

From John and Silvia

COVID Update

Thank you everyone for following the directive we've received from the Chief Executive regarding parents and volunteers not entering the school yard. The reason for this is we have no control over where parents walk throughout the school, (an uncontrolled environment), so we need to have this in place. As soon as this restriction ends we will inform you all on Skoolbag.

So the big question is with these restrictions in place is there a way we can still hold our end of year celebration concert? The answer is YES, as long as we can maintain a controlled environment with limited numbers. Inside this newsletter there is lots of information on how we can run the concert.

Here is it in a nutshell:

- Our audience numbers will be limited to 580 adults (this doesn't include staff). With 290 families at school this means we are limited to now 2 tickets per family, (children under 13 don't need a ticket). So we are canceling all previous ticket bookings and re-issuing a link for families to re-book their 2 tickets.
- We are unable to have a picnic, just the concert.
- You will have a set gate to enter and also to leave the school grounds at 5:30pm. This gate is where you will drop off and collect your child/ren.
- When you enter the grounds there is a Government form to fill in.
- You will be directed to a spot on the oval where you will sit, (either on a chair/blanket which you have brought). You will be required to remain there until you leave the school grounds at the conclusion of the concert.

By adhering to these strict conditions and restrictions, maintaining a controlled environment, we can still provide an end of year celebration for our community and most importantly, our students. We are lucky we have the space available to cater to limited numbers whereas other schools have needed to cancel such celebrations. Thank you for your support.

Drink Fountains

We have been instructed to ensure students only fill up drink bottles at drink fountains, not to drink from them. Please remind your children about this.

Commencement of term 1, 2021

If you are planning on being on holiday at the beginning of term 1 next year can you please give us a call and let us know. You may need to complete an exemption form.

Music Assembly

Monday December 7th at 9am we have our annual music assembly. Unfortunately at the moment this will just be a performance for the rest of the student body. If this can change we will let you know.

OSHC on School Closure Day, Friday 27th

Places are still available for the closure day this Friday. We have a fun 'Home Day' planned! Please contact Alicia on 8354 0837 to book.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Due to families not entering the school site, please call the us on 8354 0837 or 0439 603 809 for drop off and pick up. We will meet you at the gate. Thank you, the OSHC Team



District Athletics Carnival - Boys: 1st place in baton relay, Girls: 3rd place in baton relay



End of Year Celebration



Please join us for an evening of celebration and community.

When: Thursday the 26th of November

Gates open: 5:30pm

Formalities starting at 6:00pm

Where: Torrensville Primary School Oval

Bring a deck chair or a rug and join us as the students present their annual performance.

Purchase your free tickets at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNCEM>

** We have a limited capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions. **2 tickets PER FAMILY**, students and siblings under 13 years old do not require a ticket**

End of Year Concert information:

Entry points:

As part of our Covid-19 safe plan, we have multiple entry points for our patrons. Please access the school via the appropriate entry point allocated to your child's classroom (if you have more than one student at the school please enter via entry point of your youngest).

Entry point #1:

Room 20, 21, 22, 23

Entry Point #2:

Room 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Entry Point #3:

Room 6, 8, 10, 12, 9

You will need to sign in upon arrival, as you do this students should find their way to their classroom independently. Staff will support younger students.

Sign out:

After the concert, students will be directed to the gate they entered the school from and will be collected in a controlled way by parents as directed by leadership.

Masks:

Masks are not mandatory but are recommended when out in public if you are unable to physical distance. We encourage mask wearing upon entry and when collecting students at the conclusion of the celebration.

Playground:

Both playgrounds will not be accessible. It will be closed to both students and siblings.

Toilets:

Please don't use the toilet unless absolutely necessary as we need to keep movement of adults in the yard to a minimum.

If need be students and siblings can use the toilets outside the gym.

Adults will need to use the toilet inside the gym.

Please remember:

We have measures in place to ensure the safety of all. **Please remember to maintain at least 1.5 metres separation.** This includes during performances and at entry and exit points. This does not apply to those who attend as a group, such as members of the same household. Stay seated during the performance.

We encourage families to bring picnic rugs and deck chairs to sit on. As part of our Covid safe plan, patrons are unable to stand during the performance. To ensure everyone can view the performance adequately, we ask that deck chairs are towards the back of audience and picnic rugs towards the front.



Learning's a buzzzzz in room 22!

There are many things that children need to succeed at school and in life and Literacy and Numeracy are at the top of that list. The ways that these can be presented to children however can be varied. Real life situations, problem solving and making the most of teachable moments during our day can help children to transfer these literacy and numeracy skills to other areas of their life and so consolidate this learning by making it authentic. As part of our Inquiry about Bees this semester we have been asking why bees are important in our lives and we have had experiences working in the garden, recycling bottle-tops to make art works in colours to attract bees to our yard, designing and building insect hotels to put into our school garden, collecting, sorting and counting items to fill our hotel all while inquiring about the importance of bees. Building an insect hotel lends itself to many maths lessons. What shapes will best fit the space, what materials are best suited to being outside in the weather, what shape do we make the roof so it



is strong, what is the depth of our hotel, measuring wood and bamboo to fit the space, what is the width? What is the height? Being a practical real world project the children were doing maths when they didn't even know it by solving problems and creating solutions.

In Room 22 we value Sustainability and being global citizens, caring for the world we live in and doing our best everyday to make it a better place.

Combining these things together in our Inquiry with numeracy and literacy this semester made it a fun learning experience.

Another common thread in our classroom is the theme of Kindness. What does it mean to be kind? What are some ways you can show kindness and how do you feel when

someone is kind to you? You may have seen our kindness flags outside our classroom which remind us every day that being kind is easy but it can have a huge impact.

So be like Room 22Care for our world and care for each other !!

