



Week 5 Term 1

This Week @ Surveyors



What a start to the 2023 school year!

Firstly, I would like to welcome all our school community back to the 2023 school year.

I have had a lovely time getting around to classrooms to find out about all the amazing adventures the students went on during our summer break.

Our school has changed a bit over the holidays. We return to school with only 450 students this is down 70 from last year. 32 students moved over to the new school 'Nangamay', 16 students moved to different suburbs or interstate, and we only had 50 kindergartens start for the 2023 school year while 75 year 6 students left us.

Our kindergarten students are finding their school legs while the rest of the school has settled nicely into the routines and role of school.

The biggest change to the way we do things has been through our communication with you all. Mrs McGurn our relieving SAM has helped us set up the Parental Portal through Sentral. I am sure that you will agree with me that this has been a game changer. No losing notes at the bottom of

school bags or students forgetting to bring them home. As of yesterday 95%, of our parents have logged in. Well done everyone.

On Sunday nights you will receive a 'What's on this week' reminder.

Changes to our newsletter due to the parent portal will be as follows.

Principal Newsletter will go out Week 5 and Week 9 each term.

School Newsletter with Student Voice 'What's happening at the Creek' will go out on the even weeks.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Meet the Teacher' this Wednesday.

New Staff in 2023

Mrs Cheree McGurn- School Admin Manager

Mrs Kristie Cullen- Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction

Mrs Laura Simpson

Mrs Holly Marinello

Mrs Kylie James

Mrs Ivonne Mare

Mr Andrew Kounelis

Mr Mark Kusmierski

Mrs Emma Hajduk (SLSO support)

2023 Focus on 'Attendance'

This year we have seen school attendance fall below our targets. Our focus will be on students attending school regularly. Attendance at school is important and vital for our students to meet educational standards.

I ask that if you are planning on taking holidays that you do so with minimal disruption to your child/children's learning.

I will not be approving leave for holidays during the school term, however if there is a family emergency or crisis, I will approve it. Any leave taken for holidays during the term will be unsupported.

Please be mindful that if children are sick then they must stay home.

Request for onsite Therapist

Just a reminder to parents and carers that a formal request for a therapist service to access our school site must be accompanied by the appropriate paperwork. Parents can contact their child's class teacher in the first instance, to request a form.

Once the request has been sent back to the class teacher the teacher then takes it to our Wellbeing Action Team meeting where a decision is made by me if the request can be accommodated.

Things to consider is the time required and if there is space for the service to be delivered. Once a decision has been made that we are able to support the request a series of forms are then sent to the therapist before they are able to come on site. This is a requirement by the Department of Education and a process that we must follow.

If a therapist turns up to our school without having been through the process, they will not be able to come on site to provide the service.

Over the past few weeks, we have had several therapists turn up who are not compliant with process and therefore were unable to provide the service. Please ensure that if this is the case you haven't been invoiced for the service.

Due to the number parents/carers requesting therapists on site it is getting to the point that we are running out of available spaces. Most of our therapy services are done outside under trees or outdoor covered areas. Where we have seated tables. This is fine when weather permits.

As the Principal I have made the decision that if it is raining, we will be unable to provide an indoor space for therapists on that day. So that there is no discrimination this rule will apply to all settings and all therapists. We will let the therapist know of this decision.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

NAPLAN 2023 Year 3 and 5

NAPLAN assessment has been brought forward this year. Students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN assessment between March 15th to March 27th.

School Sports Captains for 2023

Freeman: Ellyse V and Mannix T

Thorpe: Artemii (Toma) S and Sienna N

Sauvage: Harry L and Evelyn R

Rafter: Georgie S and Logan D

Congratulations to you all.

Swimming Carnival

It was great to see everyone at the school swimming carnival last Thursday. Thanks to Mr Daniel Rodwell and Mrs Sabrina Nicholson for all their organisation. Also, to our fabulous School Sports Captains who came and helped on the night.

The staff also had fun dressing up for the teacher race. This looks like it will become a regular event.



Changes to Assembly

Weeks 5 and 9 Ribbon and banner assemblies will be on Wednesdays from 2:10pm in the hall.

BADGING CEREMONY FOR OTHER SCHOOL LEADERS

Friday the 17th of March has been set aside for the badging ceremony of School Sports Captains, SRC class representatives and other school leaders. The assembly will start at 2:10pm. Please put this date in your calendars.

Yours in Education
Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal

PBL Award

Many children at our school have collected a PBL ribbon.

Most children are aware they are to hand in 3 certificates and they will receive a ribbon. Once a child does receive 3 ribbons they must hand in their 3 ribbons to receive a banner.

In Short - 3 Certificates = **Ribbon**
3 Ribbons = **Banner**
3 Banners = **Medallion**

Mrs Susan Burke
Teacher/Librarian

Term 1 Week 5

Name	Class	Quantity
RIBBON		
Cruz B	5-6A	2
Hadi H	1SM	1
Maximus A	1/2CQ	1
Emily D	2ND	1
Marino E	2ND	1
Oliver J	2ND	1
Chloe T	2ND	1
Layla M	2D	1
Harrison A	3/4L	1
Ryan G	3/4L	1
Xavier M	6WN	1
Logan D	6WN	
Madeleine O	5/6K	1
Harper S	5/6K	
BANNER		
Cruz B	5-6A	2
Logan D	6WN	1
Monique O	5J	1
Harper S	5/6K	1
Chloe T	2ND	1
Taylan K	3/4L	1
MEDALLION		
Briar Auva'a	5/6K	1