

Principal's Update – 21 June 2024

Dear all

Well winter weather has definitely arrived but we are very fortunate that the sun is shining and that we have air-conditioning in every classroom. Thank you to parents who through your contributions to the school facilitated the air-conditioning in A, E and D block classrooms.

Thank you to all the parents who have been attending the P&C committee meetings. It is wonderful to chat about your (or your student's) areas of interest. The P&C meeting last night was well attended and there was discussion as to how parents can be further involved including within their student's year group. The P&C is looking to set up a What's App group for each year to share information and ideas. The school had something like this in the past and parents did find it useful.

Another idea was the updating of the P&C webpage and thank you to the two parents who are looking into this. At the next P&C meeting Stephen Little (art and TAS teacher) will be presenting on the new Parent Portal. We are hoping that this will be an option that will be well received by parents but there will also be an opportunity for your feedback.

The Year 8 parent, teacher, student evening went well and I was thrilled to see so many students attend with their parents. The next parent, teacher, student evening is for Year 10 in week 10, on Tuesday 2 July. By the way, thank you to Year 10 parents for supporting your students during interview week and ensuring that they had their subject choices in by Thursday at 4.00 pm. I am told there were only half a dozen that missed the deadline.

This afternoon Years 7 and 8 will receive their semester 1 reports and will be taking them home to you. If your child is ever away for the report giving ceremony they can collect it from the office when next they return.

Next week is a big week of concerts and celebrations. On Tuesday evening commencing at 6.30 pm the drama, music and dance departments will be showcasing student talent in the 'Winter Concert'. Then on Wednesday evening the P&C art committee will be holding an evening for Year 7 and 8 Special Art students' parents as well as parents of art students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. The event will be held in the art block and parents can enter through the Military Road gate (Gate 6). Then on Thursday night all the music ensembles will be performing in the hall for parents and friends, again commencing at 6.30 pm.

Finally on Friday, Year 10 students will receive their semester one reports. Also next week all of Year 11 will have their first StuVac assessment week. The purpose is to start Year 11 preparing early for an assessment block. This provides practice weeks before they commence their HSC year. Year 12 have had this experience throughout their HSC year and have found it beneficial.

While we have but two weeks till the end of term, it is evident that there is a lot happening in those two weeks. Just to let you know we have today and next Tuesday, fifteen visiting principals from Wales at our school. They are part of a delegation visiting schools in NSW and looking at our education system. They have indicated how much they are enjoying our school and of course they love the views from levels 3 and 4.

Have a lovely weekend
and
Best wishes

Susan