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**Newsletter No.24**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

## 2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **Friday 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Pupil Free day
- ⇒ **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**  
School Council
- ⇒ **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August**  
Skillzone starts. 5/6's 3:15-4:00 pm
- ⇒ **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
School photos

Restrictions on Parents/carers being permitted to come onto school grounds are still in place, and you are still requested to observe social distancing whilst waiting for your children out the front.

### HEADLICE

Please check your child's hair as we have those little critters back in the school.



We are an  
**eSmart**  
School

## Characteristics of "Good Kids."

### Characteristics of a good student.

## Integrity

Often, it is not until children do something dishonest that parents have a discussion with them about what it means to have integrity. But ideally kids should learn this characteristic before they are faced with challenging ethical questions. Discuss your family values with your children and try asking what your child would do if faced with ethical dilemmas, such as seeing a friend steal from another student's desk or cheating to get better grades. Talking through these questions will help prepare a child for real life situations.

## **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your Parent-Teacher Interview went smoothly today. It's certainly a novel way of doing them in these COVID-19 restricted times. However, it may be a means of delivery we can consider into the future, where you just can't make it to school for an interview. Maybe we can offer a choice of face-to-face meetings, Zoom meetings or phone calls into the future, to make sure we give everyone the opportunity to participate. A big thankyou to all the teaching staff for organising and conducting the interviews today.

### **SKILLZONE SESSIONS**

Great news! Schools are now able to use their Sporting Schools funding to run coaching programs at school again. So, on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, Adam Gatum and his team from Skillzone will be at school to give each class a Skillzone class during the day. As before, one of these classes will be after school, to make it a little bit special. The after-school class will run from 3:15 - 4:00 pm, with the 5/6 class being the first 'after school' group on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>. The program will run for six weeks, concluding on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Still no identified COVID-19 cases reported in the Moira Shire, so school as usual for us all. Let's ensure it stays that way by continuing to comply with all the COVID protocols.

### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your child is absent for any reason, you have a duty as a parent/carer to ring us at school to let us know. We do worry when one of our students is away and we don't know why. If we don't receive an explanation that student is then marked as 'Unexplained Absence', which goes on their record. If the number of 'unexplained absences' for a particular student reaches 5 days or more in the year, it raises a 'red flag' with the Regional Office, who may then ask for a 'please explain'.

Have a great weekend,

Geoff Weppner.



# STRATHY STARS



Sophie Hibberson, Sierra Hanley, Ella Carter and Sammie Wren



Literacy Award

Abbie Graham, Maisie Hill,  
Phoenix Tonizzo, Lukas Lawn



Maths Award

Addison Newell, Jazzmyn Safe,  
Kiara Wilson and Axel  
Henderson



**Sierra Hanley and Sienna Newell**  
are our barrel winners this week.