



Mac News

No 25—Friday 28th August, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 28th August

Friday 28th August

Tuesday 1st September

Friday 4th September

Friday 18th September

Book Orders Due—ORDER ON LINE

Finance Committee Meeting 1.40pm

School Council Meeting—4pm via WebEx

Whole School Assembly—12.00 noon via WebEx

Last Day of Term 3

Dear Parents and School Community,

Prep enrolments for 2021

At this time of the year we would usually be starting the initial phases of our kindergarten-prep transition program. The pandemic restrictions have not allowed this and so we are re-thinking our strategies for these important experiences.

We ask that if you have children who are starting Prep in 2021, that you request an enrolment package from the school. We can post or email it to you. The 2021 information is being updated at the moment so packs will be ready next week.

If you know of families who have children eligible to enrol in Prep in 2021 (they must turn 5 by the end of April), please ask them to contact the school. Whilst current restrictions do not allow for on-site enrolment tours, we are exploring alternative ways to showcase the school including using videoconferencing accompanied with electronic presentations.

Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to Mrs Osman and the JSC for their coordination of last Friday's Crazy Hair Day. Upon return to on-site learning, we will be requesting students bring a gold coin which will be donated to Ballarat health care workers.

A photo collage is attached to today's newsletter.

Survey responses

Thank you to students and parents for their responses to the surveys that was sent out last week. There was a 36% response rate to the Parent Survey and a 62% from students.

The results of both surveys generally showed a positive feeling about remote learning. Both surveys indicated a positive response in students' capabilities in using the technologies involved in remote learning and there was general consensus that teachers' instructions were clear and the set work was the right amount.

There was a lot of positive responses about what was good/better than expected about remote learning. When it came to the challenges a lot of the student responses were around missing friends and a number of responses from parents was around internet usage/safety. Regarding the whole range of challenges that arise from using technology, I provide the following link which may address numerous concerns parents have: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Further work will be undertaken to address the challenges parents have flagged.

With kind regards. Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



Students of the week.

Resilience—We have a go at our work:

Makayla Robin, Dimitrii Hartley, Oscar Clifton, Eddie Beaston

Principal's Award – Consistency

Jono Van Egmond

CRAZY HAIR DAY



August 21st 2020