



From the Principal Thursday 8 September 2022

KEY DATES & REMINDERS

TERM 3

Finance Committee - 6.00pm Mon 12 Sep (W8)

Festival of Music - Senior Choir - Thu 15 Sep (W8)

Governing Council - 7.00pm Mon 19 Sep (W9)

Sports Day - Fri 23 Sep (W9)

Room 6&7 Enterprise Day - Tue 27 Sep (W10)

Colour Run - Fri 30 Sep (W10)

Last day T3 - 2.10pm dismissal Fri 30 Sep (W10)

Capital works update

During our pupil free day last Friday, the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) structure from the front of the school was relocated to the eastern side of our gym. The structure will now provide much needed shade to students and community members using the adjacent green spaces as we enter the warmer months. Demolition works are on-going out front while we await finalisation of our build plans. Stay tuned for a further update soon!



ICT upgrades

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to host a visit from the Education Department's Chief Information Officer (CIO) Scott Bayliss. Scott was extremely generous with his time and had frank and open discussions with a number of our teaching staff about the current state of our digital infrastructure. In direct response, Scott has already made a personal commitment to immediately address a number of issues associated with our outdated internal network. With our computer hardware stocks now providing a 1:1 device (Chromebooks) ratio from Years 3-6, and our students and teachers engaging in increasingly innovative learning activities, we welcome the CIO's direct support and look forward to the pending changes that he has promised to deliver us.

Thank you volunteers

A big thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who continue to support a range of school and extracurricular activities. Without your generous support, school sport, class excursions, camps, quiz nights, Father's Day stalls and colour runs just don't happen! It was wonderful to witness firsthand last Saturday the Warradale spirit, with numerous volunteers helping put on our end of season soccer presentation at the school... I have since heard that a number of parents had to have Monday off work after pulling up sore and tired from the kids v parents soccer games!



Staff training and development

Last Friday, staff spent the day engaged in a range of site improvement review and professional development activities focused on improving student success in Mathematics. Representatives from the Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) Support Unit were involved, upskilling teachers on the use of PAT data and the suite of online tools available to analyse and evaluate student and cohort results. On the back of all teaching and curriculum support staff recently completing an 8-module Stanford University course to develop a deeper understanding of how students learn Maths, we will continue to pursue better outcomes for students through high impact teaching approaches and use of learning data.



Sports day

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all parents and family members back on site for our 2022 sports day on Friday 23 September (Week 9). The running tracks are marked and ready to go, and students have been practising the tabloid events in their weekly PE lessons and working on their house chants. A coffee van will be onsite for parents and spectators from 8.30am and our canteen will be open for snacks, drinks and sports day lunch orders. More information will be provided to families shortly, including a program of events and preparation instructions for students.

Colour Run

Sponsorship forms for our upcoming Colour Run on Friday 30 September (last day of Term 3) have now gone home and our Colour Run committee are hard at work preparing for what should be a great afternoon of fun and colour. The course will be simplified and extended this year to accommodate all students participating in a single run event. So get your old white clothes ready and get fundraising!



Sun safe hats

With spring now upon us and the UV index steadily rising, it's time for students to locate their sun safe hats! Students are strongly encouraged to start wearing them from now on when learning or playing outside, with all students expected to be wearing a sun safe hat when outdoors from the beginning of Term 4.

