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WHS

Work Health and Safety .

Incident Reporting in and around the school

If there is an incident/injury to a Staff Member/ Student/Visitor or Contractor, there are a few things that need to be done. Firstly, no matter where you are in the school, please come and report the incident to myself (workplace manager), the office or a staff member. We take safety seriously and reporting all health and safety incidents and injuries is a priority. Secondly, for staff, we must complete an employee incident or injury notification form and immediately report to the WHS Directorate within a 24hr period. For students/visitors and contractors, we must complete non-employee incident or injury notification forms and immediately report to the WHS Directorate within a 24hr period. Incidents and injuries are reported in accordance with the Incident Reporting Policy and Procedures. Prompt reporting of incidents/ injuries through the appropriate channels enables early intervention, effective management, support where required, and ensures legislative requirements are met. Reporting provides information that assists in preventing reoccurrences in the workplace/school and across the NSW DoE.

SeeSaw/Skool Bag

Just a reminder for all parents that we are using these platforms to keep you informed on the happenings in and around our school. If you are having any difficulty downloading or using please feel free to drop in and Mrs Sansom will show you the process.

Stage 3 Camp/Major Excursion

Our students in Stage 3, years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to join with Stroud, Stroud Road, Booral and Coolongolook Public School's Camp/Excursion in term 4.

This year the 5/6 camp will be to Bathurst and will cost in the region of \$320. Exact cost is not known yet but this is the approximate costing compared to previous years.

Please return the expression of interest attached to the newsletter ASAP to allow the three schools to plan for the camp. Thank you.

Student Absences

We have had many absences recorded over the past few weeks. I understand that there are many 'bugs' going around at the moment however, parents need to make sure that they are informing the school in the appropriate way when their child is absent.

Please refer to the attached school attendance information.

Term 2—PE

Please note that due to the cold weather we will now be doing PE on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30-3.00pm. Student led physical activities will still continue under the COLA each day. This week we are focussing on ball skills—catching, throwing and bouncing.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

8th June: Gloucester Town Excursion

11th June: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

13th June: Small School's Athletics' Carnival

4th July: Pet Education Program

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Assembly Awards - Week s 4

Core Value Awards

Caring for Others and the Environment

Malia - Week 4

Class Awards

Primary: Maitilda for always contributing great ideas to class discussions -Week 4

Infants: Hunter for excellent counting on and back in maths - Week 4

Thumbs Up Awards: Maitilda, Thomas T, Henry, Jaxon, Thomas B, Felicity, Ajay, Brady, Hunter, Christian and Malia



GRIP Leadership Conference

On Tuesday our year 6 students attended the GRIP Leadership conference with Gloucester and Barrington Public Schools. The conference provides students with training to better take on their role as school leaders. The day was lots of fun with topics discussed such as "leaders are transformers" as well as lots of fun games used to meet and talk to students from other schools. Christian and Thomas were excellent representatives for our school.

Family Details

Please remember to give any change of details, eg; phone, Medicare, emergency contacts to the school office ASAP after the change to keep all family details current for immediate future use. These details are imperative when needing to contact families about sick children. Thank you.

Small School's Athletics' Carnival

As in previous years parents and carers will be asked to drive their children to the Athletics' Carnival in Tuncurry on the 13th June. You are quite welcome to car share/pool with family or friends but this is the responsibility of families to organise.

The reason that private transport is requested is ; for the school to hire a bus would cost approximately \$600, this would make it very expensive for families, the school feels this is a more affordable option and it also gives the opportunity to support your children in their activities. Please return permission notes and lunch orders if required ASAP.

School Photos

School photos are scheduled for Term 3 on September 6th. Envelopes will be sent home next term as soon as we receive them. I hope this early notification helps families with budgeting.

Gloucester Town Excursion

Thank you for the speedy return of permission notes and bus money for the Gloucester visit this Friday. **If you have not already returned yours please do so ASAP.**

Infants sound of the week— U, u

Please send in any items that we can display that start with the letter U, u.

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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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