

Principal's Update
Term 2 Week 9
15th June, 2021

Dear Parents,

Parents in Partnership (Pip)

Tomorrow at 2:00pm, we have our first Parents in Partnership (PIP) meeting, which will substitute the Parent Advisory Group meetings that were held in previous years. This meeting will be hosted in the library.

Some parents have expressed an interest in having the meeting delivered via Zoom later in the day. Therefore, I would also like to offer the opportunity for a second meeting with the same agenda as the first meeting though out of school hours for those who cannot attend during the day. The proposed encore meeting, via Zoom, will be hosted on **Wednesday 16th June at 5pm.**

Thank you to those parents who have indicated their attendance to either meeting. I look forward to us coming together to discuss some of the agenda items shown below. If you have yet to RSVP, please do so via the attached link. <https://forms.gle/m9BJPav2ZiwCp8MU8>

Even if you are not planning to attend the meeting, please access the form via the link to identify some preferred meeting times and modes of delivery in the future. There is also a section to include questions you may like addressed at the upcoming or future meetings.

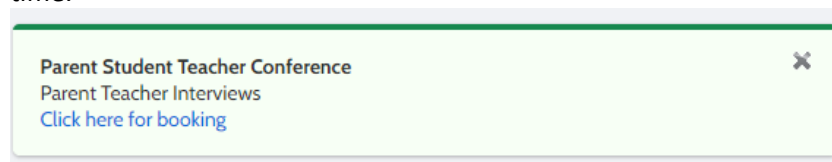
Current agenda items for next week's meeting include:

- Proposed structure of Parents in Partnership committee shared for feedback and review.
- Discussion around most suitable meeting times ie. afternoons or evenings and preferred mode of delivery with meetings.
- Flood update
- Year Six Graduation
- Fundraising Levy payment
- Live Streaming of school events

To keep the meeting on schedule we will try not to deviate from the agenda.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This week all parents have been invited to attend a follow up parent-teacher meeting to further discuss your child's progress and mid-year school report. These interviews are 15minutes between you and your child's class teacher. If you haven't booked in for your meeting, please open your Compass app and access via the following tab (as shown below). If you can't manage any of the remainder available times, please e-mail the school to arrange another time.



Accessibility to The Oval

On Friday afternoon I received telephone advice that the bulk of the oval could be reopened for normal access, except for a strip along the eastern side, immediately next to the concrete path.

Unfortunately, the most recent testing of the oval had still returned very moderate results along that eastern edge of the school oval. Further testing will be taken again this week and hopefully the final area will be released as soon as we receive negative results.

Despite some fencing still prohibiting full access to the oval, the children were thrilled to regain majority of their grass area back to play on today. I would like to commend the children for being incredibly patient and adaptable with the limited space they have had in the playground during this lengthy restoration period of our playground. We were fortunate enough to regain access at a faster pace to the multipurpose room, however the oval circumstances proved to be slightly more challenging. Hopefully by next term we will have full access to the oval.

Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures

Earlier in the week I sent out a gentle reminder of the pick-up and drop off procedures. I wanted to say thank you for everyone's prompt attention and cooperation with this matter. Parents have been waiting under the hall and walking past the class lines when collecting their child/ren and the pickup appears to be a lot more orderly and children departing at the right time and safely with their rightful parent or carer at the end of each day.

To assist in the methodical system of collection, as of tomorrow we will no longer stagger pick-ups and have all children from Kindergarten to Year Six collected at 3:05pm, from under the hall ONLY.

Furthermore, as Parent/Teacher interviews are happening this week, teachers will be rushing off for scheduled meeting times from 3:15pm in the afternoon, and they will be in morning meetings from 8am. Therefore, I wanted to clarify the pick-up and drop off procedures below and reiterate school hours, when teachers are on **supervision duties are ONLY from 8:15am – 3:15pm.**

If you need before or after school care outside of the school hours, please contact Busy Bees on **0488 345 416**. Child Care Rebates can be utilised for Busy Bees OSCH. They are dependent on your family income, however quite generous and helpful. Further information on what you are entitled to can be accessed at [Child Care Subsidy - Your income can affect it - Services Australia](#). I encourage families to utilise the fun, friendly and reliable Out of Hours School Care service, which we are fortunate to have at our school.

Thank you for your respect and cooperation with this matter.

Kind Regards

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