



*"Every little one counts"*

**Term 1**

**Week 4**

**Newsletter 2**

**19th February 2021**

## Important Days/Dates

### Cross Country Carnival

**Wednesday**

**17th March 2021**

### Athletics Carnival

**Wednesday**

**31st March 2021**

### Canteen

**Canteen will be opened every Friday for lunches only.**

**ORDERS ARE TO BE IN BY 9.30am EACH THURSDAY**

**Volunteers can contact Kate on 0418 276 639 if you would like to volunteer for canteen.**

**In the case of vandalism or if you witness any trespassers on school grounds out of school hours, please call School Security - Phone: 1300 880 021**

## **A message from the Principal .....**

Can I pick a date or can I pick a date. On a rainy day in Week 3 we were overwhelmed with the amount of parents who came along to our swimming carnival. It was great to see so many faces and have a chat with parents that we haven't had the opportunity to see for some time due to COVID. Even more important was the effort and behaviour of our students who coped incredibly well with the changes due to the weather. I also went to the Zone Carnival (on another rainy day I might add) to see my daughter race and was again proud of the effort and behaviour of our students. Congratulations to Valentina Ward who has qualified for the upcoming Regional Carnival.

To keep you in the loop, the COVID guidelines are still in place at this stage with no talk at the moment about upcoming changes. The big one moving forward is around sick students, staff and parents staying home as the weather changes. We will also be asking our K-2 parents to now remain outside the grounds when dropping off as we have pushed the "first few days" guideline as far as we can.

Our attendance is a process we are updating currently and is one of the school targets set last year. We will be looking to identify students who's attendance falls below 90% (our target) earlier and will be making contact with parents to address things early. This will also include partial absences for those who struggle in the mornings or a sneaky early pickup. We are coming to the period where we have enough data to make our percentages accurate and some letters will start coming home soon.

We are coming to the end of developing our situational analysis and moving onto the development of the nuts and bolts of the 2021-2024 school improvement plan. At the next P&C I will present some of the data from our situational analysis that has driven our decision making and give the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. After that meeting I will also send some data home so all families will have the opportunity to access the information and provide feedback.

We have received notification that we have been approved for an upgrade to our Admin building. While Mrs Jordan is quietly terrified, at this stage there is no scope of works or timeline. At some stage though there will be significant disruption to the office and how we operate.

In the next few days a note will come home regarding guitar lessons at school, led by former student Jeremy Minett. This opportunity popped up and we have jumped on it largely in response to some of the feedback we received last year around the need to develop our CAPA opportunities. They will likely run on Thursdays during the middle session. Parents should be aware that students participating will miss classroom learning.

Have a smiley kind of week

Mark Cridland

Principal

## Library News



Just to clarify for all parents, students in K-2 need to bring their library bags to be able to borrow. 3-6 students borrowing books to read in class do not need library bags, though library bags are needed if taking books home. Students in K-4 can borrow up to 2 books at a time. Students in 5-6 can borrow up to 3 books.

Students who borrow books can keep them for up to two weeks but can return them sooner if finished with them.

Students can borrow during their library lesson so long as they have their library bag, they have no overdue books and they have not reached their borrowing limit.

Also, keep in mind, we have a Book Fair coming up in Week 9. Details on organisation will follow at a later date.

A reminder that our Hinton Public School Street Library (on the front school fence near the main gate) is open for use by the whole community - students, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends. All are welcome to take a book, keep it or return it when finished, or share it with friends or neighbours. You can also donate books to the street library by putting books into the street library boxes. If the boxes are full, donations can be left in the blue crate on the school library porch.

Sit back and relax with a good book!

Mr H.

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## P&C News

Last Wednesday at the P&C meeting the positions of Secretary and Canteen Co-ordinator have now been filled for 2021.

The P&C would like to welcome the following parents:

**Secretary:** Nicole Lidbury

**Canteen Co-ordinators:** Tamara Stevens and Megan Merchant.

