'current' secretary by the end of school this Wednesday 17.3.21. Bree will be at school in the afternoon from 2.15pm to collect money. Alternatively you can send in an envelope clearly marked P&C membership with your name and child's name.



MUFTI DAY NEXT TUESDAY

23.3.21 – NO COST JUST DONATE AN **EASTER**

EGG or **BUNNY** FOR OUR P&C EASTER HAT RAFFLE.

BIG THANKS TO OFFICE WORKS WETHERILL PARK

– For your donations of stationery, folders and exercise books. Such a great help for our kids.

