

Thursday, 2 September 2021

## From the Principal

Hello to our wonderful parent community,

It's been a little while since we've done a school newsletter. We didn't want to bombard you with lots of additional things while you're managing both working from home yourselves and learning from home with our kids. I do though want to touch base and keep you up to date with what we're doing as a school. At the moment the school's executive team and I are developing our plans for when we return to learning back at school. As we don't yet know what this will look like or even when it may happen, we've been working on several plans to cover what we hope will be most frameworks for return to school. We've also been working on a plan to support our CUBS kids. As we've yet to hear what Kindergarten Transition will look like for Term 4, we're investigating ways our CUBS kids can be supported in the move to 'big school'.

I want to put a huge "shout-out" to you, our parent community for the support you are giving us as a school, and, for coping with everything the world is throwing at you. I want to thank you for keeping your kids at home, as hard as learning from home sometimes is, as this ensures I can have minimal staff at school, keeping our school staff home as well with their families. Many of our teachers and school staff are also juggling their own children learning from home while checking in with their kids in their classes. They get how tricky it is for you because they're dealing with the same thing.

Some of you are wondering how much school work your children should be uploading onto their Seesaw page. Included in this newsletter is the Department of Education's guidelines around learning time. As each of our children are different, the amount of work uploaded will be different, however, there should be more than one piece of work or evidence of an activity uploaded each day. Your child may finish all of the day's work quickly and be looking for more things to do. There are many web-based activities they can engage in, many live excursions they can watch from zoos to museums. There are lots of apps that come with your device to create as well - imovie, bookcreator, garageband, to name a few.

ABC has many educational programs for children to engage in. Just ask your class teacher for some suggestions.

Don't forget to encourage your kids to be outside in the garden, there are forts to be built, adventures to be had, veggie gardens to create and lawns to mow. This may be a good time to encourage your child to learn new skills in the kitchen, how to get grass and dirt stains out of the laundry and how to best vacuum under the beds.

And to conclude, I want to let you know we are putting our old ride on lawn mower out to tender in our community. Full details of the mower are in this newsletter and tenders can be submitted by emailing your offer to the school [tenambit-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tenambit-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Tenders will close on Monday, 6th September at 5.00pm.

Stay well everyone,

Donna Stackman  
#strongertogether

### KUBOTA ZERO TURN ZG222 RIDE ON MOWER

The mower was purchased in March 2012. The dimensions are 1550mm width and 1775mm high with a 48in cutting width and has been serviced regularly by Kentan Machinery, Hexham, where it was originally purchased.



# How long should my child be learning for during the day?

<b>Kindergarten</b> Expect your child to be learning from home for approximately 2.5 hours per day, plus additional activities.  This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45-60 minutes of English activities</li> <li>• 30-45 minutes of mathematics activities</li> <li>• 30-60 minutes of activities across other KLAs (creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE and science/technology).</li> </ul> The school may also organise other activities such as wellbeing and physical activities.	<b>Stage 1</b> Expect your child to be learning from home for approximately 2.5 hours per day, plus additional activities.  This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45-60 minutes of English activities</li> <li>• 30-45 minutes of mathematics activities</li> <li>• 30-60 minutes of activities across other KLAs (creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE and science/technology).</li> </ul> The school may also organise other activities such as wellbeing and physical activities.	<b>Stage 2</b> Expect your child to be learning from home for approximately 3 hours per day, plus additional activities.  This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45-60 minutes of English activities</li> <li>• 30-45 minutes of mathematics activities</li> <li>• 1-1.5 hours of activities across other KLAs (creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE and science/technology).</li> </ul> The school may also organise other activities such as wellbeing and physical activities.	<b>Stage 3</b> Expect your child to be learning from home for approximately 3 hours per day, plus additional activities.  This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45-60 minutes of English activities</li> <li>• 30-45 minutes of mathematics activities</li> <li>• 1-1.5 hours of activities across other KLAs (creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE and science/technology).</li> </ul> The school may also organise other activities such as wellbeing and physical activities.
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## Commonly asked questions

When does my child have to check in?	By 9:30am each day via Seesaw, do the check-in activity, or email the school prior to 9:30am to indicate they are learning from home.  Children otherwise will be marked absent.
How many activities does my child have to submit through Seesaw?	Each day, submit at least one English activity, one Maths activity and one other activity of your choice, unless you've discussed this with your class teacher and arranged for something different.
We don't have technology access or can't use Seesaw. How does my child submit their work?	Work can be posted to the school, marked to the teacher's attention, or dropped off by arrangement. Chat to your class teacher to arrange this.
My child is unwell, do they still have to check-in or do their work?	No. If kids are unwell, it's not expected. Please have a COVID test if showing any signs of symptoms, even if mild.
What if my child does not have the required school work submitted?	In this instance, children will be marked absent.