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Education



Great opportunities—personal attention

TERM 4 WEEK 4 2021

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. 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 be paid for on the day of purchase either with cash or a parent online payment.



Welcome Back

After such a long period of lockdown and home learning it was so great to see everyone back last Monday. It never ceases to amaze me how resilient Colo Heights students are. Already, after a few days, they are back to normal class and school routines.

All staff; Mrs Webb, Ms Bailey, Mrs Laboyrie, Ms Joseph and I have been incredibly proud of the tenacity and acceptance of the changes by every student.

If there are any work packs still at home (finished or unfinished) we would like them returned to the school.



Parent Review of Home Learning

Attached to the newsletter is a review report that you can provide information about your child's whole 'home learning' experience. If you could spare the time to tick a few boxes and maybe a short comment, we would greatly appreciate it. This information is completely confidential between yourself and the classroom teacher and not compulsory. However, it would be good to get an insight into the students' working from home experience.

COVID Protocols

There are still many COVID protocols impacting the school, such as, teachers wearing face masks in class, physical distancing in classrooms, windows wide open for ventilation and the recommended student face masks for traveling on the bus. The most impacting protocol is still the parents and non-essential workers not visiting school. As we move further into the remainder of the term, we hope these restrictions get relaxed.



Please be aware though that there is one protocol that must be adhered to. If your child is sick, they must stay at home. If a student presents sick at school, we must contact you for them to be picked up. A COVID test must be sought and return a negative result before they can return to school. We do apologise for the protocol, but it is the NSW Department of Health's policy not ours.

Student Reports

The Semester Two report will not be the usual school report. The NSW Department of Education has instructed schools to provide an abridged version (like the report issued for Semester One last year in 2020).

Even though, please be assured we will still endeavour to gather as much information through schoolwork and assessments throughout the remainder of the year.

Hawkesbury Young Writers Festival

Congratulations to the following students for winning the Young Writers Festival at Colo Heights Public School. The four finalists will be published in a book with the finalists from the other Hawkesbury schools of Ebenezer, East Kurrajong, Wilberforce, Freemans Reach, Glossodia and Hawkesbury High School. The Topic of the Story was '*I Can't Believe it Smelled So Bad*'.

Each finalist also wins a certificate and pen.

Early Stage 1 – Frankie

Stage 1 – Lucas

Stage 2 – Riley

Stage 3 – Loki

All four students have been invited to participate in a ZOOM Presentation assembly on Thursday 4th November at 6:00PM. Loki and Lucas have also been selected to read a part of their stories to the whole ZOOM.

Congratulations boys!



456 Online Literacy and Numeracy Test

The Senior class participated in an online Literacy and Numeracy test this week to check in and see how everyone has returned. This was the first online test that all the 456 class could do at once without any computer glitches.

I was very happy with the effort demonstrated by every student and now we wait for the results.



EXCURSION to Sydney Zoo

As you have been informed the excursion to the Sydney Zoo had to be postponed due to the COVID breakout in Sydney. We have organised a possible visit date for the end of year if the restrictions allow us. We are aiming for Wednesday the 15th of December (In the last week of school).

With a year of missing out on so many things, we are hoping for the best.



Work in the School

Throughout lockdown and into the new year we have several projects that will see the school get upgraded and improved.

- **Cooler Classrooms** – Work began yesterday on the classroom wet area to install air conditioning. This is part of the NSW DoE 'Cooler Classroom' program. Hopefully, this will add to the ventilation and cooling/heating of the two classrooms
- **Computer Network Upgrade** – The school's systems have been upgraded with better servers and cabling. We now are just waiting on the connection to the fibre running from the school to the Telstra tower and we should see a 100x improvement.
- * **Painting** – Two buildings (The toilet block and the library) will be painted (outside only) over the upcoming Christmas holidays.

World Teachers Day

Friday, 29th October 2021 is 'World Teachers' Day'. I hope you can join me in saying to Mrs Webb and Ms Bailey a big thank you for all the incredible work they do each and every day in the education of our students.

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful educators at Colo Heights Public School.

*Happy World Teachers' Day Mrs Webb
and Ms Bailey and thank you for
everything you do!*



Ms McLaren

It is with great sadness that Ms McLaren will not finish the year with us in 2021. She has found it hard to juggle time between the position and the Lodge, especially now that things are opening-up and she has been bombarded with a multitude of bookings.

We will miss her, but she has said that she will be available for the occasional casual teaching day, and will, come up an afternoon some weeks to complete the dance group performance for the hopeful Presentation Assembly.

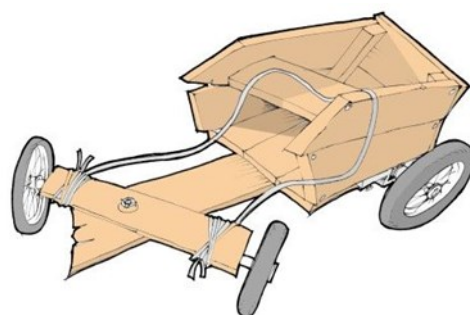


Science Week – Billy Carts

Starting the week of Monday, the 22nd November we are having a fun science week building billy carts. The students will be divided into groups of three to design, build, decorate and race billy carts.

We hope that by that week parents can also join in on the building day or racing day. In the traditional Colo Heights way, we hope it will be an educational and fun event.

More information to come.



Some Dates to Remember (COVID Restrictions Dependent)

4th November (Thursday)– 2022 Kindergarten Orientation Day – visit days – 11th and 18th November

4th November (Thursday) – Hawkesbury Writers Festival ZOOM Presentation Assembly 6:00PM.

22nd to 26th November (Monday to Friday) – Start of Science Week – Billy Carts

13th December (Monday) – Presentation Assembly 10:00am

15th December (Wednesday) – Sydney Zoo Excursion

16th December (Thursday) – Last Day for Students - Colo Heights Party Day and Water Fun



*Congratulations
to our
"Star Student"
Kayla*



*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

- *Tuesdays will be student banking. Please bring in your bank book.*
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Thank you,
Glenn Ellis
Principal

