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**Term 2
Week 3**

Hello everyone,

It has been a challenging week at school because of the number of illnesses that we are experiencing. From a very good 90% attendance rate in Term 1 we have sunk to 86% after the first three weeks of Term 2.

This is no ones fault. Covid 19 is a highly transmissible disease, and it has made a strong reappearance in our community and of course our school simply reflects this fact. Other early winter coughs and colds and tummy bugs have also made an impact and for some families concern about vulnerable family members means that understandable caution is being taken at present.

Add in that many of our staff have and continue to be ill then simply keeping school open and functioning has been the larger goal this week. Hopefully, we will begin to 'come out the other side' of this current difficulty soon – as always, we will get there and the most important thing is that people stay safe and take the time to get well.

So, thank you everyone for 'keeping your distance' and for taking special notice of your children's health right now – it is appreciated.

Kind regards,
Paul Barker.

Teacher Only Day

We do try hard to have the least amount of teacher only days as possible, but we are signalling that we will be having one more this term to enable us to move once the junior block is complete.

There is a lot to do, moving three classes, setting up a new class in the junior block which we hope to open soon, getting the library back to being a library, moving the breakfast club back to its original home from the hall and a fair few other things.

The date is not set in stone just yet as it depends a little on when the new classrooms are complete, but we are working towards maybe adding this day onto Kings Birthday weekend as a type of mid-term break for families.

We will provide an update as soon as we have a confirmed date.

Students of the Week

No Students of the Week last week so instead here is a nice picture from Room 7 – Luzion and Ryker sharing the new construction blocks – learning, sharing and having fun!



Building Update

The buildings are nearing completion now with the major remaining works outside being the concreting and installing the new drinking fountains, whilst work begins this week on the installation of cabinetry, wallcoverings and carpeting as well as the installation of new heat pumps and the electrical fit out before the rooms are cleaned and ready for the long-awaited move. Almost there!

Rooms 1 & 2 Project Island Song Trips

Sadly, these trips had to be postponed this week as we simply did not have enough staff to ensure that they were safe and well managed. Hopefully, there will be a chance to try again later in the year.