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Term 1 Week 8 Thursday 19th March 2020



Important events / Notices to remember Cancelled events

- ◆ ☹ School Social at Wiangaree 24th March
- ◆ ☹ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- ◆ ☹ Monday Swimming

Events still happening

- ◆ ☑ Parent teacher interviews.
- ◆ ☑ Easter Hat Parade (in school with our students only)

Library News

Last week, Corinne from Kyogle Library, visited with the children and brought some books along for us to keep at our school library until her next visit. She also gave students some donated sunflower seeds to plant early next spring as part of the seed library. Corinne is updating her borrowers list and only some students have Kyogle Library cards. Attached are new membership applications which allow borrowing at the local Kyogle library and from Corinne when she visits. Please return these applications to school.

Our own little library is in the process of a small makeover and re-organisation and we hope that during this process some books that are currently marked as unreturned (as of last year) on student cards will be located. There are also many new beautiful books in the school library that will be accessioned onto the borrowing system as soon as possible to allow for their borrowing.

Borrowing from the school library is generally only available on Tuesdays due to our schedule and the time it takes to access the borrowing system online. Which unfortunately, means that when the Principal is away, library does not happen and borrowing is carried over to the next week. All students have a library card (barcode) which is kept at school. This card is used to locate the student on the Oliver School Library system and record borrowing from school. When the books are returned on Tuesdays, they are scanned using the library system and marked as returned, automatically taking them off the student's borrowed list.

I have also been informed that all students have received an Afterlee Public School library bag for the protection of books to and from homes. If you still have these, they are a great way to bring library books to and from school. Some books were sent out in calico or enviro bags at the beginning of term, these bags can also be used to carry books home in, however, we now have none left at school. We will not loan books without at least a plastic bag.

TERM 1 Tuck Shop Roster \$8 term or \$1/week

Date	Week	Family
20/03/2016	8	Kirsty & Quentin
9/03/2019	9	Michelle & Shane
3/04/2019	10	Ines & David
10/04/2019	11	Good Friday



You may have noticed the LIBRARY star charts hanging in the library. I have been told that they represent many, many years of whole class library returns. I would like to reinstate this tradition and will make a new library stars banner. When all students return their borrowed books for the week, a new star goes on the banner.

I look forward to the library being fully utilised over the coming months and years.



Students creative insects and desert plants.

Social distancing—Covid –19

A phased social distancing strategy has been implemented from Monday 16 March 2020, to support ongoing school and corporate operations. **Please stay home if you are sick.** The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount. If you are unwell with respiratory illness, you should remain at home until symptoms resolve and, where appropriate, seek advice from a medical practitioner (and call ahead first). Remember to also clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20-seconds with soap and water and cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

Afterlee Public School will endeavour to follow a common sense approach while following all directives and policies regarding our staff and students health and welfare. The main objective is to promote good hygiene at school which we have discussed with students. Parents will be called to collect children if they seem unwell at school. This is in line with the Department's advice. We need to work together to protect our vulnerable loved ones and others in our community. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this unprecedented situation.



1. Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.
2. Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. Stay home if you are unwell and in schools, send home staff or students who show signs of being unwell through the day.

Easter Hat Parade and Assembly

Afterlee School will still have an Easter Hat Parade but only with our 10 Afterlee students. There will be **no assembly**. This is due to the social distancing required within the community, during the current pandemic of Covid-19. We will make hats at school and plan some fun activities for the students. This would have been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our end of term with a formal assembly and invite our community along so we apologise to those people who now are excluded. We will try for another event in Term 2, once we have the all clear to proceed with school gatherings.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

All excursions this term have been cancelled due to the current health situation. Qpac have also suspended all their performances and we will keep you informed if we are given another date.

Music

Mr Nolan and Afterlee students are writing a school song. We can't wait to hear the end product.

Cow Art Project

Jenny will coming in on Friday to complete another art lesson and instruction to continue with our cow project. It might be time we named the cow for her new makeover. Any suggestions are welcomed.

P&C AGM

Thank you to those who were able to attend our AGM. Special thanks to those accepting the all important executive committee roles. 2020 Office bearers are: President—Sandy, Vice President—Lizzy, Secretary—Ines, Treasurer—Wendy. The school looks forward to working with the P&C to benefit the students in our school.

Money Owed—please ensure your Wednesday Canteen money and Friday Tuckshop money is paid so staff know that parents are allowing children to purchase food items. If your child doesn't have money on the day and are allowed to order please ensure payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

Term 1 2020	Monday News— Peppa, Izaac, Juliet	Tuesday Music Day/Library Day News— Odin, Joe, Noah R	Wednesday Banking & Canteen News— Stephanie and Xarya	Thursday News— Nina and Noah K	Friday
Week 8					Jenny Art
Week 9	NAPLAN practice (Yr 5) Chris Hutton (Wellbeing)				
Week 10					Jenny Art
Week 11				Easter Hat Parade for K-6 students only	Good Friday Public Holiday