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MAREE'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Welcome Back!

It was wonderful to be able to welcome back all staff and students to school on Tuesday. There were certainly lots of smiles to be found around the school, and lots of chatter and laughter as students caught up with each other and were once again able to enjoy each others company.

I have been so impressed with just how well all students have settled back into the school routines and would like to congratulate all students on their effort and behaviour during the first week of Term 4.

It is certainly shaping up to be a busy term as we head towards the end of the year and we are very much looking forward to seeing the progress that our students will make during this time. If you have any questions or concerns about how your child is settling back into school, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 5795 2212.

Reminder about Changes during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The changes that we put into place in Term 3 for students and families remain the same for Term 4. These include but are not limited to:

- No access to drinking taps. All students must bring a water bottle filled with water to drink throughout the day
- Staggered play times. Junior classes and senior classes will have different recess and lunch breaks
- No parents, carers or siblings to be onsite unless absolutely necessary
- Designated pick up and drop off spots. Teachers will escort classes to these points at the end of each day

I know and understand that this is a very different time for all of us. However please rest assured that our staff are working incredibly hard to ensure that our school is a safe and engaging place for all of our students.

2021 Planning

Planning for 2021 is well and truly underway, with class structures soon to be finalised and 2021 classes being created in the coming weeks. If you have any information about your child that you think may be useful or may need to be considered when placing your child in a class next year I encourage you to contact me ASAP to discuss further. I thank those that have already been in to see me, as this just makes the chances of developing a structure that works for all a little bit easier. As in previous years, we do try and accommodate requests where possible, however it is important to note that despite our best efforts, requests cannot always be accommodated.

2021 Foundation Teachers

2021 is shaping up to be a great year at Euroa Primary School and I am so pleased to be able to share with you that as we have strong Foundation enrolment numbers for next year, we are going to be able to operate two Foundation/Grade 1 (F/1) classes in 2021. It is also with great pride that I can announce our two F/1 teachers for 2021 – Mrs. Megan Andrew and Mr. Jake Enright.

We are looking forward to welcoming our 2021 Foundation students to our school in the weeks ahead and welcoming them into our wonderful school community.

2021 Enrolments

As we are in the final stages of planning for 2021, I encourage any current families with a sibling starting in Foundation next year to get your enrolments in ASAP so that you do not miss out on any important transition information, including transition dates etc. Likewise, if you know of any families wanting to enrol their children at our school please encourage them to do so ASAP.

Graduation

Plans for our Grade 6 graduation are well and truly underway, with our senior teachers meeting earlier this week to begin the process of planning this important milestone for our students. While the COVID-pandemic restrictions mean that we are currently unable to hold a graduation ceremony like in previous years, we are all very committed to ensuring that our Grade 6 students have the best graduation ceremony possible, and that this still in an incredibly special day for these students.

At the moment, and if restrictions do not change, we are planning on holding graduation at the school in the last week of Term 4. We are awaiting catering confirmation before locking in a day/date, however we are hopeful that graduation will occur on either Monday the 14th or Tuesday the 15th of December. Please stay tuned for more information!

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are now up and running again for Term 4.

As our students have staggered lunch times in Term 4, we have had to devise the following schedule for lunch orders to occur. It is as follows:

- Grade 5/6 students can order lunch orders on Mondays and Thursday
- Foundation to Grade 4 students can order lunch orders on Tuesdays and Fridays

If you require a lunch order menu, please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange a copy to be sent home.

Returning loaned devices and readers

A reminder to all families to please return ASAP any computers that were loaned out to you for use during remote learning in Term 3. We would also like any readers and books that were borrowed during remote learning returned so they can be cleaned and returned into circulation for student use.

Illnesses

A reminder that any student who is at all unwell should be kept home until they make a full recovery. This is of particular importance if your child is displaying cold or flu like symptoms.

Any student who appears to be unwell at school will be sent to the office and will remain there until they are collected by a parent or carer. In addition, students who appear unwell or say they are unwell will have their temperature taken on arrival to sick bay. Any child who has a temperature of 37.5 degrees or higher, will also be required to be collected from school. We know and understand that this can be inconvenient at times, however we are required to follow the health advice for schools in regards to COVID-19, and are working hard to ensure that we do all we can to keep our staff, students and parents safe during this time.

Have a great week ahead everyone.

SCHOOL BANKING – will resume next Tuesday, 13th October.

BOOKCLUB – orders for Bookclub are due back to school by Friday, 23rd October. Payment can be made by cash, credit card, cheque (made payable to Euroa Primary School and can include more than one order) or online.

LUNCH ORDERS – menu/ pricelist is available from the Office.

THANK YOU

As a parent at EPS, I would like to say a big thank you to the staff for all the hard work they put in during the remote learning. They were very supportive whenever I contacted them for help. What a great bunch of teachers we have. You do such an amazing job.

I would like to say to all the parents that you need to pat yourselves on the back because we got through this and boy oh boy it was hard.

To all the students, you too were amazing through all of this and you should be very proud.

Let's hope we never have to go through this again. WELL DONE EPS!

Katherine Stevens.



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