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School Newsletter 6

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Home Learning: Information Afternoon

Thank you to the very big group of parents/caregivers who attended our session last week.

It was a fantastic opportunity for us to share our refreshed literacy and maths learning programmes and the connection to 'Home Learning'.

I hope the session and the workshops supported your understanding of our programmes and how you can help at home!

But for those who were unable to attend, and those who would still like to know more, remember we are not at the end of our journey! **Ask questions and share your thoughts!**

We have shared learning programmes in detail for you to engage with but we expect there will still be questions and challenges. Do check in with your classroom teacher for clarification.

Your feedback - questions and comments - helps us to better understand what else we need to do, as we further strengthen our connections with the home.

A huge thank you to the teaching staff who presented and supported workshop sessions.

They all did a tremendous job and the feedback received was very positive. Well done!

I know they all enjoyed the opportunity to help bring information to everyone.

'Student-led Conferences': Wednesday 10 April



At the end of 2023 we held 'student-led' conferences for the first time. The sharing of learning by each student supported the 'Progress Report' which had been issued by their teacher.

To end Term 1, we have **confirmed 'student-led' conferences on Wednesday 10 April - 2.30-3.30pm.** Apologies for the very late notice! This term has been dominated by BOT policy review and development of our strategic plans, aimed at enhancing teaching and learning and reporting progress and achievement processes. Lots of staff discussion, debate and clarifying - for long-term gain! For staff the refreshment of learning programmes and home learning has been a huge commitment. So we have only just confirmed readiness and organisation for this event. *(See next two pages too!)*

What do these 'student-led' conferences look like?

They won't be on the scale of the end of year ones (which were after a whole year of learning) but they will be a great **starting point** for the sharing of progress with learning this year.

What does sharing progress/achievement information look like across the rest of the year?

Our BOT will shortly be confirming our refreshed 'student progress and achievement' policies.

We will then **confirm our 'reporting student progress & achievement' timeline for the whole year.**

There will be a balance and a variety of approaches taken. Watch this space - coming very soon!



Student-Led Conferences - Why?

Long term goal ... we want ALL children to be able to **openly, honestly and accurately share their learning strengths and areas for improvement/next steps**. They can do this and we will help them! To achieve this they need adults to encourage them, support their reflection capabilities by asking them careful questions and share specific and constructive feedback to support their learning.

This conference is **designed to support children and parents** to have greater understanding of the child's learning progress - **to complement what teachers know about their learning capabilities**. We are not minimising the role the teacher plays in any way but it will provide further insight into how we can best support each child's success with learning.

How well do children understand the learning process and their capabilities?

Conferences outcomes may vary but we want every child to take positive (and realistic) steps when sharing, with the long term goal of having **all children talk confidently about their learning, taking an active and meaningful role in their own success**.



Student-Led Conferences - Organisation

15 minute sessions in the classroom Starting times - 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3pm and 3.15pm

The bell will indicate the start/end of sessions Up to 6 children sharing in the room at one time

Book a time via 'HERO' - 'School Bookings' You will be notified when bookings are open

Teacher's role

Preparing the children to be ready to share!

Teachers are available to give support and encouragement as students share, especially for those who are not feeling confident.

But they are not there to take over the conference or to discuss student progress with parents.

The opportunity to speak to the teacher is available at other times - more information to come!

Child's role

Each child will share a number of items from their learning in their classroom this term.

Teachers have direct input into what is most appropriate to share, but the learning will be shared by the children. We want to encourage them to have a voice and be confident to share it.

It's disco time and we can't wait to see you there!

Thursday 11th April Room 4.

Junior disco (Yr 1-3): 5.00-6.15 p.m.

Senior disco (Yr 4-6): 6.30-7.30 p.m.

Years 3s from Rms 11-12 can choose which disco to attend.

All children need to be registered prior to the disco via this link: [Register here!](#)

\$5/ticket. Bring cash for food, drinks and glow toys. (Cash only event.) And come dressed in your favourite tropical outfit!

If you are able to help with set up, selling food/toys, security, preparing food or baking treats for sale please contact Tanya Ungaro: tanya.ungaro@hotmail.com or Sarah Spence: thespencies@gmail.com

The poster has a light blue background with various tropical illustrations including a pineapple, a sun, a palm tree, a watermelon slice, and various colorful leaves and ferns. A large white speech bubble shape is in the center containing the event details.

TROPICANA DISCO!!!

DATE: THURSDAY 11TH APRIL
VENUE: ROOM 4

JUNIOR DISCO: 5PM – 6:15PM
SENIOR DISCO: 6:30PM – 7:30PM

COST: \$5 CASH (PAY AT DOOR)
PLUS BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR
FOOD AND GLOW TOYS

COME DRESSED IN YOUR
TROPICAL BEST

Registration details coming soon...

Shore to Shore - Competitor bibs for pick up!

The Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk is on this Sunday!
A great event to be involved with!

For those who have already entered the **competitors' numbered bibs, pins and bus tokens were delivered to the school office** this morning for distribution.

These will need to be collected by an adult today or tomorrow from the school office.

If not picked up by 2pm tomorrow, children will be given these items to take home in their bag.

Enjoy!

Subway Wednesday!

When ordering your child's Subway lunch, can you please check that you have the correct room number on your order.

This ensures the lunches get delivered to the students' classroom on time!

