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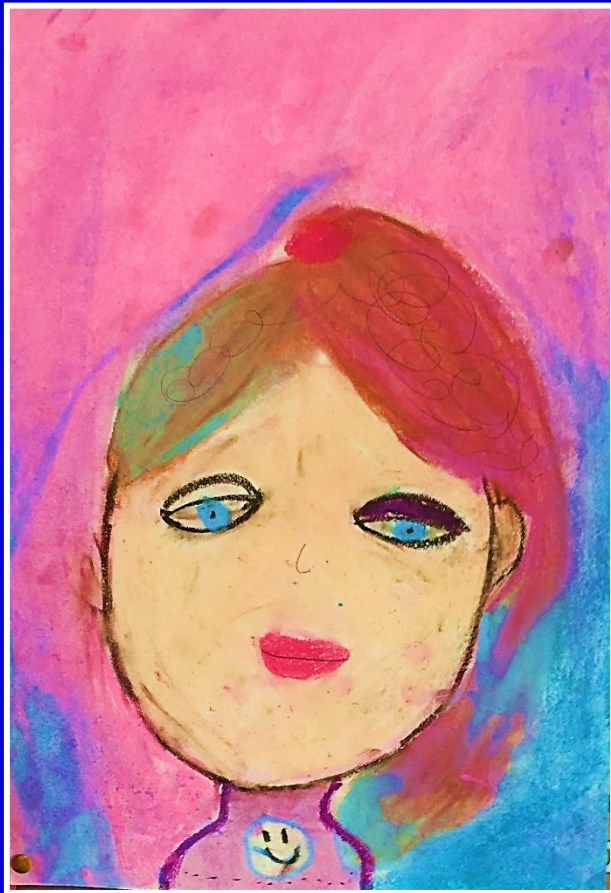
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PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

With the ever increasing challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID19) continues to impact on all our lives I would like to, once again, thank everyone for their understanding, patience and support.

With the majority of our students now staying at home we will be providing work packages to cover approximately the next two weeks for all students staying at home. The Education Department has stated that teachers are not required to provide home packages while the school is 'open', however, the staff are united in their view that their students will benefit from engaging in educational tasks, hence the need to provide work packages to help children at home keep up with those who are at school.

Parents can collect their child's work package from the classroom teacher tomorrow afternoon (approx. 1.00-3.00pm). If you need to make alternative arrangements, please contact your child's teacher either through Connect or Dojo or via the school office.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge the dedication of all staff who have supported students learning at home as well as providing classroom learning programs for students attending school. During the next two weeks' while the school remains 'open', staff will work towards preparing teaching programs for Term two.

Today, the Government has announced that all public schools in Western Australia will remain open until the end of term, Thursday, 9 April 2020, however, families are now encouraged to keep their children at home, if they have the capacity to do so.

What this means for our school is that from Monday, 30 March to Friday, 3 April, all children who attend school will be taught as normal and that all children who attend school from Monday, 6 April to Thursday 9 April, will only be supervised.

The Government recognises there will still be families who need to send their children to school to continue their learning during this period. These may include;

- Children of parents & carers who need their children to attend school to maintain employment.
- Children who live in families with aged relatives.
- Children where it is safe for them to be at school.

We will continue to keep you up to date of any further changes as they occur.

Once again, thank you for your support and understanding as we all continue to work together during these extremely challenging times.

Keep safe and well.

Peter Gates
Principal

UPDATE FlexiBuzz



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UPDATE - Please remember to **UPDATE FlexiBuzz** in 2020 to correspond to your child's year level ASAP to receive communications. You **must** register the correct 'boxes' for your child/ren.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Hi! What a different term we are having! It has not been a 'normal' Term 1! Change comes in many different ways in life. We choose to either become better people through it & adapt ourselves to it, or sometimes we need help to get through to the other side of it. There are times when we need to do BOTH of these things. I hope that you can adapt well to these changes we are facing, but also, that you have a good network of people to help you, and helping others helps us too.

Our value this month is SELF- DISCIPLINE. How are you going at practicing it? Self-discipline helps us to keep going when things get tough but also in having order and routine in our everyday lives. It helps us to achieve our goals, to be kind to others in how we speak and act when we are angry or frustrated and to be responsible. We can also call it self-control. This basically means that we have control over ourselves – our thoughts, emotions, actions & attitudes. It makes us good people to be around.

Stay well and safe. Practise self-discipline and let's look after one another. Please contact me through the school if you need to have a chat.

Regards,

Larissa McCarthy (School Chaplain)

YR 4,5 & 6 TEXTBOOKS

THANKYOU to all the 4,5 & 6 families who have paid for their required text books. There remains a few outstanding, & we would appreciate prompt payment. Thankyou.



P & C NEWS

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To help reduce the potential spread of Covid-19, the P&C are ceasing all money handling at school for the foreseeable future. This impacts the Uniform shop, School banking & Freeze Fridays.

THE UNIFORM SHOP will be closed for the remainder of the term, however, we are still happy to take orders which can be paid online and delivered to classrooms, if necessary. You can contact the Uniform shop via email (balcattaps_uniform@hotmail.com) or via a private/direct message through our Facebook page. We will look at reopening next term when school returns, depending on the circumstances.

SCHOOL BANKING is suspended until next term, as confirmed by the Comm.Bank - might be a good time to dust off those piggy banks at home?



FREEZE FRIDAYS are on hold until further notice.

