

# Newsletter

## Term 4 Week 2 2020

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## Principal's Message

### Kindergarten 2021

Enrolments are open for Kindergarten next year. If you haven't already done so, please contact the school office as soon as possible to enrol your child. We are in the process of organising our Kindergarten Orientation which will look a little different this year due to COVID restrictions. We will be sending out letters to all our Kinder enrolments next week with the details.



### New Term 4 COVID Guidelines for Schools

We can now organise excursions so our end of year celebration excursion for each stage will still be occurring.

The Year 6 Farewell will go ahead on Monday 23 November at St Johns Park Bowling Club under strict COVID19 protocols. Information has been distributed to Year 6 families.

We are still unable to have parents on site. This means our Public Speaking and usual end of year graduation assemblies and recognition days will look different this year. We will still celebrate and recognise the achievements of our students and we are working hard to develop a creative solution so that parents can still celebrate with us. We will have more details shortly.

We are currently planning for the 2021 school year. Please contact the office if you will be moving next year, or if there is anything we need to consider in our planning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sue Goodwin



## Selective High School Placement Year 7 2022

A copy of the booklet 'Placement in Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in 2022', is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

### Important information

- Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 will be accepted from Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020.
- Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

Anyone experiencing difficulty completing an application can contact the High Performing Students Team on 1300 880 367 or email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au).

Key changes to the selective high school placement process for entry in 2022:

- The department has developed a new application system that will give parents a more interactive experience.
- The new system enables parents to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted.
- Parents can also communicate directly with the Team through the system's 'messages' feature.
- From 2021 the Selective high School Placement Test will use a new framework which will have a greater emphasis on thinking skills, mathematical reasoning and problem solving.
- The placement test, developed by Cambridge Assessment, aims to give every student the opportunity to prove their potential regardless of their background.
- The changes to the test are in response to the findings of the 2018 Review of Selective Education Access Report commissioned by the NSW Department of Education.

## Dance Fever

This term "Dance Fever Multi Sport" are teaching the Dance Curriculum to all our students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Dance Fever is compliant with the departments expectations of external providers presenting in these COVID times. They have a COVID safe plan and appropriate infection control training. Students will stay in their class or stage group. Dancing will occur on Wednesdays for a 40min per session. The "Dance Program 2020" is curriculum designed to teach children a variety of dances, including individual, partner and group routines as well as maintaining a strong focus on the elements of dance. We have run this program with this company for the last two year and it has been extremely popular with students and teachers.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS



## Safe Entry And Exit From School

Please remind all children that the safe entry to school is through the pedestrian gate. DO NOT walk in through the carpark gate even if it is open. PLEASE wait for the pedestrian gate to open. There is a lot of traffic in and out the office carpark in the morning and afternoon with Before and After School parents dropping and picking up students. It is UNSAFE to walk through the carpark.

## Online Enrolment

We are excited to announce that the new Online Enrolment System is now live! The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website [here](#)

## Skoolbag app

All communication to parents is through the Skoolbag app. Please download it and check that other families you associate with have it. Only notes with permission slips will be sent home as a hard copy. <https://www.mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>





# Casual Work

1 X Casual position - Fairfield Local Government Area - 6529

## Help protect our vibrant school communities

### Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
  - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

### Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
  - ✓ Good communication skills
    - ✓ Community spirit
    - ✓ Positive energy
- ✓ If it does, visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) to apply today!

Applications close Sunday, 1 November 2020





2020 has been a year like no other with teachers having to adjust their teaching practices in response to the outbreak of COVID-19. There are lots of ways your school community can show its appreciation and support.

Here are some ideas for celebrating teachers at your school.

Send a message of thanks to a teacher

## Download and print

- [Thankyou card template A - black and white](#) (PDF, 201KB)
- [Thankyou card template A - colour](#) (PDF, 203KB)
- [Thankyou card template B - black and white](#) (PDF, 201KB)
- [Thankyou card template B - colour](#) (PDF, 203KB)