

Good afternoon parents and carers,

Congratulations to all students on their personal growth this term. Student's should feel proud of their achievements so far. Parents are encouraged to book a time to meet with your child's teacher to celebrate academic and social growth and discuss next semesters individual targets.

Mathelitics and reading eggs accounts remain active over the holiday periods. Students can continue to access their learning and games. Please ask your child's classroom teacher should you need another copy of your child's usernames and passwords.

Students are encouraged to borrow from the library each week. Plastic bags are provided for students who forget their library bag. There is a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books for all levels of reading. Students are being introduced to new literature each week. Thank you for taking the time to discuss the books your children are borrowing and for either listening to them read or reading to them. Books are a wonderful way to connect as a family and provide a wonderful stimulus for conversation.

Stage 2 and 3 teachers have been working hard at the organisation of our Berry Recreation and Canberra camps next term. We understand that with the rising costs of coaches, many families are opting for a personalised payment plan. Please see the office if we can support you.

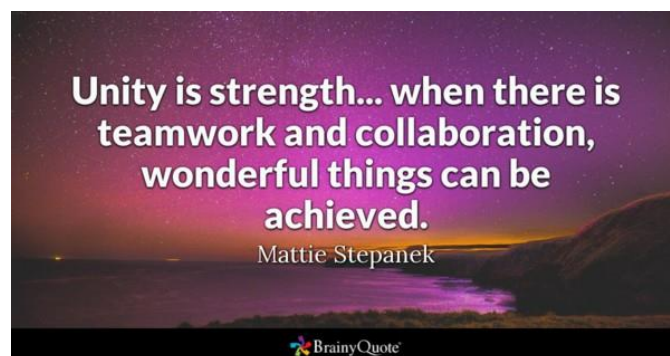
Thank you for your support of our trial school assembly structure. I have had much feedback from you via our conversations and emails regarding leadership opportunities and the alternate K-2 and 3-6 class led assemblies. The leadership team are creating a survey (survey monkey) to provide a further opportunity for both student and parent voice. I am looking forward to hearing your feedback and suggestions.

Our teachers participated in a 'School Attendance Policy and Procedures' workshop with our Home School Liaison Officer on Tuesday afternoon. It was a great opportunity to reinforce our commitment to the importance of attending school every day, unless with a justifiable absence. Please assist us by returning absentee notes to the office, within 7 days of being absent. Teachers will provide reminder slips after the 7 days.

Teachers will engage in a visible learning workshop on Monday 23 July, for our staff development day. We will be working alongside our visible learning community to enhance our understanding of "How students learn."

We have been focusing on collaboration this week. Along with students, teachers have been sharing their ideas about collaborative practice. Collaboration is the action of working with someone to produce something.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday period and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 24 July.



Kindest regards,

*Donna Casey*