



19th February, 2020

Extra, Extra, Read all about it!

Our new look newsletter is coming! In 2020 our newsletter will be sent out electronically, take on a different format (which is yet to be finalised), AND have a new name. We are currently accepting suggestions for the "re-branding" of our newsletter, so if you have any great ideas, let me know before Tuesday 25th February.

Message from the Principal:

Let me set the scene:

Picture it.....it's the end of the school day and the conversation you have with your child could go something like this...

Parent: "How was school today?"

Child: "Fine" (if you're lucky...some of you may be at the stage where you just get a grunt).

Parent: "What did you do?"

Child: "I don't know", or "I can't remember", or "nothing"....or another grunt.

Parent: "You must have done something?"

Child: "We played outside at lunchtime" (or another grunt).

Does that sound familiar? I recently found a list of questions parents can use to try and mix it up a bit to start a conversation. I used a few of them myself and had a great conversation with my step-daughter about her school because previously apparently nothing memorable ever happened at school! Thought I would share these conversation starters with you so you can try them for yourself:

- What made you smile today?
- Did you see anyone be kind to someone else today? What did they do?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you play with at lunchtime? What did you do?
- Was there any one in your class away today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule for you to follow today?

- If you could change one thing about today, what would it be? Why?
- What made your teacher smile?
- What made your teacher grumpy today?
- If you could describe yourself in one word today, what would it be? Why?

I look forward to hearing how you go.

All about your child!

Our annual "getting to know you" interviews will be held on Tuesday March 3rd and Wednesday March 4th. When the interview times have been set up, you will be notified via *Signmee* and you can book yourself in (expect a notification by the end of the week). These interviews are a great opportunity for you to share with your child's teacher the individual traits that make your child who they are....and don't assume we already know. Tell us about their interests, their strengths, any areas you are concerned with, activities they participate in outside of school, and any medical or personal issues you believe the school should be informed about.

Many hands make light work

Join us on Sunday 1st March between 10am and 12pm for our Term 1 Working Bee. There are lots of jobs to do around our school and we appreciate any time you can spare.

Reminders

Date	Activity
20 th February	Welcome BBQ
26 th February	School Photos
26 th February	School Council
1 st March	Working Bee
2 nd March	1/2 incursion
9 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday

That's all from me this week. I look forward to seeing you around the school grounds.

Megan
Principal