



## Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting few days in school next week.

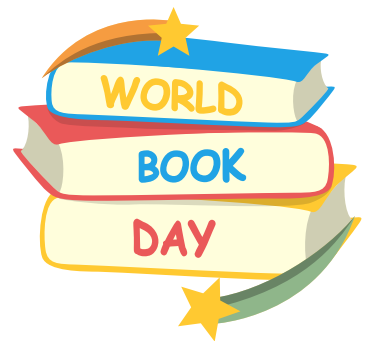
On Wednesday, we will be welcoming the school photographer to take individual school photographs and class photographs of Nursery, Primary 1 and Primary 7. Children should come to school in full uniform and looking their very best. Information will be sent home about how to purchase these photos.

On Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day – always a highlight of the school year! This is a wonderful opportunity to promote a love of reading and to celebrate the joy that books bring to our lives. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character (if they wish).

However, we do not want any family to feel that they must purchase a costume. Children are very welcome to come to school in their school uniform and instead design and draw a book cover to wear and share with their class. We look forward to seeing the creativity on display.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr J. Clarke






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## THIS WEEK IN BOTANIC ...

Monday	Primary 4 - 6 Wasterbusters Eco Musical at the Lyric Theatre
Tuesday	P2- Play Centre P5 and P7 - Swimming
Wednesday	School Photographs - pupils should wear their full school uniform. Information will be sent home about how to purchase photographs.
Thursday	World Book Day - pupils can wear a costume or draw a book cover and share this with their class.
Friday	P4 CWA Dance

Please make sure your child is ready to learn each day! Children should come to school with their all belongings and be in school for 9.00am each morning.

As we support our pupils observing Ramadan, please note that if a fasting child becomes very unwell during the school day, we will offer them food or drink as part of our duty of care. If you do not wish for your child to receive food under any circumstances, please provide written communication to the school. We aim to respect religious practices while ensuring the wellbeing of all pupils.



## ENGLISH CLASSES - WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

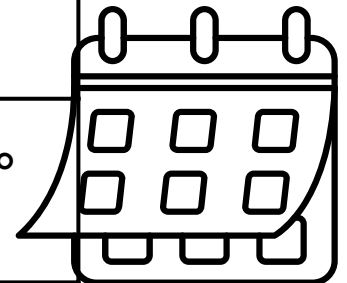
In partnership with People 1<sup>st</sup>, we are hosting English classes for Parents and Carers every Wednesday.

This course will take place every Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

## CALENDAR DATES - MARCH AND APRIL 2026

4 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photographs
16 <sup>th</sup> March	School Development Day - No pupils in school
17 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closed for St. Patrick's Day
27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 2 - 12 noon finish for all pupils
13 <sup>th</sup> April	School Development Day - No pupils in school
14 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for pupils. Term 3 begins



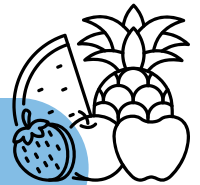


## MORNING ROUTINE



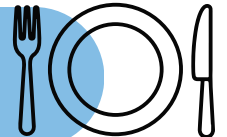
The school doors open at 8.55am and close at 9.00am. It is very important that children arrive to school on time so that they do not miss any teaching and learning. Please make every effort to be in school by 9.00am.

## HEALTHY BREAKS



Pupils have a break mid-morning and pupils are encouraged during this period to eat only fruit, vegetable or bread based products and drink only milk or water.

## DINNER BOOKINGS



Dinners must be booked by Sunday evening for the week ahead. If you provide a packed lunch for your child, please tell us via the school app.

It is important to make payments for all dinners you book upfront. Dinner will not be provided if you do not make a payment. School will contact you to bring a packed lunch for your child.

Please pay all outstanding Snack, Dinner, Morning Club, Nursery Fund, Swimming money ASAP.



## HEAD LICE



Parents/Carers should regularly check their child's hair for head lice. If they need treatment, it is available free from chemists. We encourage pupils with long hair to wear it tied back in school as a preventative measure.

## ALLERGIES



We have a number of pupils with allergies in the school and therefore ask that everyone cooperates by not sending in the following products:

- All nuts including horse chestnuts
- Kiwi

Any breaks or packed lunches brought into school must not contain the above products. PLEASE NOTE: Many chocolate spreads DO contain nuts.

Please check ingredients carefully.

Unfortunately, due to issues arising from the labelling of products, birthday cakes must not be sent into school.

## OPERATION ENCOMPASS

We are an Operation Encompass School, for more information please go to the school website. If you have a concern about a child, please speak to Ms Murray, our Designated Teacher for Child Protection or Mr Clarke, School Principal.



## ATTENDANCE

It is important that children come to school every day. Please ensure any family trips are planned in school holidays. Unauthorised attendance is monitored and reported to the Education Welfare Service.



### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS –

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.



**Key  
Point**

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.