



Wednesday, 23rd June 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Term Two is all but done. The year is absolutely zooming by – perhaps a bad choice of phrase. We certainly do not want anymore ‘Zooming’ where students are concerned.

Some years ago, my wife and I hosted a group of children and their carer as part of a visit by The Watoto Children’s Choir. Our family hosted 2 children and a Watoto carer who stayed with us for 2 days and nights. Our entire family were so incredibly blessed by these children, and we have never forgotten our time with them. As a thank you for having billeted them, I was given a book called African Wisdom. I thought I might try and share from it over the coming term. Each page has a little gem of wisdom derived from African animals and our Creator.

**Zebra Wisdom – the zebra is born with stripes, and they don’t spend an ounce of energy trying to change their stripes into spots. We were all born with unique characteristics. Accept who you are and make peace with the person in the mirror. The relationship you have with yourself will determine the outcome of your life.**

**Value all that you are. Only when you know who you are, can you become who you were meant to be.**

2 Cor 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Eph 2:10 It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.

Knowing who we are must start with knowing who made us in the first place and for what reason. These 2 verses certainly help us understand that. If God gave you stripes, or height, or red hair, clever hands, a big brain or even a big nose – learn to accept yourself and ask Him, who and what do **You** want me to be. Help me become that person.

Thank you to those who have contributed funds to our library so we can do a ‘big buy up’ of quality Christian literature for our students, parents, and community. I will keep you informed of our purchases as we get them. It’s not too late to contribute if you would like to.

With the term break upon us, a calendar of events for Term Three is contained in this newsletter, including our Term Three start date. Traditionally, the college has a staff Professional Development Week at the end of the Term Two break and this is the case again in 2021. Staff will be involved in Professional Development during the week 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Term Three starts for all students on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

### **Working Bee**

We will be having a working bee on the first Saturday after school resumes in Term Three – **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July from 8.00am until 2.00pm midday.** This working bee will be a slightly bigger one than normal. We are wanting to do some beautification work at the front of the school grounds, give the garden a quick ‘nip and tuck’, relocate the compost boxes and reseal the students lunch tables. Time and hands permitting, we will even aim to give the decks outside the Music and Art rooms a fresh lick of sealer. With such a big agenda for the day, many hands are needed. A sausage sizzle style lunch will be available for workers.

More working bee details to follow.

Have a lovely term break everyone.

Mr A

## PUPIL FREE WEEK

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
to  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

This is a student free week as this is a professional development week for our teachers and staff at Son Centre. We hope you all enjoy the extra week of your winter holidays.



## CASUAL DRESS DAY

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**, our last day of term, is a casual dress day and gold coin donation. The donations will help support our sponsor child, Sadatoo.

## QR CODE

At the front of the office is a QR code for all parents/carers to sign in if you are coming to school for any reason. Please note this DOES NOT include if you are just dropping off or picking up your child before or after school and not leaving your car. Please remember to come over to the office FIRST, before dropping off any items or picking up or dropping off children inside school hours.

## LAST DAY TERM 2

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, our last day for Term 2, school will finish at 2:05pm. Buses will be running at this time. Please remember to pick your children up from school or bus at the appropriate time.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**



**Working Bee**  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 8am-2pm  
A BBQ lunch will be provided for  
the workers.  
Many hands make light work!



**DATES**

CHAPEL – Wednesday, 23 June

**Student Free/Public Holidays**

Term 3: **Student Free Week** 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July

Term 4: 1 November, Staff Report  
Writing day  
2nd November, Melbourne Cup

**Term Dates**

**Student Free Week: 12 – 16 July**  
Term 3: 19<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> September

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Student reports will be mailed home on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, the last day of school. Everyone should receive their child/childrens reports over the school holidays.

**BREAD TAGS AND PLASTIC LIDS**

A reminder to all parents and carers that we are still collecting bread tags and plastic lids in the foyer of the classrooms. The bread tags go to Robe, SA as a collection point to help fund wheelchairs in South Africa. The plastic caps are recycled to make prosthetic limbs. Every 1 million caps = 100 hands.

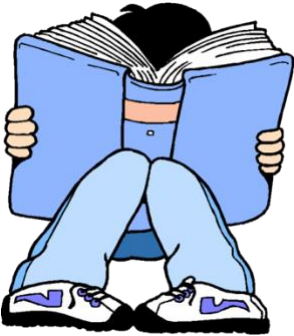
**A LEARNING ADVENTURE**

Prep 1/2 Arts Adventure Day

Due to the last lockdown the prep, 1's and 2's missed out on their arts adventure day on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The new date is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. The agenda is the same as last time.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY READING



The school holidays are a great time for children to get lost in a good book. All children will bring home extra books in their library lesson on Thursday. These books will be due back in the first week of Term 3.

Has your family joined the Swan Hill Regional Library on Campbell Street? The Library has a great range of picture books, fiction, non-fiction, magazines and audio books for children of all ages. It costs nothing to join. Visit the Library this school holidays to find some new books to read.

### GRADE 5/6 DAMPER



On Tuesday the grade 5/6 class made damper as part of the Goldfields experience. One of the recipes used just flour, salt and water. The other recipe also added butter and used milk instead of water. The addition of golden syrup was a big hit.



### HOT LUNCHES

Hot lunches will continue after the school holidays.

Forms will be sent home with the next newsletter in Term 3



### 5/6/CAMP

This year the 5/6 students will travel to Ballarat to attend Sovereign Hill.

Camp will be from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August through to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Forms for this camp have been sent home and need to be returned as soon as possible.

### COME & TRY DAY

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August  
&  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

9am-11am

Please feel free to invite as many potential families as

## CALENDER

Term 1 Dates 2021			
Week	Day	Date	Event
10	Wed	23/6	Chapel
10	Fri	25/6	Casual Dress and Gold Coin Donation
10	Fri	25/6	Last Day of Term 2. School finishes at 2:05pm
Term 3	Mon	19/7	First Day of Term 3
1	Tues	20/7	Prep/1/2 Arts Adventure Day
1	Sat	24/7	Working Bee 8am – 2pm
2	Fri	30/7	All students at Kerang for Musica Viva performance
3	Mon-Wed	2-4/8	Grade 5/6 camp to Sovereign Hill
3	Fri	6/8	Come & Try Prep Day
4	Fri	13/8	2nd Come & Try Prep Day

### Attachments:

- Netstars Netball Clinic Flyer
- Mik Maks Musical Adventures



- Pray for safe and relaxing holidays for all our students, teacher, staff, parents and families.
- Thank God for time to spend with your children.

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.

We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs in South Africa.

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Re-made in Robe!

What can I do?

It's easy ..... save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.

Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

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