

## Principal's Update – 22 March 2024

Dear all

Well the end of term is fast approaching with this coming week being only four school days and then of course the following week (week 9) also only four days followed by a full week for the last week of term (week 10). Then for students the first day back after the holidays (Monday) is a pupil free day and so again a four day week with day 1 for students being 30 April.

However despite only three weeks till the end of term there is much happening. On Tuesday of next week we are holding the second of the Parent Teacher Student evenings. This one is for Year 7 and will commence at 4.00 pm and finish at 7.00 pm. All interviews will take place in our school hall.

I know that during the build and COVID we had interviews by phone but now that the build is finished, we have reverted back to having our parent teacher nights face-to-face. Many parents commented after the earlier Year 12 parent teacher night how nice it was to come to school and meet with the teachers.

School concerts are again happening. Last night it was wonderful to see the performances of Year 11 drama students in the Dodwell Theatre. The quality of performance was outstanding. Then in week 10 we will hold the first large school concert 'Akoosticum'. This concert is all music and as we have so many musicians it will be fabulous to see and hear them perform.

Our music students who in October will be representing our school and country in Japan are also working hard in their various ensembles. The music selected for the tour has a decidedly Australian sound which I am sure will be well received.

Of course the end of term is often about assessments and our librarian Ms Chen would tell you that the library including the senior study is packed each day. Year 12 commence their assessment block with StuVac today Friday and this will last for five days. Year 11 are also finding that their week is punctuated with assessments, and this is true for all years.

It is good news that the library Study Club has again started and students can work in the library after school under the guidance of Mr Little on Monday and Wednesday until 4.30 pm. All the extra-curricular activities are in full-swing with lots of after school clubs, as well as training for sporting teams and music ensembles.

On the last day of term, we will hold the ANZAC Day ceremony in the school hall. It is customary for Year 10 history to organise the service and then Year 10 is the audience as well. It is always a special event.

Year 6 students have been visiting our school this week to try out for special programs in drama, dance, music, visual arts and academic extension. It has been an extremely busy time but also enjoyable to meet new students.

Finally, congratulations to Nicole Wang of the 'Class of 2023'. Nicole was a finalist in the Department of Education's International Students Awards and ... she won. Nicole was voted the top student in NSW for school service, just one of the three only prestigious awards.

We'll hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Susan