



Term 3 Week 10
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DIARY DATES

TERM 3	2020
Wednesday 23 rd Sept	Year 6 EOY Parent Meeting – 7:00pm – Zoom
Friday 25 th Sept	Term 3 Concludes
TERM 4	
Monday 12 th October	Term 4 Commences
Wednesday 4 th Nov	Band Demo – 11:20am (TBC)
Friday 6 th Nov	Confirmation – 7:00pm (TBC)
Monday 9th Nov	Staff Development Day

Wishing all of our families a very safe and relaxing few weeks. We look forward to seeing you all back in Term 4!

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Children enjoy competing in contests like sporting events and sometimes there is a prize they really want to win. However, not everybody can win at once, and it can be very upsetting to a child when the inevitable time comes that they aren't the winner.

Although it may seem impossible, there are ways to make them feel better about it.

1. **Congratulate** your child for competing in the first place. Tell them that you're impressed at how well they tried.
2. **Encourage** them to congratulate the winner. Remind them that whoever won is as happy about it as they would have been.
3. **Reward** them in some other way like taking them out for ice cream, or to see a movie. While you don't want to spoil them, rewarding them for competing can be an effective way to show them that you still think they're a winner for having a go.
4. If they are still very upset about it or are acting like a sore loser, **listen** to what they have to say. It's possible that they had some big plan for what they were going to do with the prize, or maybe they don't like the person who won, or they feel there has been an injustice. Venting can be helpful for them and a chance for you to communicate. For instance, if your child will be competing in similar events in the future, help them figure out what they could do to improve.

Things to avoid

- Don't trivialise the situation by saying something like "It's just a game". That might help put things in perspective, but it doesn't help bruised feelings.
- Don't punish your child for being upset or accuse them of being a poor loser. Children just want to do well at everything they do. Let them work through their feelings and get over it.

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Don't lose sight of the fact that it's not bad to lose. Losing teaches many valuable lessons. Everyone can't be a winner every time and children need to learn this. Helping them through a defeat will help them face the next challenge with confidence they can cope with the outcome.

Have a safe and happy week and enjoy the holidays when they arrive. Stay safe!

Peace and best wishes

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL

P&F AGM ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following parents who were elected to the P&F Executive or Committee at last night's meeting for the 2020/2021 year:

President:	Anthony Ellard
Vice President:	Alex Quinn
Treasurer:	Erin Dowdell
Secretary:	Katy Noone
Social	
Co-ordinators:	Kelly Lambert & Jenny Hayes
Mother's & Father's Day Stall	
Co-ordinators:	Katy Noone & Caterina Cipri
Class Parent	
Co-ordinator:	Vanessa Craze
School Rep for PRC:	Melissa Lewis
Clothing Pool:	Suzie Hanna

Congratulations!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

September 23	Keira D
September 24	Leonard M Chad C
September 25	Harry G Olivia M
September 26	Robert F Carey K
September 27	Jessica A
September 28	Christina L
September 29	Arianna A
October 1	Chantelle G
October 2	Paige H
October 3	Nivaan S
October 6	Phillip S Daniel L
October 7	Finnbar M Nicholas F
October 10	Xavier C Max G
October 11	Angelina B
October 13	Grace H Theo M
October 14	Isabella C Isabella C
October 15	Zia K
October 16	Ruby N Stella N Paige B Jackson N
October 17	Alexander J Gabriella L Olivia W
October 18	Paris S Qiuchi Z Alessandro B
October 19	Tia Z
October 20	Amelia P Ariya S Amandi D Isla B

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

WELLBEING & WELCOME TO TERM 4 DAY 1 ACTIVITY

As part of our Wellbeing Strategy for students, as a stimulus for writing and just for a bit of fun, all students are invited to bring their "Stuffed Toy Pet" to school for the first day of Term 4. Small or large, big or tall we welcome them all...but please remember your child will need to 'care' for their stuffed toy pet for the day and then remember to take it home that afternoon!

WELCOME TO KINGAL

Kingal is our new Crossing Supervisor. Kingal supervises the crossing before and after school. The addition of a Crossing Supervisor is a great safety improvement for our school. Kingal commenced last week after our first supervisor was promoted to a senior role in the RMS.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 9/11/20

Our staff will be engaged in a Full day of Professional Learning on Monday 9th November and there will not be any school for the students. OSHC will operate that day if you require supervision for your child.

COVID-19 CONTINGENCY PLANS

While community transmission rates are low at the moment in NSW, our school is well prepared in the event that we need to close the school. A reminder that we have plans including 'School Closure Collection Procedures', 'Remote Learning – iLearn@Home', 'Contact Tracing' and 'Deep Cleaning Checklists'. We hope we do not have to use any of these plans, but they are there if we need them. We are expecting an update from NSW Health regarding what schools can and cannot do during Term 4. In the meantime, we will continue with all our current procedures including additional cleaning, bringing your own drinks bottles and staggered dismissals. We will update families with any new information as it becomes available.

CHANGES TO FAMILY LEVY

We have been advised by Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta that your school fee statement may look a little different next year. You will notice that the Resource Fee has increased and there is no longer a Family Levy as the Family Levy and Resource Fee have been merged. In the majority of cases this has little or no impact. For families with 3 or more students there will be a slight increase in the combination of these fees. For 2021 there will be no increase in diocesan tuition fees or the building levy and therefore you will find that the total school fees increase is within the bounds of normal annual increases. Contact the office if you have any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations – to Eddie A (Yr 5) on winning the Shepard Centre's LEGO challenge as judged by Lego Master's presenter – Hamish Blake. Eddie joined The Shepherd's Centre LEGO challenge. The challenge was 'what hearing means to me'. As he has a brother with a hearing disability, Eddie constructed a life size set of headphones. The video of Hamish announcing the winner was shared at our Virtual Assembly last week. You can watch the video here <https://youtu.be/3JN5QhOjG3I> Here is a photo of the creation. Congratulations Eddie!



PRINCIPAL AWARDS **TERM 3 – WEEK 10**



KB	-	Evelyn B & Benjamin Y
KGT	-	Maya R & Ella McN
1A	-	Ava A & Siyun K
1D	-	Oscar G & Alyssa M
2FM	-	Nathan D & Jerome S
2RM	-	Eva C & Alexia J
3G	-	Samuel J & Majella C
3J	-	Gabriele N & Noah C
4D	-	Michael K & Caleb F
4R	-	Thomas L & Brody N
5E	-	William S & Sebastian J
5K	-	Nathaniel N & Aren S
6K	-	Elizabeth S & Alexander T
6LV	-	Lucas L & Leiden T

CARE AWARDS **TERM 3 – WEEK 10**



KB	-	Tia Z & Jacob K
KGT	-	Emily T & Isabella N
1A	-	Hwi S & Lennon T
1D	-	Theo M & Julie L
2FM	-	Joanne J & Zion K
2RM	-	Elliot I & Christopher O
3G	-	Giorgia T & Wylie L
3J	-	Heidi W & Grace H
4D	-	Stephen A & Olivia Q
4R	-	Sebastien P & Ellie S
5E	-	Sarah S & Nancy R
5K	-	Jacob N & Nate Mc
6K	-	Isabelle C & Max G
6LV	-	Lachlan C & Kayla G

PRINCIPALS REPORT TO P&F TERM 3...

At our Zoom P&F I shared the following as part of my report:

- **COVID-19 Updates**
 - Thank you for all your support with our procedures and restrictions – it is appreciated
 - No changes currently
 - NSW Health have advised there will be some updates for schools in term 4 but we do not know what these might be as yet
 - All procedures will remain the same until further notice.
- **Term 3**
 - Solid term of learning
 - Re-launched the You Can Do It Programme
 - Missed many of the events and gatherings that make Primary School special
 - Made the Father's Day draw extra special – thanks to the co-ordinators for their efforts with this.
 - Conscious of Mental Wellbeing of the students – introduced a wellbeing event each week for fun / light relief
- **Virtual Coffee and Chats**
 - Held 4 virtual catch ups – 23 parents across 4 sessions
 - Great feedback and conversations
- **Kinder enrolments are being finalised**
 - Strong interest in enrolling
 - Plans for our usual practices to move to the virtual space with
 - Zoom meeting for parents
 - Videos introducing staff, procedures, the way we do things
 - Seesaw class for Kinder 2021
- **School Fees in 2021**
 - No increase in School Fees or the Building Levy
 - No Family Levy from 2021
 - Slight reduction in the total for families with one child, slight increase for those with two or more
- **Playground Update**
 - Work was due to commence on Monday
 - Builders have been delayed
 - Site preparation and some demolition will commence on Friday
 - Work due to take 2 to 3 weeks
- **OSHC to move to a COSH in 2021**
 - Work being done all year
 - Letter to families that use the centre already sent
 - Introduction letter being sent home
- Thanks to all of the 2019/2020 committee for your work – although we missed many events this year, we did hold some including our welcome community event. Thank you for your support.

2 DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY "FUN CAMP"...



Rush Hour Australia always like to set the benchmark in everything that we do and our newest 2 Day 'School Holiday Fun Camp' is no exception.

We have taken all of the fun things that children enjoy doing and put them into two full days of never seen before entertaining and exciting activities.

Two days of laughs, team competitions, new activities and all under the watchful eyes of 1 leader per 12 children.

The Program will run on Wednesday & Thursday of both weeks; with you choosing to do both weeks or just 1.

The days will be packed with activities kicking off at 8.30am and ending 3.30pm for only \$110 per week per child.

DON'T FORGET: You can redeem your CHILD'S ACTIVE KIDS vouchers at Rush Hour Australia. Please call the office if you would like more information on how to obtain the \$100 voucher or go to www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids.

'Oh What Fun' - that's how your children will describe their experience with us.

We expect these holidays to be booked out, so call now and register your child or better still, register a team of 2,3 or 4 children. It's going to be **'EPIC'**

Call the office for more details or to register on 1300 00 7874.