

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to the last newsletter of term 2. At the beginning of term I predicted that this would be a busy term and it has certainly not disappointed in that respect. We began with all of our cluster sports events: Athletics, Winter Sports etc took up most of the Fridays in the first half of term. We also had Chris the harmonica man here and very much enjoyed his visits.

Then our grade 3 and 5 children sat the NAPLAN assessment (which will be conducted online next year), and a few of the 5 / 6 kids went to Somers Camp. The grade 6s left behind came with me to the GRIP student leadership conference which was verv Unfortunatelv successful. the ongoing pandemic then reared its ugly head again and we had two weeks mucked up with lockdowns and restrictions.

We had hoped to hold the official opening ceremony for our refurbished art shed this term, but that had to be cancelled. The district Winter sport is still on the cards, but I have not yet heard if any of the Warrenheip kids are in teams and I don't have dates yet either.

Looking forward, term 3 starts on Monday 12th July and that is also a swim and gym day. (I will put reminders on the face-book page to help with that!) Next term is looking lovely and quiet and I am keen to keep it that way. If you look at the dates above you will see that I have managed to get nearly the whole term on one newsletter! We could really do with some calm, uncluttered teaching time to help the kids settle again, especially with all the interruptions that this COVID situation gives us.

We are very pleased with the progress of many of our students and have been discussing among staff just how well the kids have done this year. It is a real credit to your work as parents that so many different kids have been able to make such good progress after last year and even with the disruptions we have had this semester. Reports came home vesterday and I hope that you can find a way to celebrate the children's achievements with them - they are all champions!

We will be holding parent teacher interviews the on second Wednesday of next term, so if you would like to discuss your child's progress we will be sending out a note on the first day back to let you book your preferred times. As always, interview times will be allocated on a 'first in best dressed' basis, but if the times we offer don't suit please make contact with us and we will organise another time to catch up.

Please keep collecting the bread bags over the holidays – we have sent off two boxes full so far and we are hoping to do better than that next term!

I hope that you will find some time over the holidays to relax and unwind. The year so far has been a difficult one and we could all do with a little time to be kind to ourselves. If you do manage to get away I hope that you have a lovely break, and if you are at home then I hope that you enjoy whatever you choose to do, and manage to keep warm. See you all next term!

Have a great holiday, Arthur Lane