

WEEK 1 UPDATES

Hi everyone,

Holidays are over, school is in and we are looking forward to a busy and productive term 4.

The kids are rearing to go, as are the teachers and this glorious weather makes us all feel energised and wanting to get out and do things.

We have included a calendar of term events and teachers are posting their term overviews on Seesaw as well as any classroom activities that they are planning for the term.

As always, we value your partnership and support and even though we are continuing to exercise caution according to current SA Health restrictions, we encourage you to maintain good communication with your child's teacher: on Seesaw between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm or if you need to talk, make an arrangement for a face to face meeting or a phone conversation.

We are very proud of the way our children have been self-managing their behaviour, showing more confidence and independence in their morning and afternoon routines. If you are bringing your child into school and waiting outside of the classroom, we still ask that you continue to maintain the 1.5m social distancing from other adults.

Just a reminder that you will need to return your parent slips for the class placement process to your child's classroom teacher by the end of this week. We also ask that you let your child's teacher know if your child/ren will not be returning next year. Today (or tomorrow), your child will bring home a slip with the names of peers/friends that they have chosen to be with in their next year's class. This provides an opportunity for parents to have a conversation and endorse their choices. The list of names is not in a priority order and we will ensure that they are placed with at least one friend from their list. The list with any adjustments needs to be returned to school and passed onto their teacher.

You will notice new signage along Caffrey Street with restricted parking on the school side between the hours of 8:00am -9:00am and between 3:00pm - 4:00pm and the extended kiss and drop zone. This has been put in place so that families can pull into the school side of the street and alleviates the need for children to cross the road. A reminder also to obey the kiss and drop protocols with 2 minute parking only.

Existing restrictions on families at school events will continue to apply during Term 4. Affected will be the traditional end of year Twilight Concert. Having sought feedback from our Governing Council we will still provide this wonderful opportunity for our children to perform, but it will be during the day on Wednesday 25th November at the MV Town Hall. Classes will walk to the Hall in year level groups. There will be 3 year level performances: R-2 (8 classes), 2/3-4 (6 classes), and 5-7 (6 classes). As parents and caregivers aren't able to attend, we will hire a professional photographer/videographer to video each performance and make available to families. Our Governing Council were very supportive of the plan given the circumstances, as we hope that the rest of our community will be.

Traditionally, the concert has been followed by a school closure (which is granted to every public school as 'a day of local significance'.) This will occur on Friday 27th November with no OSHC provided. (*The gap between the concert and the school closure resulted as the smaller hall was booked on the Thursday with Zumba.*)

We also are entitled to another student free day for staff development which will be held at the end of week 5 on Friday 13th November. OSHC will be available and bookings essential.

With Book Week postponed from Term 3 to Term 4 and now on next week, the theme is "Curious Creatures with Wild Minds". There will be a variety of activities throughout the week with the Dress Up Parade being the grand finale next Friday 23rd October at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing all the children dressed up as their favourite character. The Parade is a closed event and teachers will take lots of photos and post them on Seesaw on the day.

BOOK WEEK

FRIDAY 23rd October

CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY



...and lastly, today we toured through the new extension and refurbishment of the OSHC facility. The roof is on, the windows are in and the walls are going up with lock up scheduled for next week and completion on the 8th December....the view from inside the new build is amazing and both buildings will provide a wonderful space for both our performing arts program and OSHC.

Our next communication will be our newsletter publication in week 3 so stay tuned for more exciting news as the term unfolds.

Cheers.

Lyn, Leanne and Matt