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VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to empower our students and staff to work together to become active and valued community members. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which fosters independent, resilient lifelong learners.

BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'

BDS Beliefs and Values: Showing Tolerance and Respect for others

RESPECT

We ask that students are not on the school grounds before 8.40am each day as supervision is not provided before this time.

DIARY DATES

August

- 12th Finance Meeting
- 17th Subject selection forms returned
- 19th School Council Meeting.

September

- 9th Finance Meeting
- 16th School Council Meeting.
- 17th Parent/Teacher interviews

Principal's Report

Remote Learning

Thanks to everyone for the smooth return to remote learning. There are a few things that are different this time but we hope the changes are helping with support for families. These are things to consider:

- All WebEx numbers for teachers have been sent home. One number per teacher to make things easier.
- Packs and hard copy materials will be available on Mondays between 9am and 4pm from the end of the Grey Building.

- The buses are being used to deliver packs and hard copies to those people who are not able to get into town. Pyramid Hill families will have items dropped at the post office for pick-up.
- A few staff are on-site each day but most are working from home due to health advice asking everyone to limit movement.
- Some on-site supervision of students is occurring but **if you are able to supervise at home, students must stay home.**
- F-6 teachers are running WebEx sessions. Home Group attendance is compulsory for all Years 7-12 students on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- WebEx sessions for curriculum delivery for students in Years 7-12 is scheduled by the classroom teacher.
- If your child is ill on any day and not able to attend sessions, please contact the Office.
- Xuno can be used to contact teachers directly, via email. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with classroom teachers.
- Internet issues? Please call the Office and we will sort out a device for use at home.

I thank everyone who responded to the survey conducted at the end of remote learning last time. We have put things in place based on feedback. I sincerely hope things are going well for all of you. Stay healthy and stay safe.

Information Evenings

Thanks to those families and students who came along to the VCE/VET/VCAL meeting held last night via WebEx. The VTAC Information evening will be advised. Thanks to Tom Bleicher, Drew Crilly and Pete Nickless for seeing these sessions carry on.

Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School – Area principal Forum	At School	At School	At School	At School

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We are still working on having Parent/teacher Interviews in the last week of this term. Whether we hold them all in one day is yet to be decided. Interviews will be done remotely – phone or webex. More details as we decide them.



Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

Staff on Leave
We wish Edwina Chalmers all the best as she goes on leave from the end of this week. We hope everything goes well for her and Cameron and we look forward to seeing her in the near future.

Overdue Library books

Our Library system is now set up to automatically send out overdue notices to students via their emails. If you receive an overdue notice, please ignore, until we are able to resume meeting together again at school.

Rainbow Serpents Year 2/3





Remember
that getting meaning
from print is what
reading is all about.



TALK about the book
before you read it.



LOOK at the pictures,
the cover and the title.



ASK "What do you think
it is about?"



GO through the book
page by page.



TALK about the picture
and the words or ideas
that might be in the book.



Library Books

If you would like some library books sent home with your pack on a Monday, please email the school and let us know.

COMMUNITY NEWS



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!

Talking to your child about Face Masks

Many children may find it confusing or even scary that adults are now wearing masks outside the house. Here are some tips to help you talk to your children about the reasons we are wearing them.

Make the time to talk about

Pick a time when you can give your child your full attention. It might be bedtime, tea time, bath time, or simply a quiet time at home. Having a face mask with you may help to reduce fear or stigma too.

Use positive & reassuring tones

By using calm and positive tones when you speak with your child about masks you are reducing negativity. Be sure to check your own attitude to masks before talking with your child and not bring any negativity into the conversation.

Use language your child understands

Stick to the facts and use examples that your child understands. For example 'healthy people are wearing masks to stay healthy' or 'we wear masks so that germs such as spit or saliva don't get spread'.

Tune In

Ask your child how they feel and let them know that their feelings are ok. Perhaps you could share your coping strategies with them.



<https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/coronavirus-covid-19-guide/face-masks-coronavirus-children>

www.ndch.org.au