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Great opportunities—personal attention

TERM 3 WEEK 2 2020

FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENT NOTES: Please ring the school when your child is sick or provide a note or Doctor's certificate if your child has been away for an extensive length of time. Sick notes can also be emailed to the school.

HATS: All students need to wear a school hat. Many children are coming to school without their hats and this can't be happening. Hats are \$13 each and are available from the office. We follow a NO HAT NO PLAY policy.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Please make sure that all students are in full school Uniform we have second hand jumpers and jackets that you are welcome to come and look through. Uniform needs to payed for on the day of purchase either with cash or a parent online payment.



Colo Heights Getting Back to Normal

We have been back now for Term 3 for two weeks. Next Week would have been the annual NSW Department of Education – 'Education Week'. Due to the current Covid circumstances we will not be hosting an Open Day this year. It is unfortunate but probably the right decision at this time.

We will endeavour to provide you with some opportunities to see your child's work as we are going to send home a package with copies of school work and photos of craft and art. We will also try and upload some videos of class performances onto the school's website for you to view.

We are also running the parent/teacher interviews next week. These will be via phone with K12 interviews on Tuesday (4th August) and 3456 Interviews on Thursday (6th August). If you haven't organised an interview please contact the school to arrange a time.

As we move further into the term please remember the strict sickness rules that if your child is feeling unwell they must stay home until better. This is the rule for staff as well. Even though we are trying to get back to normal, the issues regarding health are still paramount.

Again, I thank every student, parent and teacher for their incredible effort throughout this time and hopefully down the track we will return to total normality before too long.



Photo Day

Please remember our new 2020 photo day will be **Wednesday 12th August**. All orders will be kept by the school and the online orders by the photo company.

Year Six make sure you keep those Year Six shirts neat and tidy.

Due to our current economic times we understand that means finances can be tuff. From Monday 3rd August until photo day all school polo shirts will be for sale for \$10 each. We are having a half price sale. Please make sure they are paid for with cash or online on the Parent-online- payment.



Head Lice

Unfortunately we have had a number of cases of head lice in the school. We understand that when this occurs it can be quite frustrating because they can return so easily.

We ask that you are all quite vigilant and maintain regular checking and subsequent treating of hair. Girls should keep their hair tight with buns or plaits. Hairspray as well can help with avoiding transition.

We will **not** be lending any hats for the time being so please ensure your child has their own school hat to wear. We also recommend students take their hats home each weekend to wash.

Again please be vigilant checking and treating.





COMMONWEALTH BANK STUDENT BANKING

We have started banking again this week. It has been a very long break since March when we last banked. The children were very excited. Banking is every Wednesday. If your child would like to bank the parent needs to set up a youth saver account at the Commonwealth Bank. You will be sent a bank book for you to fill out each week and send along to school on Wednesday. Please understand that I cannot bank for your child if they do not have an account. Student banking provides our little bankers with great incentives along the way the kids love picking a prize to be mailed to them at school

Biodiversity Project

Next Wednesday the 3456 class will be taking part in a Biodiversity Project in collaboration with the Longneck Lagoon Environmental Centre. The students will be studying and researching the unique ecosystems of the area where the school is located and develop a program to re-establish environmentally friendly areas.



Sickness

As we are operating through the NSW Health Guidelines and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee we need to remind you that all students are required to attend school. However, if they are unwell they should remain at home until fully recovered.

Just a reminder about the ways we can keep the sicknesses away.

These are:

- *Washing your hands thoroughly with soap. Some advice is to wash hands for at least 20 Seconds.
- *When coughing, cough into your elbow and then wash hands afterwards just to be sure.
- *Sneeze into your elbow then wash hands or use sanitizer.
- *Dispose of tissues after blowing noses in the bin wash hands or use sanitizer afterwards.
- *Avoid touching your face.
- *Try to keep a reasonably safe distance from each other.





Congratulations to our "Star Students" Zoey and Cody

Every assembly we announce the star student.

A Star Student represents the best qualities of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST.

We hope all students can strive to achieve this award throughout the year and continue demonstrate these fine skills.

"At Colo Heights Public School, we are Responsible and Respectful students, who strive to do our Personal Best".



IMPORTANT DATES

* PHOTO DAY Wednesday 12th August 2020

- Friday is the only sports day this year. Please wear your sports uniform on this day.
- Remember to send in a piece of fruit for crunch and sip for your child only. It must be cut up and ready to eat..



Thank you,
Glenn Ellis
Principal

Student Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

In accordance with the NSW Department of Education guidelines, the Student Semester One Report will be a modified report. This is due to the 'Home Study' period. It will include Literacy and Numeracy Comments with a General Comment. We have kept our Personal & Social Development Checklist. There will be no 'grading' for this report, just an Application (Poor/Fair/Good/ Very Good/Excellent) for the two areas which also take into the 'Home Study' period. All reports will be sent home on the last Friday of term – 3rd July 2020.

In regards to Parent/Teacher interviews, we will endeavour to have them early in Term 3. At this time I can't confirm if they will be 'face to face' or by phone.



COMMONWEALTH BANK STUDENT BANKING

Our student banking is still on hold for now sorry. As soon as we get the go ahead from the Commonwealth Bank I will let you know.





