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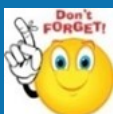
R-7 School

2020
TERM 2
Week 4

YEAR 8 HIGH SCHOOL

Registration of Interest

All Year 8 High School Registration of Interest forms need to be completed **online** by **TOMORROW Friday, May 22nd**.



CASUAL DAY

Week 5

Friday, May 29th

Advanced Notice:

Pupil Free Days

- * Term 2 — Week 7
Tuesday, June 9th
- * Term 3 — Week 8
Monday, September 7th
- * Term 4 — Week 3
Friday, October 30th

School Closure Day

Term 3 — Week 7
Friday, September 4th

School Photos

Week 8

Wednesday, June 17th
(Individual photos only)



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From the Principal

You May Have Noticed

Some of our community members may have noticed that we have a new way of communicating via SMS when your child is absent. Others may have noticed a new screen sitting on the front office bench. At the beginning of this term, we introduced our new system of signing in/out, including absent notifications each day. Class teachers are now completing morning rolls online which feed back to a central point in the front office. Once we have a registered absence recorded that is unexplained, an SMS is sent to the child/ren's parent/caregiver. This assists us to keep track of students who are away in a quick manner and communicate with you as soon as possible each day. Once circumstances permit, each child and visitor will be signing in and out electronically from the front office. I am hopeful restrictions will be eased sooner rather than later by SA Health for us to fully implement the new system.

COVID-19 Update

Part of our last communication to our school community was that we have now eased restrictions on adults entering school grounds. I would like to thank each and everyone for supporting the school during these difficult and unusual times.

Even though the media is reporting good news about COVID-19 there are still measures in place to safeguard everyone in our community.

- Please remember when entering school grounds to **social distance** at all times.
- Drop off and collect your child **quickly** as you are safeguarding yourself, children and all staff.
- **No adults** are to enter any of the class units.
- Volunteers at this stage are to remain out of classrooms. We do miss and appreciate you. When health advice changes we are hopeful to have you all back.

- Assemblies will not convene until SA Health and the Department for Education allow for large gatherings.
- The front office measures will continue to remain until we have further advice to relax all social distancing measures.

Student attendance for Term 2 onwards

The Department for Education has just released expectations for attendance for the remainder of Term Two.

'Around 90% of our students are at school - a great achievement! While we have been supporting parent choice during this pandemic, we now expect all public school students who are well and not considered vulnerable to COVID-19 to attend school or preschool. Students are required to attend school unless they are:

- Feeling unwell.
- Have a chronic medical condition or compromised immune system and are not able to attend school on advice from their medical practitioner.
- Live in a household with others that are deemed vulnerable to COVID-19 and are not able to attend school on advice of their medical practitioner.
- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been required to self-isolate by SA Health.

Many families would be aware, via class newsletters, of teachers transitioning from online support to face-to-face teaching. Attendances have been quite high at Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School and across the state the trend has been the same. All class teachers will now transition to face-to-face teaching. For those who meet the above criteria for being away from school, support can be provided with work given on request. If you have any queries please feel free to contact your child/ren's teacher or Sarah Magnusson or myself.

Tas Ktenidis
Principal



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Sarah Magnusson



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DIARY DATES: MAY / JUNE

22/5	Year 8 High School Registration of Interest forms due online
29/5	Casual Day
8/6	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9/6	PUPIL FREE DAY
16/6	Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room)
17/6	Individual School Photos; Governing Council Meeting 6:45pm (Staff Room)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Academy Photography are scheduled to take our school photos this year, commencing with **individual** photos only on Wednesday, June 17th:

Please note:

Due to COVID-19 Academy have limited photographers available and are not doing group photos this term. We will still be having both individual photos and class photos but **individual** photos will occur first on Wednesday, June 17th (Week 8, Term 2) — **parents will not need to pay at this point.**

Class and group photos will be taken in **Term 3** Week 2, on Wednesday July 29th — **parents will have to order/pay when class/group photos are taken.** Further information about this and about sibling photos will follow soon.

Of Interest

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Fun Phonics Fact 7: Y as a Vowel & Watch out Vowels

The letter Y can be a consonant and a vowel – this is sometimes referred to as “Bossy Y” or “Greedy Y”. In the English language a word cannot end in the letter i (exceptions are the word hi – shortened from hello and ski – which is a Scandinavian word). A word ending with an E is silent, so what do we do if we want to hear an E sound or an I sound at the end of the word? We use a Y as a vowel and a good way to know what sound the Y is representing at the end of the word (E or I) is using the Cry Baby Rule – if a Y is at the end of a one syllable word it makes an I sound, like in ‘cry’. If a Y is at the end of a two syllable word it makes an E sound like in ‘baby’. For a multi-syllable word like justify or custody it can be either E or I so we usually say the word to see what form makes sense. The vowels E, I and Y are referred to as “Watch out Vowels”. They can change the sound of the consonant that comes before it and also show us what letter to use in certain words.

How do we know when to start a word with the letter C or the letter K? Use the Kiss the Cat Rule – if a word starts with a ‘k’ sound and is followed by a watch out vowel (E, I or Y) use the letter K as in ‘kiss’. For any other vowel or consonant use the letter C as in ‘cat’. Watch out vowels also help us with reading rules. The letter C makes an ‘s’ sound if it is followed by a watch out vowel, as in ‘city’, ‘cent’ and ‘cycle’. This is why we use the Kiss the Cat Rule, to ensure we achieve the ‘k’ sound and not the ‘s’ sound. The letter G makes a ‘j’ sound if it is followed by a watch out vowel, as in ‘gem’, ‘gym’ and ‘giraffe’.

Fun Phonics Fact 8: When to use C, K or CK

In the English language we have 3 letter patterns that make the same sound of ‘k’ - C, K and CK. How do we know when to use each one? We have already learnt the Kiss the Cat Rule for the ‘k’ sound at the start of the word.

At the end of a word:

C is never used at the end of a word with only one vowel.

The only time you use CK is right after a short vowel sound as in ‘truck’. Use K the rest of the time as in ‘milk’ – the Milk Truck Rule!

The only time you don’t use the Milk Truck Rule is if you hear an ‘ic’ sound at the end of a multi-syllable word, like in ‘music’. Words are only allowed to end in C if they are multi-syllable words. If a word has only one syllable and ends in an ‘ic’ sound use CK, as in ‘trick’ – the Music Trick Rule!

In the middle of a multi-syllable word:

Use a C wherever you can unless it is followed by a watch out vowel (E, I or Y) like in the word ‘picnic’, if this doesn’t work... use a CK, but only if it is followed by a short vowel sound, like in ‘chicken’... if a C or a CK do not work use a K like in ‘basket’ – The Picnic, Chicken Basket Rule!

Note: if a word ends in a ‘kt’ sound like in act, direct or addict you always use the letters CT. This goes back to words with Latin roots and also fits our rules as a K would only be used if a watch out vowel followed it.