

ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL



Term 2 Week 8

Dear parents & caregivers

Thank you to all the supportive parents and carers who have understood the need for the dismissal times changes and the in/out gates in order to ensure social distancing. We ask that parents leave the school grounds quickly once they have picked up their children.

DISMISSAL TIMES:

From next Monday 22 June all children will be dismissed at the usual time of 3pm. Parents need to observe the social distancing requirements and if you come into the school grounds please wait along the ramp. Children will still leave via the car park gate.

PARKING:

Please <u>do not</u> park in the Bus Zone and the Drop off and Pick up zone as they are what the signs say. You cannot arrive 20 minutes early and park there to wait for your children. If you come early, park further up the road and walk down to meet your child.

CANTEEN:

The canteen will operate as normal only on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS** for the rest of the term. Please read the Menu with what is available noted. **You cannot order** from the old list. The canteen will be open in the morning so children can place their orders in the mornings from this week onwards.

UNWELL CHILDREN

If your child is unwell (a cold, runny nose, sneezing, coughing, sore throat etc) please do not send them to school. Keep them at home until they are well.



ASSEMBLIES:

We held our small Stage Gatherings last week and the children and the staff appreciated the fact that we could celebrate achievements. The class items have been uploaded to Google Classroom for the parents of the children in 1/2S and 5/6H to view. Photos of the children who received a Gold Award were sent home last week.

Truth Quality Care Awards Week 7

Olivia, Ivy, Indi D, Sebastian, Nicholas, Indie J, Jayden, Mira, Ava, Tara, Elijah, Annabelle, Timothy, Charlotte S, Cadence, Charlotte N, Jameka-Marley, Nadine, Lachlan, Emily, Caleb, Dominic, Bianca, Ashton, Poppy, Junaid, Georgia, Brenden, Keisha & Jake

CONGRATULATIONS

Gold Award Winners Mathew, Mikaela, Abbie, and Jaymie

Once again parents and carers, thanks for your support and understanding at this unsettled time in our school year. The children are fine, all happy to be back at school learning and being with their friends. Explicit hygiene practices are firmly in place.

Mrs Karen Masciocchi (Principal)





FRESH START CANTEENS

Would like to let you know we are opening Thursday/Friday for the remainder of the term.

Our Staff are excited, and we are asking for your support our return. Limited Menu will apply as shown below please send all orders to canteen.

Ice blocks, snacks etc. will be sold at service break and can be ordered with lunch packs.

Please support your canteen!



Healthy Pack 1: Choose Spaghetti OR Curry Chicken + Water + Fruit \$6

Pack 2: Hot Dog + Popper + Popcorn \$5

Pack 3: Nuggets + Popper + Popcorn \$6

Pack 4: Wedges + Popper OR Cheese Pizza + Popper \$5

Awards: Positive Behaviour In our School playground

Pack 5: Sandwich (jam, vegemite, cheese or ham & cheese) + Water + Fruit

These awards are given to the students who display manners, friendliness and good sportsmanship on the playground during recess and lunch. These awards are counted as part of the trade up system. The tear off strips are placed in a special box each week and 6 are drawn out each Friday to receive an ice block voucher at the canteen.

Week 6 & 7: Chase 34G, Sarah 1/2C, Jacquelyn 56B, Indianna 45M, Jayron K1P, Ashwin 23H, Areeba KW, Brodie KM, Meera 12C, Penny 12M, Harlow K1P, Jaeani K1P



\$4.50

Stage Gathering Award Winners







Be Skilled Be Fit (BSBF) are an external company we use to teach the specialised skills of athletics and gymnastics. Throughout the learning from home period BSBF made videos to support our students with sports skills, workouts and dancing. The company challenged students to name their new mascot. **2/3H** were up for the challenge and sent in the name 'FITZ'. They were very excited to find their name was picked and they were the winners! Congratulations 2/3H.



Placement procedures for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in <u>2021</u> What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and academically gifted Year 5 and Year 6 students. Opportunity classes are offered at 76 government primary schools in NSW.

These classes help high potential and gifted students to learn by grouping them with other students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Students who are placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6.

Significant changes to the OC process this year due to the delay caused by COVID-19

Applications for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes in 2021 must be made online from **Tuesday 9 June 2020** to **Friday 26 June 2020** at:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5

Applications must be made before the closing date. Late applications cannot be accepted.

A modified timeline is being implemented to ensure minimal disruption to schools and families. The timeline includes changes to the process to ensure students can commence on Day 1, Term 1 in 2021. The changes include:

- 1. A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between **9 June 2020** and **26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- 2. A new test date **Wednesday 16 September 2020**.
- 3. Students may be allocated to government high schools or primary schools to sit the test.
- 4. Principals will **not** be required to add school assessment scores to the online processing site however principals are requested to verify the information entered by parents.
- 5. Placement in an opportunity class will be based solely on the results of the test.
- 6. The illness/misadventure or appeals processes will not be available.
- 7. The Team will prepare placement decisions for the principal to consider and ratify or change.
- 8. Offers will be made to the parents of successful students overnight on **1 December 2020**.
- 9. Successfully placed students commence school on Day 1, Term 1, 2021.