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Term 2
Issue No. 7

Term 2 dates:
27th April -
2nd July 2021

Dates to
Remember:

25th June
SCHOOL
PHOTOS
Last day for
cash payments is
Thursday, 24th
June.



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NEWSLETTER

Vision Statement — To provide a safe, creative environment encouraging:
* **Challenging, active learning**
* **Confident, successful learners**
* **Socially responsible citizens**

Parents and Caregivers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for making my first two weeks as Acting Principal as enjoyable as possible. I have been kept busy trying to meet students in all of the classes and have learnt to recognise a few students by name already.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent Whyalla in soccer at the State Championships over the June long weekend. This is an amazing achievement and one that you should be very proud of. Well done to Ryan, Jaidyn, Demisha, Tamzin, Tennessee and Breyana. A special mention goes to Tamzin who was player of the tournament in her age group.

This is an extremely busy time in the term. Teachers have been working extremely hard to ensure they have completed written reports for each child in the school. It is a time when we can recognise student achievement and highlight areas for development.

You should have received an invitation to attend Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 10 this term and Week 1 of Term 3. Please ensure that you return your form to the front office indicating the times you are available to meet with your child's teacher and go through their report. Confirmation of your meeting time will be sent home once we have received all of the notes and coordinated times with each teacher.

There is still a significant amount of students who are not attending school at present or they have been identified as "habitual or chronic non-attenders". The Department for Education's aim is for students to attend school 95% of the time and this is the target we work towards at Whyalla Stuart Campus. Below is the percentage for each class' attendance last week.

B3	B4	C5	C6	C7
71%	80%	78%	47%	56%

A number of our children are missing out on weeks, months, even years of their education. For some of them, they will never catch up. What a tragedy! Many of the teacher comments are "unable to grade this subject due to low attendance". We cannot teach children who are not at school.

Your child's attendance for the year-to-date will be on the cover of their report. Talk about it with your child. Is it an acceptable number? Can it be improved? What will you do to ensure your child's attendance improves for the second semester of 2021, to maximize their learning?

Staff have begun preparations for our NAIDOC Week activities. The theme for NAIDOC Week this year is "Heal Country!" Each class will create an art piece for our competition based on Dreaming Stories and I am very excited to see their finished product as I heard last years were outstanding.

Jenny

10 days absence over the
whole year

95%-100%
Good Attendance

**Good chance of success
and progress**

19 days absence over the
whole year

90%-95%
Worrying

**Less chance of success
Harder to make progress**

29 days absence over the
whole year

Under 90%
Serious Concern

**Detrimental to success and
progress**



Term 2 - Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<u>Week 8</u>		<u>14th June</u> PUBLIC HOLIDAY QUEENS BIRTHDAY	<u>15th June</u>	<u>16th June</u> <u>JELLY CUP DAY</u>	<u>17th June</u>	<u>18th June</u> <u>HOT DOG DAY</u>
<u>Week 9</u>		<u>21st June</u>	<u>22nd June</u>	<u>23rd June</u>	<u>24th June</u> <u>LAST DAY FOR CASH</u> <u>PAYMENTS OF SCHOOL</u> <u>PHOTOGRAPHS</u>	<u>25th June</u> SCHOOL PHOTOS Start 9:10am
<u>Week 10</u>		<u>28th June</u> Parent Teacher Interviews	<u>29th June</u> Parent Teacher Interviews	<u>30th June</u> Parent Teacher Interviews	<u>1st July</u> Parent Teacher Interviews	<u>2nd July</u> NAIDOC MARCH Parent Teacher Interviews END OF TERM 2

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

- School Photo day is on Friday, 25th June 2021.
- Envelopes have already been sent home with the students.
- Please send your child in school uniform.
- The Photographer will begin taking class photos at 9:10am so we need children to be at school by 8:50am when the first bell goes.
- Class photos will be done as a group photo so if children are not here on time they will not be featured in the class group.
- The last day for cash payments will be Thursday, 24th June.
- Both Online orders and Cash payments can be made now.