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Thursday 14th October 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

It was wonderful to welcome students, staff and families back to school on Monday 11th October. We hope everyone enjoyed some quality family time over the holiday break and October long weekend.



This term we will be continuing to focus on improving student's reading comprehension. For students reading comprehension occurs only when they have both Decoding/Word Recognition Skills and Language Comprehension skills. The major determining factor in comprehension success is a student's basic reading skills.

When any of the foundational skills and processes are compromised, so too will be reading comprehension. Many complicated processes must work together for comprehension to occur.

Our focus this term will be in on further developing comprehension strategies which support all students to gain meaning from what they read, opening doors to a world of knowledge and creativity.

There are several things you can do to assist your children to improve their reading comprehension. One of the most important things is by listening to your child read every day. Junior Primary children should also revise their Tricky Words with you each day. Another way that you can support your child's improvement is by talking to them about what they think is going to happen in the book before you read it and what they know about the subject of the book.

Our final student free day is scheduled for **Monday the 25th October**. On this day school staff will be working on analysing a range of student learning data including this year's Progressive Achievement Tests in Maths and Reading and NAPLAN results to inform future planning and learning for the 2022 school year.

This term will also see several transitions occurring for the Kindy children going into Reception, starting next Friday 22nd October 9-10:30am. Our Year 6/7 students will have transition visits to high school on 2nd and 3rd December. We will also be holding transition visits on Wednesdays of Weeks 7 and 8 for students who will be transitioning into their new classes for 2022. Teachers will be looking at class cohorts for 2022 in the next few weeks. For these reasons, it is important that you let us know if you are intending to leave our school at the end of this year.

I hope that your gardens are enjoying the spring rain.
Kind regards,
Catherine

DIARY DATES

Weeks 2 and 3
Dentist visiting

22/10, 29/10,
5/11 and 12/11

**Reception
transitions**

5/11

Colour Fun Run

25/10

**Student Free
Day**

19/11

**Year 6/7
Aquatics**

30/11

School Concert

8/12

**Year 6/7
Graduation**

10/12

**LAST DAY
TERM 4**

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COVID UPDATE

We have appreciated your ongoing understanding and support in relation to school-based COVID-19 restrictions. Please take time to re-familiarise yourself with the requirements that remain in place.

- It's important that students and staff stay home if they are unwell. Please remember to contact the front office of your child's absence in advance where possible.
- Adults, including parents and carers must continue to physical distance wherever possible, including at school pick up and drop off or when attending school events. Parents are asked not to come into the school grounds before 3:00pm.
- The current increased cleaning will continue.
- All adults, including staff and parents, are expected to use the COVID Safe Check-In (QR codes) when entering classrooms/buildings on site. At this stage it's not necessary to check-in at the school gate to enter school grounds, unless attending major events. If you do not have a phone, then parents need to go to the front office to physically sign in if they intend to enter a building.
- All volunteers are still required to sign in at the front office.
- In addition, please ensure that you have followed [cross border travel restrictions](#) as provided by SAPOL.

Please keep the school informed of any recent changes to your contact details.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

SCHOOL HATS

Summer is just about here...Yay!

For sun safety all students now need to be wearing their hats when outside.

New hats can be purchased from the front office for \$10.

Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL HOURS

The school yard is supervised from 8:30

Students arriving between 8 and 8:30 must go to Breakfast Club or Reading Club.

Class learning starts at 8:50

It is important that children arrive on time to help them settle in and prepare for a positive day.

Please ensure that your child/ren arrive before 8:50.

School finishes at 3:15 and the yard is supervised until 3:30.

HEAD LICE

We have had some reports of head lice at the school. Please check your child/ren's hair and treat if necessary.

Feel free to visit the front office for tips on treating head lice.

Remember that you will need to re-treat 5 – 7 days later.

Children with long hair are encouraged to tie their hair back. Tight plaits and braids are also a great idea to prevent head lice.

RECEPTION TRANSITIONS

Next year we will be welcoming a new cohort of reception students.

To help them settle in we are offering transition visits on the Fridays of weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Christies Beach
Primary School



School Transition

Term 4

Fridays: 9:00 – 10:30am



Week 2: 22nd October Week 4: 5th November
Week 3: 29th October Week 5: 12th November

We are Safe - We are Respectful - We are Learners

