

Dear all,

What a difference a sunny day and blue skies can make! At school students can sit in the sun, play handball and basket ball and just relax. Hopefully this beautiful weather continues as I am sure it is exactly what we all need.

Lucky Year 7 who went off to camp on Wednesday and have so far, according to the people we contacted from Sport and Recreation are having a great time and they too were raving about the weather. Year 7 will return on Friday afternoon between 3.30 pm and 4.00 pm.

This week has been an interesting week with the School Athletics Carnival on Tuesday and it was fabulous to see so many students in Years 7-10 attending on the day. Year 11 as mentioned in an earlier update had a study/catch-up day and Year 12 had an immersion day with their teachers if they were completing a major work or an extension course for their HSC.

Feedback from Year 12 was that they would like another day :) Feedback from the carnival was extremely positive from both students and staff and in particular the boys' high jump where one boy almost broke the school record. Of course the day was warm and sunny and what a difference that makes to a carnival. A huge congratulation to all the students who participated and did their best and the teachers for organising such a special day.

Year 11 had their Parent Teacher night via phone call and the feedback I have received indicated the evening went well. Thank you to parents and teachers who make these evenings work so successfully.

Next week Years 7 and 9 will participate, commencing on Wednesday completing their online NAPLAN tests. A huge amount of work goes into organising these tests and a shout out to Fiona Ackerman and Bernadette Smith the Stage Head Teachers for Years 9 and 7. Hopefully the technology at ACARA will work smoothly and our students can show their skills and literacy and numeracy knowledge. These NAPLAN tests occur intermittently over two weeks.

The following week (week 4, commencing 23 May) Year 10 will sit formal half yearly examinations. These exams will occur in the Mosman Returned Servicemen's Club with a room at school set aside for students with Disability Provisions.

COVID continues within our community, however the number of cases in the school has dropped significantly. Where in term 1, in one or two weeks we had up to 50 students across all years with COVID, now we have ten to twelve in a week across all years and very few staff. While appreciating this significant drop in numbers at our school, I am still encouraging students to use sanitiser, wear masks if they wish and stay at home if they are feeling poorly.

The new building is progressing well (despite the earlier rain) and is still on track to be finished in mid 2023. The design has been finalised, furnishings are being chosen and extras required by the school at the final negotiation stage. We had our first meeting discussing the transition back to the new building so that was very exciting.

Towards the end of next week we have a High Flyer coming out to all families and a P&C meeting on 19 May. Next week and the following week leading up to the P&C meeting there will be P&C committee meetings which are always a lot of fun. If you are interested in joining one of these meetings please look at the P&C webpage for times and dates.

I have attached a brochure from Hayley Rose our Student Support Officer with a course that some parents maybe interested in.

Finally, I would like to announce that the school has been allocated a Wellbeing Nurse - Emily Catt. The nurse will commence at school on 16 May and attend on Mondays and Tuesdays. Her role is to support families and students in contacting health professionals and triaging any wellbeing issues.

Hope you have a lovely weekend

Susan