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Term 3 Week 10 — 24th September 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Progress Data

Its official we have finally caught up on the lost ground from COVID -19. On last check, our visible learning assessments in English showed us that students on average had displayed more than a year's worth of growth for a year's worth of teaching and learning. We are yet to get the Maths results as these assessments are scheduled for early Term 4 ready for reporting. From what we are seeing in the classroom we anticipate a similar trend for Mathematics. I want to take a moment to thank Mrs Maurer, Miss Diener, Miss Taylor, Mrs Shelley, Ms Hussey, Mrs Reid and Mrs Kenn for their work in this space. They have done an amazing job in bringing these results up to speed and all the listed staff members have played a role in the direct teaching of English and Mathematics this term.



Parent Teacher Phone Conferences

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who made time last week to discuss our student's education. As with everything COVID, we would have rathered had these discussions face-to-face driven by the students, like we normally do. As a temporary substitute it certainly helped plug the gap and was a great opportunity to bring parents back into the discussions around our student's learning. Accounts from staff were positive and as always these conversations were highly productive and with the student's learning and best interests at heart.

Extra Curricular Events for Term 4

For now we are putting a pause on all extra curricular events for Term 4. I am anticipating that the Department of Education will release guidelines for Term 4, like they did for Term 3, over either the holidays or early next term. Once we have this information in hand I will send out an updated calendar, like the ones we have been sending for each newsletter. This will detail how the events will unfold, so watch this space.

Classroom Teacher Permanent Position

Many of you may already be aware that this Wednesday a full time classroom teacher position at Cattai PS closed. This is exciting for some of our teachers and for teachers externally who are wanting the opportunity to lock down a much coveted permanent position. Both short listing and interviewing will take place early next term.

Class Teachers and Classes for 2021

Once the position for the permanent classroom teacher position is finalised I am hoping to announce classes for 2021. At this stage based on numbers I am anticipating a K/1 class, a 2/3/4 class and a 5/6 class. All things going to plan, the information around which teachers will be on which class will go home around Week 5 in Term 4.

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TERM 3 EVENTS

Term 3 Calendar 2020

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W9 Sep	14 'Modified' - 3 Way Conferences Week. Now Phone Conferences.	15	16	17	18 'Cancelled' - Phonics With Families Day 2 'Virtual' - Parent Assembly (C1)
W10 Sep	21	22	23 'Cancelled' - MMVWaC Academic Challenge	24 'Cancelled'- Small School Public Speaking and Debating 'Virtual' - P&C Meeting via Zoom—Cancelled	25 'Cancelled'- Phonics With Families Day 3 Students Last Day Term 3

Term 4 Calendar 2020

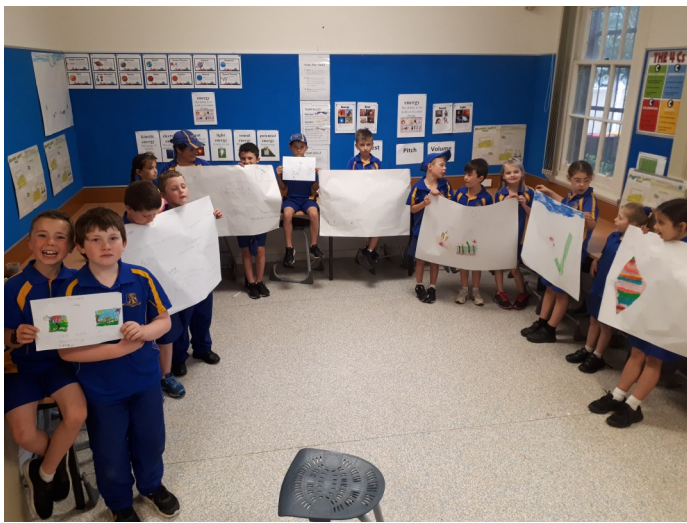
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 1 OCT	12 Students Return	13	14	15	16
WK 2 OCT	19	20	21	22	23
WK 3 OCT	26	27	28	29 P&C Zoom meeting	30
WK 4 NOV	2	3	4	5	6
WK 5 NOV	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12 Excursion to Longneck Lagoon	13 'Virtual' Parent Assembly

C1

C1 have been learning about forms of energy such as light and sound. Their STEM challenge was to work with a partner to make a sun and wind chime. The C1 veranda is looking fantastic with their efforts on display.



C2



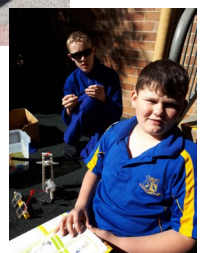
In Science this term C2 have been learning about forms of energy such as light, heat, sound and electricity. They have enjoyed hands on experiments and it has been awesome to read their answers to questions about energy.

Here they are holding their electricity safety posters which remind us how to keep ourselves safe.

C3

C3 have spent Term 3 engaging in a unit called 'It's Electrifying'. They were persistent and creative at times when using kits to make windmills, turbines and solar powered cars. Experts emerged as people to go to for help when building from diagrams and others found joy in sorting equipment ready for use. Teamwork was a big focus this term and we saw leaders emerge when solving team challenges and improving communication skills.

We ended the term making posters and recording videos about electricity safety messages.





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- A big thankyou to Rebecca Lehrer for organising the hot lunches last week. The meals were served warm and devoured quickly and very much appreciated!
- Our P&C zoom meeting scheduled for the 24th September has been cancelled. The next meeting is on the 29th October.

Cake Day Roster 2020

We require each family to donate a MINIMUM of 1 dozen cupcakes, muffins, biscuits or slices, to be dropped into the office on your allocated day.

If you are unable to supply cakes on the rostered day or if your child has specific allergies or dietary requirements, please call or text Kim Smith on 4572 8502 or 0419 435 022 on or before the day to ensure the children don't miss out.

They are for sale at RECESS for the children to buy at **50c EACH**.

(Exact money please).

DATE	FAMILY NAME
4th November	SMITH (S,C,E), WADE, HAWKES
2nd December	WILSON, POWE, TELFER, BALLANTYNE