

## **PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 31 March 2023**

Dear all,

What a wonderful Friday and I can only hope that this beautiful autumnal weather persists into Easter and the holidays. Term 1 as always has been a hectic term, made even more so with the move from term 2 to term 1 of NAPLAN for Years 7 and 9.

Earlier this week I attended the Akoosticum concert at the Scots Kirk and it was pleasing to see that the church was packed. Students from Years 7 through to 12 performed and the quality was stunning. It was also an opportunity for our senior entertainment students to hone their skills as the stage crew and they did a fine job.

Then on Thursday evening the Year 12 drama students held their first soiree at the RSC. What an outstanding evening with the drama students performing their monologues and a short play. Chatting to Mr Feros their teacher we were both impressed with the standard at this early time in their HSC year.

For all years 7-10, term one has involved summer sport, but terms 2 and 3 are the winter sport months and so students will be finding out what sports they will be taking part in for next term. All years 7-10 will have sport next week. The Knock Out competition is going full swing and our open basketball team continues to win with a possibility of making the top eight in the state ... with one more win.

Next Thursday we will hold the school's ANZAC Day ceremony. Thank you to history teacher Prue Smith and her Year 10 history class for organising the ceremony and for our various music ensembles for supporting the event. For Year 10, this fits in well with the history unit they are studying and so they will be the audience.

Then on 25 April, our music ensembles will be at the Dawn Service at Georges Heights supporting the community ceremony. The following day 26 April all students return to school for the commencement of term 2. On that day Year 12 reports will be issued.

At assembly today there were a number of milestones with different years. In the case of Year 7, they have now completed their first term at high school. For Year 11 they are 1/3 of the way through their Preliminary year and for Year 12 they are half way through their HSC year. The year is moving too quickly!!

Week 2 term 2 on Monday we will be holding our athletics carnival for Year 7 to 10. It is one of the most looked forward to days of the year and hopefully the weather will be perfect. On that day Year 12 have their major works day where they stay at school with their teacher for a day of immersion. Year 11 have a study day although they are very welcome to attend the athletics carnival.

Then in week 3 from Wednesday to Friday all Year 7 attend their first high school camp. Week 4 is an exam week for Year 10 with their first StuVac week. So it seems we will be commencing term 2 with lots of events ... similar to how we ended term 1, you might say :)

This will be my last Principal's Update for term 1 and so I wish all our families a wonderful Easter and holiday in general. Thank you for your support this term and I look forward to seeing you at an event in term 2.

Best wishes,  
Susan