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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow!!! What a term and you know together we made it and we are still healthy, smiling and can be proud of our achievements.

Even though the term was all virtual there have been so many opportunities that our teachers put in place for our wonderful students (parents too enjoyed the experience).



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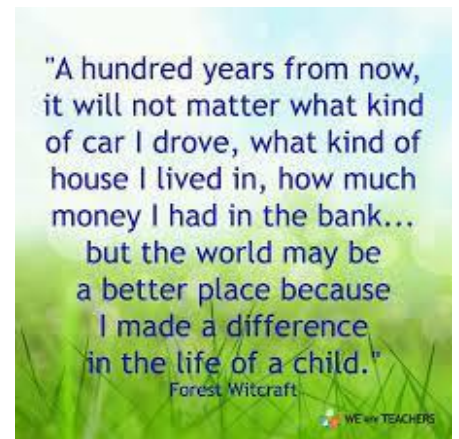
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ACHIEVEMENTS OF STAFF THIS TERM

- Constantly adapting teaching to online platforms
- Working in the fishbowl that is online Zoom teaching
- Producing and delivering extensive differentiated online learning
- Daily literacy/numeracy videos
- Regular check in phone calls
- Responding to feedback on all platforms and differentiating student learning through break out rooms and interventions sessions
- Zoom polls used as exit slips and student to teacher feedback
- Supporting family engagement with online learning through zoom with 86.5% take up
- Refined assembly zooms
- online events – yoga, mindfulness and dance parties
- SLSOs for supporting the supervising teacher and students onsite
- office staff going above and beyond to support families and ensure that devices, learning packages, merits and NAPLAN results were delivered.



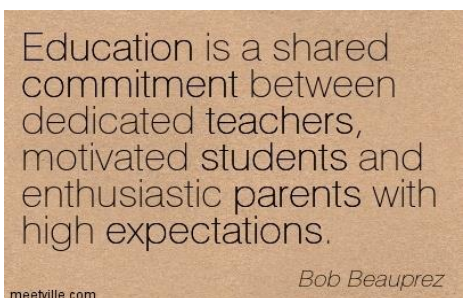
ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS THIS TERM

- adjusting to online learning in a respectful, responsible and safe manner
- participating in online reading groups with enthusiasm and dedication.
- students leaders leading the whole school ZOOM assembly – maturity beyond their years and excellent role models
- our Kindy students for their dedication and adjusting to learning online – what a way to start your journey of formal schooling.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR PARENT COMMUNITY THIS TERM

Thank you for following the advice of our Premier and keeping your children home and safe. I know this was difficult whilst you also managed your own work and household.



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Term 4 will commence on Tuesday 5 October, as Monday 4 October is a public holiday.

As of today, the plan for term 4 is that the first three weeks of term will continue to be learning from home, with attendance onsite of children from essential workers only. Again, minimal staff will be onsite to supervise these students. The Department of Education has developed a plan to bring students back in a COVID-safe way while stay at home orders are still in place – ensuring continuity of education, and protecting student, teacher and community safety. Up to date advice is also available on the public DoE website (Advice for families). The department recognises that both Kindergarten and Year 1 student have not had a full year of learning at school, due to the disruptions of the pandemic. Therefore, they are prioritised to return first. This is very much dependent on the state reaching a safe vaccination rate and low cases in our own Local Government Area.

The plan states:

- From 25 October – Kindergarten and Year 1
- From 1 November – Year 2, 6
- From 8 November – Year 3, 4, 5,

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the NSW Government is prioritising the safety and education of students through a sensible and managed return to school.

We will continue to update you as more information comes our way.

At all times the school adheres to the directives given by the Department of Education and the advice they receive from NSW Health.

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NAPLAN 2021 – YEARS 3 AND 5

NAPLAN results were released to schools last week. Individual student NAPLAN reports were posted last week. If you have not received your child's results please contact the school. Pitt Town Public School has excelled again in all assessments in both growth and achievement. I was particularly proud of the excellent results for both Year 3 and Year 5 in the writing assessment. The results across each assessment in literacy and numeracy are testimony to the diligence and perseverance of our students, the dedication to quality teaching of our teachers and to the invaluable support of our parents in placing a high value on education.

I wish every family a safe and happy school holiday break. I look forward to seeing you again in Term 4.

Mary Roche

Principal



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