

Principal's Update

4 November 2022

Dear all

Please find below my latest Principal's Update for parents. I also encourage you to attend Peter Krabman's Zoom webinar. Excellent for us as well.

Susan

Dear all

I hope this email finds you well. It has been so nice at school to have some fine weather and for the students to be able to have recess and lunch outside.

It is a standing joke at school that as soon as I announce that we will hold an assembly, it will start to rain. For example this morning beautiful blue sky so I announce an assembly for 10 am and it begins to rain. However we persisted with an assembly for Years 9 and 10. I provided each student at assembly with a box of RATs. On Monday I will issue the same packs to Years 7 and 8 as well as Year 11/12.

You may have seen in the media that there is yet another strain of COVID and that members of the wider community are becoming infected. So we have extra packs at school for distribution. If your Year 9 or 10 student was absent on Friday please ask them to see me on Monday for a pack. Also please keep your child at home if they have flu like symptoms.

Speaking of rain the year 8 camp was definitely a success despite the inclement weather over the ranges. According to the teachers who attended, the Year 8 students were great and engaged with gusto in all the activities particularly the Halloween Night. I am very grateful to the teachers who support our camp program and provide a different but valuable for of learning for our students.

The textiles to be converted to innovative bench tops in the new build are beginning to come to school. If you have old sheets or towels or any old clothes for example jeans, pyjamas etc please send them to school with your child and the collection bin is in the down stairs corridor in D block outside my office. Already we have collected 12 kg (only 138kg to go).

I have attached again the flyer for parents to attend the Dr Peter Krabman Zoom talk this coming Tuesday at 6pm. As mentioned Peter is brilliant when it comes to supporting students with anxiety and has solid suggestions to also support parents. I encourage you to attend this highly valuable presentation. Those parents who have registered will receive an email with the link to the Zoom webinar.

Term 4 is report time and all teachers are working on the second semester reports. If your student is new this term then they will not be getting a report due to not being present for most assessment tasks. This coming Friday 11 November, Year 11/12 will receive their final report for 2022. This report will relate to their Preliminary studies and completion. A reminder that Year 11/12 will have all assessment tasks for this term in week 8 where they will also be provided with a StuVac.

Today is the last day of the HSC and it is wonderful to see so many pale but happy faces walking the corridors as Year 12 sign out. Mr Mew our fantastic careers adviser told me that 31 students received early entry to university through the Macquarie University leadership program and a further thirty eight have received early entry to UTS. We are still waiting for the announcements from a number of other universities. It is very exciting for our students to already know they have a place at university even before the HSC results are released.

The build is really moving forward and on Tuesday we held the 'Topping Out' ceremony. This represents when the build has reached its maximum height. I was invited to the ceremony and I must say the views over Manly and then towards the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge are stunning. The build is going according to schedule and it is exciting to realise that this time next year our students will be enjoying their new library, theatre, magnificent hall and extra play spaces.

Hope you have a lovely weekend

Susan