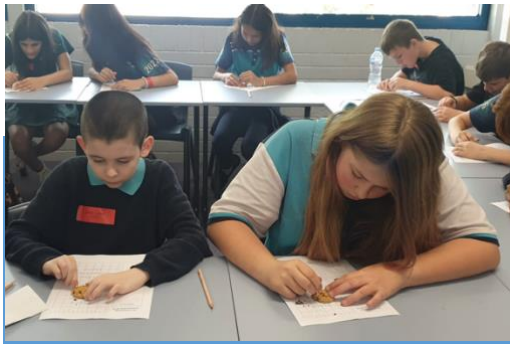




Term 4 Week 7
25.11.22



TAPS NEWS



“THE ONE THING YOU CAN’T TAKE AWAY FROM ME IS THE WAY I CHOOSE TO RESPOND TO WHAT YOU DO TO ME. THE LAST OF ONE’S FREEDOMS IS TO CHOOSE ONE’S ATTITUDE IN ANY GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCE.” - VIKTOR E. FRANKL

“MASTERING OTHERS IS STRENGTH; MASTERING ONESELF IS TRUE POWER” - LAO TSU

Leadership with a title or no title ... it’s about stepping up, serving and helping others while leading yourself

In this chaotic and stressful world what we need now (is love sweet love) & we also need leaders .. resilient leaders, compassionate leaders, calm leaders, leaders who can problem solve, leaders who are positive, leaders who can utilise their strengths and the strengths of others and leaders who can recognise when they are wrong, leaders who apologise, fix their mistakes or fix others mistakes (without being overly critical,



judgemental or spending too much time blaming others). Leaders learn from their mistakes and the mistakes of others, aiming not to make them again. Basically we need leaders who can role model much of the above.

On Friday I was pleased to see so many boys & girls take up the challenge of leadership and put themselves forward as school captains/ vice captains. Congratulations and all the best to Ruby D, Ruby A, Zohal, Evanah, Piper, Jessica, Sophia, Mikayline, Hayley, Purnika, Maggie, Branwen, Johan, Jakem, Obada, Clint, Cruz, Christian, Badar, Ryan and Isaac. They all demonstrate positive



qualities and they all spoke about many great qualities of leaders. Being kind, listening, helping others, admission of flaws but being proud of growth, being brave, resilient and doing their best to serve and make a difference for others.

Unfortunately, most of these wonderful boys and girls won't be successful in gaining a title or gaining school or vice-captain, however, they can still be leaders down the track .. it will be their choice, their mindset, their actions and their resilience that determines their futures.

In fact a great life lesson and a great quality of leadership and resilience is how well you lose. Disappointment is normal and fine but devastation and blaming others is a poor quality. Instead good and great leaders dust themselves off and get on with it and try, try and try again, while remaining good, calm and kind.

I would like to commend them all for their bravery, courage and steps towards leadership

If we all took on the above mentioned leadership qualities and endeavoured to lead ourselves and adopt greater compassion

then what an amazing school, community & world we would have.

As school principal I am so grateful that we have a school full of kind compassionate leaders (students, staff and community members) who lead themselves so well, lead others and/ or have the potential to grow into great leaders. Over the years I have seen many students improve their self-regulation and leadership of self. This has been done through work on self with support, connection, guidance and love from both parents / carers and teachers.

On a side note .. we even have ex students who have grown so much they have even come back to help, give and even lead...have had two ex-students come back once a week to give back to the school and mentor / role model to our current primary students. Welcome back Ethon and Sanjay. Thanks for giving back.

Colour Run & Christmas Carols – Working side by side the P&C to bring the Colour, the Christmas spirit, the fun all while raising money to support our kids.

It's been a tough year but a load of fun is heading our way. First of all the Colour Run is coming our way. Coloured powder, water, laughs. This is in week 9 – Thursday 8th Dec.... Fund raise a lot or a little to win prizes and participate. (If you lost your note or need information for the fun/colour run reach out to school or P&C)





Carols are arriving on Thursday the 15th of Dec after school. The second last day for kids. We have many things besides performances in the works. Stay tuned early next week for prizes and a smorgasbord of fun to be revealed re: Carols.

End of the Year

- 25.11.22 – Stage 3 return from camp
- 29.11.22 – Public High School Orientation Day
- 30.11.22 – Kindergarten Orientation (9.30)
- 30.11.22 – P&C meeting at 2pm
- 5.12.22 – Sports & Service Awards – Assembly
- 8.12.22 – Colour Run
- 12.12.22 – Presentation Assembly
- 13.12.22 – Year 6 Farewell
- 15.12.22 – reports home
- 15.12. 22 – Carols (after school fun)
- 16.12.22 – Students last day

Monday the 19.12.22 and Tuesday 20.12.22 will be a Staff development day just for teachers as we learn about the ‘new’ Math & English Curriculum. Tuesday will have no teaching staff onsite.

In 2023 most students return on Tuesday 31.1.23 after two staff development days.

COVID 19 – Let's stay well, keep everyone safe and keep the school running.

**Stay home if symptomatic
Been in Close Contact
Test – RAT or PCR
Notify the School & NSW Health if positive
Then stay home until symptoms have gone
Consider wearing a mask
Notify the School & NSW Health
Consider vaccinations**

For loads more information why not check out our website

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