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Term 4 Week 8 — 3rd December 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2020 Wrap Up

As we draw near to the end of one of the most challenging years in recent times I want to take a moment to reflect and thank our amazing school community. Although this year has been challenging, there is no doubt that I feel that our community, on a collective level, passed this test with flying colours. Our students have stuck to the task of achieving their learning goals with averages across the school in recent assessment data showing we are above a year's worth of progress for a year's worth of teaching and learning. This is wonderful considering all the obstacles out of our control that could have prevented this from happening. The staff have again proven why, in my mind, I'm one of the luckiest principals in the department. They have risen to this challenge and used it as an opportunity to innovate and further refine the great process we have to support learning. Finally, the wider community has been outstanding. Taking on a second job of teaching whilst juggling your own commitments was impressive to witness. As I said at our last P&C meeting, when there are general stresses in the wider community it is not uncommon for schools to become a metaphorical 'punching bag'. But at no point throughout COVID did I feel that the community was anything



but by our side and supporting the staff to support our students. So thank you to everyone for what I feel was a massively successful year. I hope you all have a safe and merry Christmas break filled with family, friends and great memories.

Successful Grants for 2021

We have been busy applying for grants in 2020. I want to thank Lisa from the P&C for successfully securing a \$20,000 playground grant for our school. We anticipate this work to begin and be completed in 2021.

We were also successful in receiving a \$30,000 School Plus grant for a project we have called 'Learning Dispositions: Unlocking more than a year's worth of growth for a year's worth of learning'. The main drive of this project is to engage with and empower the whole community in the Visible Learning space.

Windsor HS Assessment Collaboration

Last Thursday I had the honour of collaborating with Mrs Court the Head Teacher for Maths at Windsor High School. We were working together to expand our Visible Learning Maths Assessment to include content from Year 7 & Year 8. We are finding that with so much progress happening in our classrooms that our students are needing to be not only enriched in their learning but also to be accelerated into High School content. This new component of the assessment should be finalised and ready to go for Week 4 Term 1 when we next do the assessment.

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TERM 4 EVENTS

Term 4 Calendar

| Wk | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| W1 Oct | 12 Students Return | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| W2 Oct | 19 | 20 | 21 MMWAC Chess Challenge (Cancelled) | 22 | 23 |
| W3 Oct | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 P&C Zoom Meeting (See invite in Principal message) | 30 |
| W4 Nov | 2 | 3 | 4 Kindy Transition Day 1 (Zoom information session for Kindy 2021 Parents) | 5 | 6 |
| W5 Nov | 9 | 10 | 11 Kindy Transition Day 2 Remembrance Day (Students only) | 12 Longneck Lagoon Excursion | 13 Parent Assembly (C3) (Modified) |
| W6 Nov | 16 | 17 Year 7 Windsor High Transition Day | 18 Kindy Transition Day 3 | 19 | 20 |
| W7 Nov | 23 | 24 | 25 Kindy Transition Day 4 MMVWAC Community Concert (Cancelled) | 26 P&C Zoom Meeting (See invite in Principal message) | 27 |
| W8 Nov/ Dec | 30 Swim School | 1 Swim School Scripture Last Day Windsor High Orientation Day | 2 Swim School School Captain Speeches for 2021 (As normal) | 3 Swim School Sports Captain Speeches for 2021 (As normal) | 4 Swim School |
| W9 Dec | 7 | 8 Celebrations of Learning - Performances (Modified) | 9 Cattai PS Swimming Carnival (As normal but without parents) | 10 Celebrations of Learning - Awards (Modified) | 11 Mini Fair (Modified) |
| W10 Dec | 14 Year 6 Farewell (Modified) | 15 Movie Day (As normal) | 16 Community Breakfast (Cancelled) Year 6 Send off (Modified) | 17 Staff Development Day | 18 Staff Development Day |

Longneck Lagoon enjoying all the activities. We even saw a goanna!



Traditional Indigenous Games



For fitness this term we have been learning some traditional Indigenous games. This one is called

'Muck-a-dilla.'

One team tries to throw bean bags in a bucket and the other team defends the bucket and tries to stop them. It is traditionally played throwing cups of water, but C1 prefer to stay dry!

Paper mache fun for a Science experiment and Christmas craft.





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