

Principal Report – week 3 Term 2 2022

- Welcome back to term 2. It was lovely to finally hold some family friendly events at the end of the term. Thanks to those of you who were able to attend our Easter Hat Parade and/or cross country. Both were great days.
- NAPLAN started today – going over the next 10 days – all online except Year 3 writing.
- BCHS Information night for students going to Year 7 next year – Monday May 16 5:30pm.
- Our Athletics Carnival will be Thursday 16th June – week 8 for events – high jump, discus, shotput etc at Megan Crescent – students will walk to here Then last day of term 2 – Friday 1 July, will be for field events – all running and long jump. This will involve bus travel and will be at Geoff Watt Oval in Alstonville. We can't use Williams – council won't mark it... Chickiba is getting long jump pits but they are not done yet. Still working out logistics for the day – but it is possible that it will be an earlier start and Kinder will possibly not stay all day. This way all children get to participate even though over 2 venues on 2 days.
- Assemblies will begin again this week. This roster is on the school website – please note there will still be the odd tweak as sometimes unforeseen things happen. For example, no item this week as many students in 5/6L are at another sporting event, they will combine on the same day as with another class down the track.
- Reports will go out for this semester at the end of the term.
- Paul Bryant Public Speaking – week 8 or week 9 of this term – just being confirmed with judges.
- Covid cases of course are still around. If you child tests positive you must let us know. We will notify which stages cases have been in- each week – as opposed to each day. A reminder if students have symptoms they will be sent home. Please test students as required. If they are unwell please keep them at home until they are well. If there is a case in your household, you need to notify the school so that we know they are household contacts and will need to be tested each day they are at school over those 7 days. More tests will be provided to students this week if they arrive.
- Kinder Information session – May 25 – 5:30pm – school library – usually have a P and C rep attend to quickly talk about the P and C – so need a volunteer please?
- Zone Changes – this has of course been announced and went live last Wednesday. Down the track the zone may change again, but this will be very dependent upon where the new school is actually built – as this is still to be determined – currently still looking for appropriate land. Reminder if your children were already enrolled as you were in zone, if you have siblings following, they are still able to be enrolled – however they will have to be

done as an OoZ application – but I will always be able to accept siblings of those originally in the old school zone. This will impact our numbers over time – as to enrolments.

- I am still waiting for the official piece of paper with the information that states that my staffing will not be affected.
- Re information that went out last week on Facebook (Lennox Community Page)– some inaccuracies here – hasn't been several zone changes, there has been one in my time here. If the new build had occurred and it wasn't able to meet the needs of students – demountables would have had to have come on site if in zone students needed to enrol – that is what happens. Decision re new build although great – still has a lot of gaps – eg land to be found then build it could be years. That is certainly not a fast track. Which is what was promised by the Education minister - 'The NSW Government will now fast-track plans to identify other options that will meet the educational needs of students across the region in the long term. The was also written in the update in December 2021. If no land is found then what? We still also don't know w what is the school going to cater for? The needs of the community ... which is? Also, re what happens to this current site long term, that has never been officially announced as to what is going to happen so we need to be mindful of guessing or assuming as that can create other issues.
- There was no community consultation prior to the zone change, it was mentioned I updates that a change was coming – but no one anticipated the town being cut in two so to speak. I was given 3 scenarios none of which I had input into designing. I didn't like any of them, but there was no give and take on this decision from a school perspective.
- To contact infrastructure – phone – 1300482651 or email – schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
- End Of Term 2 – Friday 1 July 2022. First day term 3 for students – Tuesday 19 July. Calendar explaining dates for students was going to be put on website. We are mindful of putting too many dates in advance as sometimes things have to change anyway.