Principal's Message

National Flag Day

On Monday we recognised National Flag Day at our flag raising ceremony. The Australian National Flag was chosen by the Australian people in the year of national federation, 1901 from 32,823 entries received in a public design competition. The Australian National Flag, Australia’s chief national symbol, identifies a free and democratic people in a country united in spirit and purpose. Our National Flag should be treated with dignity and respect as it represents all Australian citizens. Each symbol on the flag has a special meaning for Australians. The stars of the Southern Cross represent our geographical position in the Southern Hemisphere, the Commonwealth Star symbolises our federation of States and Territories, and the Crosses stand for the principles on which our nation is based — namely, Parliamentary Democracy, Rule of the Law and Freedom of Speech. It is the right and privilege of every Australian to fly the Australian National Flag. Our flag is a reminder of the contributions of past and current generations to the nation and of the inheritance that will be passed to future generations.

A Reminder to Parents to Notify the School about your Child's Health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

Please Don’t Bring Your Dog to School

A number of parents have expressed concern about dogs being brought into the school. We have children who are either allergic to dogs or quite fearful of dogs. Just a friendly reminder that Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs on school grounds.

Children are Not Allowed in the Car Park Even if They are With a Parent – it’s a Safety Issue

Teachers and parents have expressed concern once again regarding a few parents who are driving into the staff car park to deliver and pick up their children. Students are not permitted in the school car park as they are classed as unsafe areas. Children need to be dropped off outside the school beside the curb and access the school via a footpath. If you take your child through the car park it leads other children to believe this is alright and they then enter the car park unsupervised, this is very dangerous. Please be mindful that some of our students are only 5 years old and we need to set the right example for all children. We thank you for your understanding and assistance in keeping our students safe.

Linda Green – Principal

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- Only come to the office if a teacher instructs you to.
- Enter and speak quietly.

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