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Term 4 Week 10 - Wednesday 16th December 2020

Congratulations to our staff, students and our community on a fantastic team effort supporting each other throughout this very complex 2020 year. All of us have been faced with challenging situations and I am very proud of our wonderful school in the way we have managed the continually changing landscape in relation to NSW DEC COVID-19 Guidelines. Our school has excelled throughout this period and has also been recognised at State level for our outstanding results working within these restrictions.

Our staffing for 2021 has been finalised and again we will be able to utilise extra support staff across the whole school to support our teachers guiding their students to achieve their full potential. Recently schools received added COVID-19 funding from the NSW DEC to support management practices for 2021 specifically targeting students who may need additional support due to the many disruptions to learning which took place this year. We should be very proud of our school as our internal and external data has actually shown excellent growth by our students throughout this year. This was not the case for many schools.

We farewell four members of our staff this year. I would like to wish Mrs Chrissy Matthes all the very best on her retirement. Chrissy has been an outstanding SLCO at our school and she will be missed by our students. Mrs Anne Kelly who has been doing an outstanding job as relieving School Counsellor this year is finishing up as we have had a permanent school counsellor appointed to our school starting next year. Anne has offered our school a wealth of knowledge working with our students and their families and has also been a great support for our Learning and Support Team. I would like to thank Mrs Amy Farrell who has been team teaching on Kindergarten. Amy has also done a fantastic job guiding our kindergarten students this year. Last week we farewelled Miss Megan Albert and we thank her for her excellent work on 4MA. We wish Megan and her family all the very best on the arrival of their first child. Thank you to all these dedicated and caring staff.

We have received approval to install two walkways in our Infants Campus which hopefully will be completed early next year.

Our staff will be involved in Professional Learning this Thursday and we will be finalising a number of key components for this year and classes for 2021. We are currently working on our new management plan for 2021-2024 which will be shared with our community early next year.

All the very best to our Year 6 students as they move to high school and a very big welcome to our new Kindergarten students and new families for 2021.

Congratulations to our Captains, Zoe and Nayte on their fantastic leadership this year and I look forward to working with our 2021 Captains, Addison and Aidan next year.



I would like to wish our community a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for your outstanding support in 2020.

I am looking forward to a fantastic 2021. I will keep our community up to date with any potential NSW DEC COVID -19 Guideline changes throughout the holiday period.

Mr Peter Hickey - Principal

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 27th Jan	Staff returns Uniform Shop open 8.30am-3.15pm in Primary Office
Friday 29th Jan	Students return Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 3rd Feb	Kindergarten students first day

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JANUARY 2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Location	Date / Time	Activity
Baryulgil - Baryulgil Hub	Tues 5th Jan 10am-2pm	Cultural Day - Uncle Joe Walker Art and T-Shirt Printing
Yamba - Whiting and Turners Beach	Thur 7th Jan 10am-2pm	Stand Up paddle Board, Surfing and Beach games
TBC closer to the date	Tues 12th Jan 10am-2pm	Turtle Diving
Yamba - Ngaru Villiage / Pippi Beach	Thur 14th Jan 10am-2pm	Cultural Day - Dance with Michael Laurie, Elders Stories and celebration
Yamba - Pippi Beach	Tues 19th Jan 10am-2pm	Worming, Pippi's and perriwinkles - please bring own sun protection
Wooli - Mounth end of the river picnic area	Thur 21st Jan 10am-2pm	Yabbies and fishing - please bring your own fishing gear and sun protection
Copmanhurst - TBC	Thur 28th Jan 10am-2pm	Canoe, Kayaks and fishing - please bring own fishing gear and sun protection

Transport availability is limited - please conatct for further information.

All children 12 years and under **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

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