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R-7 SCHOOL inspire+contribute+achieve

Week 7

26 November 2020

Term 4:

13 Oct – 11 Dec

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

My, what an interesting year this is turning out to be with the constant changes that we need to make to fit in with COVID-19 advice that changes daily. If nothing else this year, we have learnt that we can be extremely flexible and resilient and work with whatever comes our way. I would like to thank you all as a school community for your patience and understanding with what we have had to change or bring in. As a staff we appreciate the fact that you are all helping us to minimise adults on site by dropping your children off and letting them walk in independently. As always our children have risen to the challenge and are getting themselves to and from their classrooms with very few hiccups.

End of Year Performance

Sadly we have had to make the decision to make this a staff and student event only. Due to the current restrictions about minimising adults on the site and social distancing rules it is not possible for us to organise it to include an adult audience as we all know how large this is. However the children will not miss out and they will all perform their items for the rest of the school. We have not taken this decision lightly and understand how disappointing this is for many of you.

Year 7 Graduation

Please refer to the information that has been sent out to families this week. Once again COVID restrictions have impacted on the event and we will now be holding the ceremony and dinner/disco in our gymnasium. Please be aware that each student is only able to have two family members to come for the ceremony and tickets will need to be collected from the Administration Office. Social distancing rules will need to be adhered to.

Awards Ceremony

I am sorry to say that due to the sheer number of students nominated for awards this year and the COVID restrictions, we will be unable to invite parents to this event. We will still hold the ceremony here at the school, as an assembly, so the nominees and award winners can be recognised by their peers. We will also take a photo of each child receiving their award and organise for this to be sent home to you by the end of the week. Clearly this is not how we had planned to end the year and we are hoping by celebrating these events in house the students still get to enjoy the recognition.

ThankED

ThankEd is a new initiative designed to recognise Department for Education staff. It's been a challenging year so there has never been a more important time to say thank you. Every day, our staff shape the future by inspiring children to reach their full potential. ThankEd gives everyone the chance to thank and recognise everyone who makes a difference. ThankEd messages can be written via the online portal which can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au/ThankED. A bookmark has been sent home with the youngest member of each family to help to encourage student, family and community involvement. This is a chance for us to build a culture of appreciation so I encourage you all to use this tool to recognise someone that has made a difference today.

Student Free Day

Our last Student Free Day for the year will be next Friday Dec 4th. This day will be spent analysing our student learning data from this year to inform teachers' planning for next year so that we can maximise the learning opportunities that we provide for our students. Staff really appreciate the support of our school community in allowing us to have these days.

Pam Peters

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY

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Diary Dates

End of Year Performance (students & staff only) 3 Dec

Student Free Day 4 Dec

Year 7 High School Visit days 7 & 8 Dec

Year 7 Graduation and Dinner 8 Dec

Award Ceremony 9 Dec



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Year 7 Aquatics

Another example of resilience this week has been the changes that had to be made to what was intended to be Aquatics Camps that turned out to be excursions. Our amazing Year 7s took it all in their stride and made no complaints about the alternative arrangements. Our students went up in class groups rather than gender groups and all had a ball experiencing a range of activities such as snorkelling, canoeing, kayaking and sailing. For some students these activities were new experiences and they were supported to enjoy them in a safe way. Thanks must go to the Aquatics team in Port Augusta for being willing to make adjustments to their program at very short notice. Refunds for the camps will be calculated and processed as soon as possible.



Assembly Timetable

Start at 9.10am in the Gym as per timetable below

Please follow so

Week	Assembly
Week 8	
Week 9	

Parents
Unable to
attend due
to COVID

Book Fair 'Arctic Adventure'



The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school this term from Week 6 Thursday 19th November to Thursday 3rd December.

Book Fair will be an exciting activities and hundreds of books to read. During the fair, we will have the opportunity to visit the book fair and write out...

POSTPONED
UNTIL 2021
DUE TO COVID

The book fair will be held from the 26th of November to Thursday the 3rd of December they will be able to purchase items from the fair before and after school.

Whyalla Ballet School

Level Up @ Middleback Arts Centre

Performance Times

Friday 11 Dec 6.30pm

Saturday 12 Dec 11.00am

Saturday 12 Dec 2.00pm

Showcasing local dancers aged 3 to adult performing classical ballet, pointe, modern, jazz and tap dance.

Tickets are on sale from Saturday 14 November available from the Middleback Arts Centre 8644 7300, www.countryarts.org.au

Just for Fun!!

What did the science book say to the math book?

Wow, you've got problems.

Whyalla Calendars



The Whyalla 2021 Calendar is now available for sale.

The Calendar consists of photos taken by community members of the Whyalla landscape including Point Lowly, the new jetty, dolphins, cuttlefish and the foreshore.

All money raised from the calendar goes towards Variety SA, The Children's Charity through Whyalla's own Bash Car, Car 86.

Calendars are available for \$20 from:

Susan Burgess in Room 15,
MP Eddie Hughes (Westlands Office)
Whyalla Tourism Office