

Principal Report – week 9 Term 1 2022

- Well it has been quite a ride over the last few weeks. I would like to thank the school community for their support. I know there was some angst as to why we were not open, for those few days, as we had no flood damage. I did have impacted staff (flooded homes), others that couldn't get here due to road closures, no communications – phones or internet for days and our hall was being used as an overflow for the evac centre. While ever that was being used, students were not allowed on the site. The hall was consequently cleaned on the Monday and we were able to return on the Tuesday, with communication back and enough casuals were available to fill gaps. I would also like to thank my staff who actively helped family and friends and assisted in recovery centres. A massive shout out to our gorgeous community members who assisted also.
- It is lovely to be back to some kind of normal – our first K-2 assembly for the year with parents last week was well attended. We will also have parents able to attend for cross country and Easter Hat Parade and other events moving forward. People need to ensure though that they are well before attending the school for events. If you are unwell, you must not come on site. If lots of cases start to surface again in the community things could change including visitors and masks.
- Drop off and Pick up remain at gate for student and staff safety. It is a much smoother transition to learning for the day and there are no outside distractions outside classrooms in the afternoon. It also assists with traffic flow if people are not parking for extended periods particularly in the morning. The children are absolutely fine and are very settled, those that need a little extra TLC are receiving this as required upon entry. They are all very independent.
- Covid cases are a little more prevalent at the moment. Reminder if someone in your house tests positive you must also do 7 days isolation. We still have some RAT kits if people need them. We only need to test now if we have symptoms – children that appear unwell will be sent home – even if it is not COVID need to be symptom free as there are lots of little bugs circulating! If lots of cases start to surface again(COVID) in the community things could change including visitors and masks. This week to date we are getting our biggest case numbers.
- Check In assessments have just been completed for Years 4 and 6. Some pleasing results - above state averages in both Reading and Numeracy.

2022	School	State	Difference
Reading			
Yr 4	62.7	53.3	9.4
Yr 6	65.4	62.5	2.9
Numeracy			
Yr 4	62.7	53.3	9.4
Yr 6	72.5	65.8	6.7
- Infrastructure Meeting Update – was held today – there will be a community update coming out soon to let you know where things are at - basically nothing new – still in the land acquisition phase.
- Zone Changes – this will be still occurring – announcement to be made next term as to what this will look like and when. This will be an interim measure I am told until a new school is built, then the zone will change again.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews – information went home re this on Monday(yesterday). Will be held next week – for most teachers. Need to book online – they close on Friday afternoon.

They will be held in teachers' classrooms. Not sure if the P and c wanted to do anything re this? Even maybe a drinks/snacks etc – as might be tricky to organise a BBQ and helpers quickly....plus restraints re time – teachers are all finishing at different times etc.

- New air con installed in canteen. Need another one for 1H classroom.
- Easter Hat Parade – this will be done in the hall in 2 groups – K-2 then 3-6. Depending upon if you have children in bot groups you may need to leave betweenne events – but welcome back for picnic lunch if you choose. If you are ordering lunch from the canteen on that day – it needs to be done the day before – order on your childs class. Just checking re raffles..... pre drawn?? Usually one student prize per class??
- Cross Country Friday 8th April – this will be held in the morning – Kinder will be on the school site – others Williams Reserve/school. Parents will be able to watch – more details to come. If ordering for lunch on this day must be done by Tuesday 29th March – under events on Spriggy App.
- School term ends – Friday 8 April
- Anzac Day _ Monday 25th – Anzac March in Ballina is just for school captains and a designated representative – students and parents are encouraged to watch the parade.
- Teachers resume – Tuesday 26 April – Students Wednesday 27 April