



# Mac News

No 22—Friday 7th August, 2020

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 28th August  
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Tuesday 1st September

Book Orders Due—ORDER ON LINE  
Finance Committee Meeting  
School Council Meeting—4pm via WebEx

Dear Parents and School Community,

### Return to remote and flexible learning

The return to remote and flexible learning occurred with very short notice and timeframes. The staff team worked hard to have some short term things in place for this week allowing longer term organisational processes and plans to be in place. I have appreciated the efforts of all staff to effectively move back to this model.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in getting set up for learning at home again. Teachers try to design learning experiences that students can do with a reasonable level of independence. Generally this becomes a little more challenging for younger students whose skills and attention spans are in the early stages of learning development.

Regardless of your child's grade level, please contact the school should you require any assistance to support your child's learning at home.

### Video conferencing etiquette

There was a very healthy level of videoconferencing across the school today with around 76% of students having access to their teacher and classmates via WebEx. This regular connection is important for a number of reasons such as being able to ask questions, have tasks and learning notions explained and to be able to see and hear one another. We will be working to increase the number of students accessing WebEx in the coming week.

With the (relatively) new technology comes the need for some behaviors to maximise the benefits of WebEx. These include:

- ❖ Having your microphone muted when you are not speaking
- ❖ Putting your hand up to speak
- ❖ Keeping the laptop still
- ❖ Keeping yourself still
- ❖ Setting your laptop up in such a way that your shoulders and head can be seen
- ❖ Understanding that all participants can see what is going on in your background

## Appreciation

I would like to thank Oscar Clifton in grade 4 who taught me today that you can unmute your WebEx microphone by holding down the space bar on your keyboard and taking your finger off the space bar “remutes” you. This is very handy when you have something short to say. Thanks Oscar.

## Students of the week

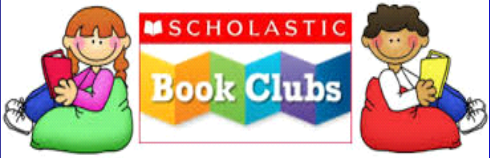
We don't have students of the week this week however the focus for the upcoming week will be Respect – We use WebEx Etiquette.

## Chocolate Drive Fundraiser

The Chocolate Drive Fundraiser has been cancelled this term.

Thank you for your ongoing support

With kind regards, Andy Backwell ~ Principal.

 <p><b>SCHOLASTIC</b> <b>Book Clubs</b></p>	<p>Due to the covid restrictions, catalogues were not sent to the School.</p> <p>To access the <b>catalogue—Issue 6</b> please use link: <a href="https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5667/bc-620.pdf">https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5667/bc-620.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Orders Due by Friday 28th August</b></p> <p>All orders will need to be delivered to your home address.</p>	

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