



Grandparents and Grandfriends Day!

Grandparents Day is a NSW initiative to recognise the vital role Grandparents play in our families and wider society. It's a day to celebrate the irreplaceable place they have in providing care and love to their children and grandchildren.

We are having our own celebrations this **Thursday 29th October beginning at 10am**. We will commence with a special whole school assembly where Mrs Baker will welcome our visitors and the children will sing for their grandparents. This will be followed by some time in classrooms and then a yummy morning tea consisting of scones with jam and cream!

We look forward to meeting all the Grandparents and Grandfriends that support the families of our school.



New Permanent Principal

We have been informed the process of filling the permanent principal vacancy for our school is underway. Our School Director will let us know when it has been officially filled and we are able to share the news with you later on in the term.

Long awaited iPads

We are finally in the process of getting our iPads up and running for all classes to use at various times throughout lessons in their classrooms. All teachers have already begun brainstorming the various creative ways we can utilise them during our lessons to maximise engagement and student learning. KB and K/1P have been lucky enough to try them out for us during literacy groups while Mrs Baker is testing out the security settings. It won't be long and all classes will have full access to them as a small group activity or during whole class lessons. We can't wait!

Here are some pictures of the children listening to others read using QR code readers and accessing their Skoolbo accounts.



Dates for your Diary

| <i>Term 4 Events</i> | <i>Date</i> |
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| Whole school Swimming lessons | Fridays from Wk 1– Wk 8 9 th October – 27 th November |
| Grandparents Day | Thursday 29 th October 10.00 |
| Second Kinder Orientation | Wednesday 11 th November Time TBA |
| Disco | Thursday 12 th November Time TBA |
| Third Kinder Orientation | Wednesday 2 nd December Time TBA |
| Christmas Concert | Friday 4 th December Time TBA |
| Presentation Day | Monday 14 th December Time TBA |
| Party Day | Tuesday 15 th December |
| Talent Quest and Year 2 Clap Out | Wednesday 16 th December |



Respect

Responsibility

Safe Learning



Awards

Congratulations to all award recipients:

| KB | K/1P |
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| Jake C | Gabriel F |
| Jasper G | Daisy L |
| Joshua R | Sebastian M |
| Varshini S | James T |
| 1/2L | 2C |
| Amaya D | Laura A |
| Luka D | Amelia D |
| Sophia H | Deepanwita M |
| Cameron W | Arabella P |
| | Pippi S |

Gold Awards:

Rhiannon Cushing
Zahra Moss
Billy Tomasic
Jasper Toyne
Cameron White

Whooping Cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](http://www.nsw.gov.au/health/childcare-and-schools/about/whooping-cough).