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**Term 1 2020**

**Newsletter** – Week 2

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**A 21ST CENTURY SCHOOL**

From the Principal

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. It was great to see our students so happy and positive over the first two weeks. Due to declining readership we will make changes to our newsletter practice over the course of this term.

Improving Student Learning

One of the ways we ensure we meet the needs of all students is through ongoing assessment. Our younger students have been engaged in comprehensive literacy screening over the past two weeks. This week, our older students have sat online screening tests.

These screening tools ensure we have the best data we can get to drive our decision-making.

Successful Students.

Over the last two years our school has worked very hard to produce improved outcomes. I am happy to report that the data in almost every NAPLAN test in both years three and year five is continuing to improve. Well done to our Health & teaching staff.

One of our strategic targets is to have 75% of students achieve NAPLAN scores above the WA mean. That is a very ambitious target but we are well on the way. Have a look at the data on our year three students.

Health & Wellbeing

One of our very successful innovations in 2019 was the Interpersonal Skills program that encouraged and supported students to be more successful in playing and working together. This year we have added an increased focus on student physical and mental health. The first inclusion in 2020 is the 20 min physical activity on Monday afternoon. It was great to see our students out and running around on Monday and improving their fitness.

Maintenance

A significant amount of maintenance will occur this semester. Please be patient – it will be worth it in the end.

Our Early Childhood area was inspected last year and the report returned today. The entire area has been cleared of asbestos-containing materials. Work will commence soon on repainting some of the external features.

Bunuru block will have a toilet upgrade this term. I will let you know as and when the details become available. I expect that Bunuru students will need to use Makuru block for a month to six weeks.

Kambarang, Makuru and Bunuru blocks will have some external painting in the near future.

Thanks very much to **Tammy** who painted the railings around the covered assembly area over the holidays. It looks so much better!

Assembly Change

Last year, to minimise interruptions in the priority times (morning Literacy & Numeracy blocks), we moved assemblies to the afternoons. Our mini assemblies will still be held on Monday afternoons at 2.45pm.

Our performance assemblies will remain on Fridays, but will move back to mornings due to the heat on Friday afternoons.

Have a terrific week,

Trevor Phoebe

Principal