



10 August 2020

Primary Principal's Report

I must start by reporting that it has been a tumultuous year! I am so proud of the way our school community has travelled through this season of COVID-19 with positivity and resilience. My thankfulness extends to teachers, who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to provide for the needs of their student; parents and care-givers, who have been incredibly supportive and encouraging while we have all figured out how to best travel through this crazy year; and to students, who remain eternally enthusiastic and central to all that we do at Austin Cove.

I am praying for a settled second half of the year and am eagerly looking forward to the P&F resuming the amazing work they do in fundraising and creating events which benefit our students.

This report contains a summary of upcoming and recent events in the life of the Primary school.

Assembly

We have commenced assemblies at a reduced capacity. Assemblies still happen fortnightly, however only half the school will gather at each assembly to allow for more parents to be able to attend.

Athletics Carnival

We are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival in Week 8 on Friday 11 September at the South Yunderup oval. The Years 3-6 carnival will be headed up by Mr Rankin and Deputy Lee, commencing at 9:30am finishing with Leaderball to end it all around 2:15pm.

Miss King oversees the K-2 Carnival, which starts at 9 and ends at lunch time.

P&F typically runs a snack shack or sausage sizzle on the day of carnival. If this will be happening this year, I ask that the P&F please let Deputy Lee know so that it can be incorporated into the planning of the day.

Australian Mathematics Competition

On Thursday 30 July, 31 students from Years 3 – 6 participated in the Australian Mathematic competition. We are very proud of all their efforts and look forward to receiving their results in the coming weeks.

Banking

It is great see the Friday morning School Banking program back in action. Thank you to Tania Lee and all who help to provide this service to students.

Book Fair

We are excited for the upcoming book fair this week. Many thanks to Tatum and the team of volunteers who make this possible.



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Capital Spending

The rollout of heating in Primary has commenced, due to be completed in 2022. This year we have fitted out lower primary classes with heating panels in the ceiling.

Thirty two Samsung tablets and 32 new student laptops were purchased at the start of Term 3. There will be another arrival of 32 Laptops at the start of Term 4. Increased spending in Digital Technology in 2020 has also allowed for the purchase of a 3D printer, high quality video camera

Security cameras have been fitted on the Primary campus to aid security monitoring and safety of the site.

Learning Journey

Teachers and students are working towards presenting open classrooms during Learning Journey which will be held in Week 9 on Thursday 17 September in the evening, starting at 5pm. There will be open classrooms, food trucks and activities throughout the night. If the P&F wish to run a stall or a fundraiser which would add to the atmosphere of the evening, they are welcome to do so.

Parent Representatives

Thank you to the Parent Representatives for getting involved in this new initiative in 2020.

Each class has a nominated parent, who assists the teacher in communicating with the parents and caregivers of the class. Parent Reps have been an amazing source of encouragement to teachers, particularly during the COVID-19 season as well as helping celebrate the teacher's Birthday in some classes.

Parent Reps are:

Kindy Blue	Ceri Giles and Stacey Soltwisch
Kindy Red	Tenille Greene
PP1	Kylie Tomlinson
PP2	Catherine Richards
1V	Katina Dubberlin
1/2C	Nadine Robinson
2V	Warren Haugh
3V	Emma Bennet
3/4C	Hayley Hellier
4V	Kellie Hill
5V	Robyn Gordon
5/6C	Alicen Johnson
6V	Amanda Atherton



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Science Week

Science Week will be held next week, starting with a **dress up day** on Monday 17 August. The theme is Deep Blue - *Innovation for the Future of our Oceans*.

The following activities will be taking place during Science Week:

- Dress up day—Monday
- Science Incursion—Tuesday
- In class experiments—Wednesday
- Whole school activity day—Thursday
- Lunch time Science Fun—Friday

Shade Sails - Early Learning play area

The staff in Pre Primary are seeking funding from the P&F for a shade sail to protect their newly constructed herb gardens.

Snack Shack

We have been grateful for the instigation by Peyton Taylor and Tracy Taylor of snack shack during Term 2 and again this term. Peyton has done an amazing job of organising students to run Snack Shack and parents to help bake and supervise Snack Shack. The kids love having the opportunity to buy a treat and support the Year 6 Graduation outing through this venture.

Uniform

Students and parents are reminded to make sure they are familiar with the uniform standards, as outlined in the student diary. Correct uniform and presentation of students is a priority in maintaining high standards at the College.

We are grateful for the efforts of Kellie Hill and Amy Fitzpatrick-Woodley in providing the second-hand uniform service to families.

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Primary Principal