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Great opportunities—personal attention

TERM 4 WEEK 10 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 \$15 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

Welcome back to all our students, staff, families and friends. After a different year that was 2021 we return to school with a few changes, both with staff and with COVID protocols.

I really appreciate everyone's kind wishes that we received for our COVID cases this week. As they isolate for the next seven days we wish them well. Please remember to keep an eye on your children for any sickness and keep them home should they present with any symptoms.

So now it's week three and it's time to begin an exciting new year of learning at Colo Heights Public School. Like last year we have two classes; K12 and 3456.

The school structure for 2022 is:

356 – Mr G Ellis (Principal)

K12 – Mrs C Webb

Library/RFF/Student Support – Ms K Bailey

Office Manager – Mrs C Laboyrie – (Please note Carmel will **not** be at school on Fridays)

Teacher Aide – Ms C Joseph (Monday to Thursday)

Teacher (Principal's Release Days) – Mrs J Daly (Tuesday & Wednesday)

General Assistant – Mr S Hayne (Tuesday)

The 356 class will have Mr Ellis (full time teaching Monday, Thursday and Friday) and Mrs Daly will take the class Tuesday and Wednesday.



Our school numbers are at 33 (the primary class 20 students and the infants 13 students). We welcome all our new students to the school:

Our Kindergarten – Bryce D, Jelena, Kaylee, Samantha, Lachlan, Miriama and Ivy, Melaina (Year 1), Moana (Year 3) and PJ (Year 6)

They have been very well looked after by the students, which is what makes Colo Heights so wonderful.

At this stage we are still under COVID protocols, however parents can come up to the school for visits to the office to buy uniforms, as well as, dropping off and picking up of students.

As you know we distributed the RAT kits for the first two weeks. We have received the RAT kits for the next two, which students brought home during the week. This program will be assessed at the end of the 4th week by the Department of Education and information will be available afterwards.



As the year progresses, we may be offering a number of camps, excursions, incursions, music, sport and craft activities. If there are any queries please contact Mr Ellis to work out support of some kind.

We are very excited for what the New Year brings and look forward to sharing many wonderful learning experiences with our wonderful and amazing students.

Kindergarten

Our new 'kindys' have started the year in big school extremely well. Mrs Webb has been most impressed with their keenness to learn and participate in school. Throughout this week Mrs Webb has assessed the students with the 'Best Start' test that every kindergarten student has to participate in. Parents will receive an information package in the next few weeks.



Again, Mrs Webb has been very impressed with the students.



Congratulations 2022 SRC

We have our new SRC (Student Representative Council) for 2022. The SRC meet with Mrs Webb to discuss possible ideas and changes that can benefit the students and the school. The SRC is lead by our 2022 Year Six Students.



Their first few ideas are:



Morning playtime (before school) where students will be allowed to play on the astro-grass in the mornings (weather permitting).

Bring back the SRC Canteen at lunch time. In addition to a quelch ice block students will be able to purchase small packets of snacks (sealed) and tuna and crackers. A price list will be sent home soon.

Students will be presented their SRC badges at this week's assembly. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we can't invite parents to attend, but we will take lots of photos to be put up on our website and Facebook page.

We look forward to more ideas from the SRC as the year progresses.

Congratulations to:

Year 6 – Loki, Kayla, Natalie, PJ and Will

Year 5 – Jackson, Ellee and Harley

Year 3 – Castiel, Janelle and Zackary

Year 2 – Bryce and Abigail

Year 1 – Frankie and Melaina



Our 2022 Year Six



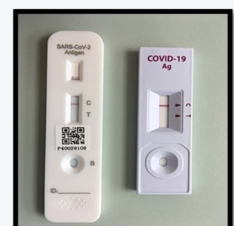
School Drink Bottles

At this stage we are still encouraging students to have their own drink bottle. We now have a filling station to ensure students' bottles are full.

At this stage we are not encouraging the bubblers due to current covid arrangements.

Parent Survey – re RAT Tests

The NSW Department of Education has asked for feedback via a survey regarding the RAT tests. The survey is totally voluntary but if you wish to participate please use the link below.



Premiers Letter

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from the Premier of NSW for parents of all government schools.



NSW Health Mobile Dental Clinic



NSW Health Mobile Dental Program is coming to Colo Heights Public School again this year. Every student is being sent home an information and consent form pack. These consent forms must be filled out per student and returned to school by **Friday 25th February 2022**.

These forms are then picked up by NSW Health and the dental check date when they are coming to our school is Wednesday 2nd March 2022. We hope that every family takes the opportunity to use this free service. If your child needs to have any further work this is done at Hawkesbury Dental Clinic - Community Health Building.

Awards at Colo Heights Public School

We will continue with the school's award system this year as was being implemented last year with one new change to rewards.

At our fortnightly assemblies we will be presenting selected students with;

Merit Award – for good class work

Homework Award – for returning high quality homework.

Sport Award – For students participating and trying their best at sport

Student of the Week – one student from each class who has performed well at a particular part of class.

STAR STUDENT – one student from the whole school who demonstrates and upholds the school's **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST**. They will also have their picture published in the school's newsletter.

What's New?

Throughout a fortnight teachers hand out '**CHPSY Points**' for many different reasons, in class and out of class. The classes have a checklist which keeps count of all CHPSYs for the fortnight. As children progress there are prizes (see below).

5 CHPSYs – **CH**ocolate (small)

10 CHPSYs – **CH**uppa Chup

15 CHPSYs – **CH**ips small packet

20 CHPSYs – **CH**oc Wedge plus they will receive a '**CH**ertificate' at the assembly.

If the child cannot have a particular prize, there will an alternative.





Congratulations
to our
"Star Student"
Natalie



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



- **Mondays - Library for K12 - Remember your Library Bag**
- **Wednesdays - Library for 356 - Remember your Library Bag**
 - **25th February 2022 - Dental Forms to be Returned**
 - **2nd March 2022 - Dental Clinic Visit**
 - **21st March 2022 - Harmony Day**



Thank you,
Glenn Ellis
Principal