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Dear Parents and caregivers,

It has been lovely to walk around the school and see learning both in and out of the classrooms. It is wonderful to see the new shaded areas and the field used for outdoor learning. It has also been nice to see the children using and enjoying a dip in the pool. While we continue to mitigate as many risks as we can, it is important to make sure the children are back into their learning routine and enjoying being back at school with their friends.

We are continuing to take the health and safety of the children very seriously. We will do what we can to mitigate as many risk factors as we can. We are also focused on returning to normality with learning.

I also want to thank the children and parents for sticking to our health guidelines, including mask wearing at school for year 4-6 and all of our adults. The children will have a chance to remove the mask at fruit break, PE, swimming time, lunchtime and at morning tea. The children will also be taking part in opportunities for outside learning, where again masks can be removed.

We view the mask as a protection not only for the child wearing the mask, but also as a support in keeping your child's classmates and teacher safe as well.

Year 6 Camp

We went ahead with camp for Year 6 this year. The children are the only group up at Shakespear Park YMCA centre. The centre staff and our staff have worked very hard to ensure the safest environment that we can. This hard work has enabled us to go ahead and give the children this amazing experience to start their year. The camp experience is such a big part of the children's final year at our school and builds so many memories that they can take with them.

A massive thank you to the Year 6 parent volunteers and our wonderful Year 6 teaching team for giving our kids such a great time!

Donations

A massive thank you to those who have made their donation to our school. The donation you make allows us to run our school with the extra resources, staff and experiences for children. Without your donation these things are unable to continue.

The office is closed still but the donation can be made online.

School Bank Account Number: 12 3109 0011698 00

Please put your child's name as a reference if paying directly into the school bank account.

PTA

I attended the first PTA meeting last week and the turn out was amazing. I'd like to thank Gaynor Topham and the rest of the committee for volunteering to lead the group this year. The funds they raise are vital to us. Without them we wouldn't have the amazing facilities that we do. There are some exciting plans for fun events this year and I look forward to seeing their plans come to life!

School Hats

While the weather is so hot, please ensure your child has a school hat. These can be bought from the Uniform Shop. The hat must be one of the school hats, as a requirement of our school uniform. Those without hats will be required to play in shaded areas only.

Contact Details

I sent a specific email recently to try to get our records of parent contacts updated. It is vital we have up to date contact information for you and your child. If your child is sick or hurt we have to be able to contact you! In these Covid times we may also need to contact you regarding a contact situation.

Please ensure the office has your up to date phone numbers, email addresses and residential addresses.



Iced Juicies

The PTA will be selling Juicies at the bottom gate after school this afternoon. They will be stationed by the far side of the car park in the pedestrian waiting area. The Juicies are \$2 and are a great way to cool down after a hot week!

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