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**Welcome to
WEEK 6!**

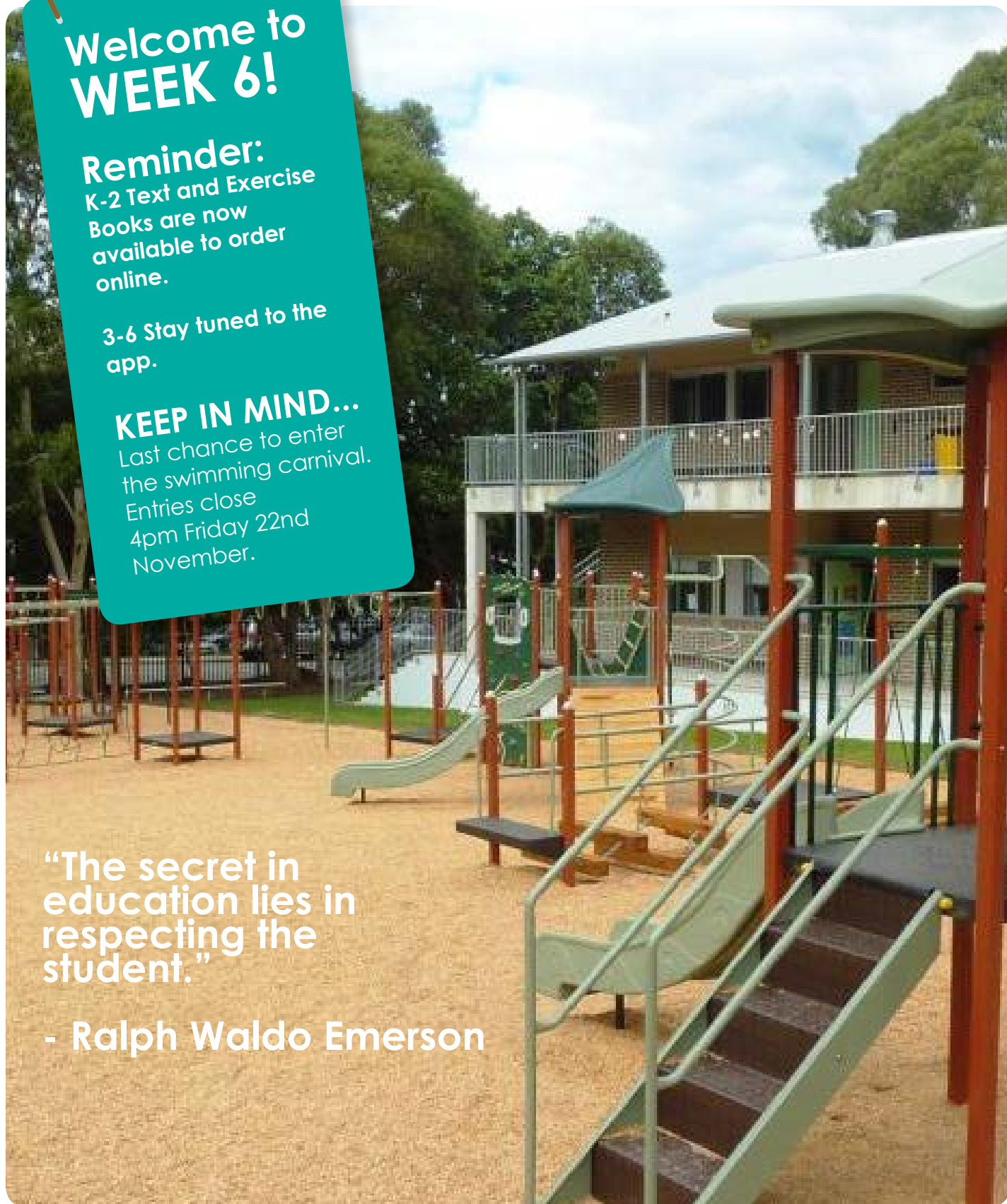
Reminder:
K-2 Text and Exercise
Books are now
available to order
online.

3-6 Stay tuned to the
app.

KEEP IN MIND...
Last chance to enter
the swimming carnival.
Entries close
4pm Friday 22nd
November.

**"The secret in
education lies in
respecting the
student."**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson





Calendar

Mona Vale Manners

Week 7

Knock on the
door and wait
when visiting
another class
or office. Say,
"Excuse me...."
when you
enter the
room.

*(begins Monday 25th
November)*

WEEK 7

MONDAY 25th

Year 6 Play K-2 Matinee

TUESDAY 26th

Year 6 Play 3-5 Matinee

WEDNESDAY 27th

Kindergarten @ Botanical Gardens

THURSDAY 28th

Kindergarten @ Botanical Gardens

Year 1 Violin Concert

FRIDAY 29th

WEEK 8

MONDAY 2nd

TUESDAY 3rd

Scripture Assembly

WEDNESDAY 4th

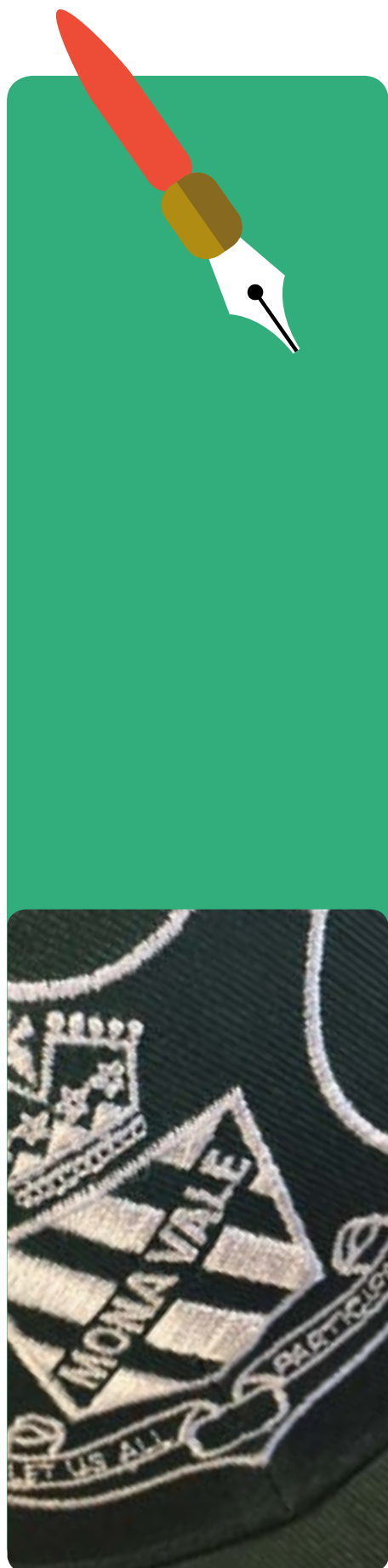
THURSDAY 5th

Honour Assembly

FRIDAY 6th



From the Principal



What a fabulous first three days at Mona Vale Public School! I would like to sincerely thank staff, students and the community for such a warm and caring welcome to the school. It is evident that this is a school where partnership between home and school is always focused on what is best for students and how we can work together to achieve this. This week I have been able to meet all of the classes and see Mona Vale PS learning in action. I have been very impressed with the insightful questions, attention to detail and willingness to share learning with me. It has also been lovely to have students come to the office and show me their 'personal best' work. I even had an art lesson by some very creative students in Year 5.

Term 4 is certainly a busy time of year in schools. Just this week our students have been out and about for sporting events and excursions. Our Year 6 students (and their teachers) have been working very hard on their upcoming play. I am very excited to see the end product of all of their dedication and creativity! I believe I have a 'pseudo-cameo' role!

On Tuesday we held a Visioning Workshop with the architects, Schools Infrastructure and the project managers for our potential major capital works. We are most appreciative of the staff who came along to this additional meeting to assist with the preliminary discussion of what is important to our school. This project is not yet confirmed however as more information comes to hand we will most certainly communicate the scope and expected timeline with community.

I certainly encourage community members to come along to the P&C meetings to hear about the intricacies of the leadership and management of the school. On that note I would like to thank the P&C executive for meeting with me on Tuesday night and sharing their thoughts on the strengths of the school and the areas we can work together to improve. At the next meeting we will have an important update from Mrs Stevenson about changes to PSSA and I will be talking through class formations and the method we use to create classes at the beginning of the year. I will also be calling for parents who are interested in working with the school to develop a communication strategy so that we can ensure the information and platforms we are using to communicate is effective, timely, relevant and interesting!



From the Principal

I also had the pleasure of attending the Band AGM and was amazed by the commitment of our families to this important program. Mrs Shaw shows excellent leadership of this program and is clearly well supported by many dedicated parents. I am especially looking forward to the upcoming Strings Soiree and the Big Band Bash (and am disappointed I missed the Barn Dance after hearing all about it last night). Thank you to all involved in this program which benefits so many of our students.

Today I had the pleasure to meet with our incoming kindergarten students and their families at our final kindergarten orientation session. It is always such a delight to see how excited kindies are about coming to "Big School". Thank you Mrs Lennon and the kindergarten team for coordinating this program for us. We are grateful to have such dedicated teachers. In regards to class placement for 2020, I am aware that forms have been sent home for parents to notify the school regarding concerns for your child (ren) that you would like us to consider. We have received hundreds of these forms back to the office and I wanted to take the time to communicate that whilst we will most definitely consider specific issues, concerns or special needs we cannot accommodate requests for friendship pairing, particular teachers or classrooms. Our classroom teachers, executive and specialist staff all spend a significant amount of time and attention to assigning students and teachers to classes. As mentioned earlier, I will explain our class placement process in detail at the P&C meeting and encourage you to come along to this.

Again, thank you for a wonderful (almost) first week. I look forward to getting to know you all and working closely with community in the future.



Regards

Shannan Judge
Principal



From the Office

Administration Hours:

8:30am - 3:15pm

Notes On The Website

Please check our website regularly for notes.

Text And Exercise Books

Text and Exercise books are ready to order online for Kindergarten 2020, Year 1 2020, Year 2 2020 and Year 5, Year 6 Opportunity classes 2020.

In previous years we have used two suppliers for text and exercise books. This year it is a "one stop shop" so you only need to purchase one pack per child which will include text and exercise books.

Please go to our website to the "Notes and Forms" tab, "Planning for 2020". All the instructions are there for you to order your books online.

Please make sure you order BEFORE MONDAY 13TH JANUARY, so that your books are ready for a smooth transition into 2020. Late orders will incur an administration fee.

Years 3-6 your books will be available to order later in the year. Please stay tuned to the app for details.

Stationery lists for all grades are available on the website. Stationery can be purchased from the supplier of your choice.

Whooping Cough And Chicken Pox

We have a number of cases of Whooping Cough and Chicken Pox. If your child shows any signs or symptoms please take them to the doctor and keep them at home until you get confirmation and complete appropriate medications. Please see our website for further details.

Graduation Jackets – Year 6 2020

Students currently in Year 5 – it is time to order your Graduation Jackets for Year 6. Please see the website for the order form. Please note the cut off date for orders is Friday 29th November. No late orders will be accepted. The safest way to return your orders is via email to uniformshop@monavalepsca.com.au.

Christmas Gift Appeal

We will be collecting gifts on behalf of Wiseberry Real Estate again this year. Gifts will be distributed to charities such as Bear Cottage, Stewart House and Dalward Spilstead. Please drop your gifts to the office, preferably in a gift bag, by Wednesday 4th December.



From the Office

Year 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival 2020

The Swimming Carnival is once again on the first day of school in 2020. This year we are trialling a new ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM. If you wish to enter a race on the day, please ENTER ONLINE before **22nd NOVEMBER, 2019**. No late entries can be accepted. See the note on the website for full details. All students are encouraged to enter races and participate, however, if they do not wish to compete they can come and cheer on their friends and team mates.

Year 5 – 2020 PCS High School Extension Test

Please see our website for information regarding applications for 2020 PCS High School Extension tests. Applications close in February, 2020.

Message From TLC

Thanks so much from all of us to all of you for coming along to the fun and heart warming TLC fundraising movie last week – photos are on our FB page and please stay tuned to hear how much was raised, helping us to continue our support of families over the long holidays.

TLC is also fundraising with The Entertainment Book: the new version is available for 12 months from activation, making it the perfect Christmas Gift. Not only is it full of excellent savings and offers, 20% of every purchase is donated to TLC... winning all round! Please purchase at <https://www.entbook.com.au/2004q37>

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Janine Rogers
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Regards

Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager

TLC is 100% run by volunteers
in the MVPS community
and we rely on **YOUR HELP**

We need the help of the MVPS community and it is easy to do:

- ♥ Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
- ♥ Attend our events
- ♥ Refer someone who needs help
- ♥ Contact us to be an occasional volunteer

We appreciate and value all of your support

tLC
Tender Loving Community

TLC provides practical and discreet support to MVPS families when they are affected by serious illness, severe injury or bereavement.

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tenderlovingcommunity.monavale@gmail.com



School Hats

From Day 1, Term 1, 2020 all Mona Vale PS students will be required to wear the new school hat. In line with Department policy, there has been a two year roll-over period and from the beginning of next year, students who continue to wear the old style caps will no longer be able to play outdoors and will be asked to sit in the shade, in line with our 'no hat no play' policy.

The new hat was brought in after consultation with the school community, including the Student Representative Council (SRC) and based on the most up to date advice provided by the Cancer Council.

As we move in to the warmer months of spring and the increased risk of UV damage we would encourage those of you whose children are still in the caps to consider purchasing a school hat in the near future, and certainly before the end of term.

Hats can be purchased through the school uniform shop.





Wellbeing Week

Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been practising using a growth mindset. A growth mindset is the belief that you are in control of your learning; and that with dedication, hard work and resilience when faced with challenges you can achieve. This helps students feel more confident about school.

Year 1

For our wellbeing week activity this term, Year 1 students got together with Year 5 students to read books and tell stories together. All the students thought it was a great way to learn and have fun at the same time; they also said that it made everyone feel happy about school! So we are going to get together and do it again soon!

Year 2

In Term 4 for Wellbeing Week, Year 2 continued to focus on personal development and learning to be proud of our efforts and achievements. Activities were focused on understanding personal strengths and being grateful for these. The activities were supported by the text "Good To Be Me", where students were able to read about a child who developed self-confidence. Year 2 classes enjoyed these activities and were challenged to look deep inside themselves to identify areas of themselves they were proud of. Well done, Year 2.

Support Classes

K-3P have been talking about kindness and feelings and how our behaviour can impact the way others think and feel.

Students in the support classes have been practising kindness and thinking about the sorts of play that is fun for everyone.





Wellbeing Week

Year 3

During Wellbeing Week this term, Year 3 were very excited to participate in the Buddy Training Program. This program aimed to show our students how to become responsible and respectful leaders to our 2020 incoming kindergarten students. The incursion workshop was run by the enthusiastic Pontus from Supreme Incursions. Students from each class were divided into smaller groups, outside of their immediate peer group and comfort zone, and rotated through four exciting challenges. Each challenge encouraged our Year 3s to build upon their communication, trust, initiative, problem-solving and leadership skills. Basic getting along, encouragement and turn-taking skills were demonstrated and investigated and our Year 3s took on the challenge with confidence and determination. Our future Year 4s will be excellent buddies to our new kindies next year and they are looking forward to putting their new found leadership skills into practise! Well done to all of our Year 3 leaders- you will set a wonderful example to our newest students in 2020!



Year 4

Being reasonable and ethical online.

Students have explored their understanding of what it means to be online, online friendships, online bullying, and communicating reasonably with others online. Students identify examples of behaviours that are reasonable when online, and critically evaluate and rate the behaviours they believe are the most important.



Wellbeing Week

Year 5

Year 5 spent Wellbeing week looking after themselves with various activities such as: no homework, sleeping, eating well, exercising and helping others. We worked with our year 1 buddies on Wednesday afternoon to collaboratively write imaginative texts.

Year 6

Year 6 has ended their final Wellbeing Week on a high.... Some classes made 'shout out' and 'kindness' walls to improve the confidence and spirits of their peers. Other classes concentrated on mindful free choice art, extra sport activities, wellbeing scavenger hunt and overall mindfulness. The students and teachers enjoyed reflecting on their final year of primary school as well as their time at MVPS. They are looking forward to the future and all of it's challenges and experiences.





Canteen

	MONDAY 25th	TUESDAY 26th	WEDNESDAY 27th	THURSDAY 28th	FRIDAY 29th
7	Anne W Elaine G	Christina G	Emma K Steve T Esther Bev	Michelle HA Skye R Jack P	Helpers Needed
	MONDAY 2nd	TUESDAY 3rd	WEDNESDAY 4th	THURSDAY 5th	FRIDAY 6th
8	Angus G Helpers Needed	Corrina B Amy Gi G	Anthea F Natalie W	Tataum M Rebecca W	Julie R Nikki H Mel D
	MONDAY 9th	TUESDAY 10th	WEDNESDAY 11th	THURSDAY 12th	FRIDAY 13th
9	Donna R Kerry W	Christina G Michelle Felicity B	Jack P Leonie T Nadine D	Terry K Helpers Needed	Helpers Needed
	MONDAY 16th	TUESDAY 17th	WEDNESDAY 18th	THURSDAY 19th	
10	SUSHI ONLY	SUSHI ONLY	CANTEEN CLOSED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	

Volunteers

Be great to have help on FRIDAY 29th November and MONDAY 2nd December and FRIDAY 13th December. If you're free please let me know 9997 2442 or canteen@monavalepspca.com.au.

Decorations

Thank you so much to the students of 3-6S for creating some festive decorations for the canteen. Pop down to enjoy some terrific artwork. Thanks.

Reminder

As the end of TERM looms just a reminder the canteen will be closed on the last day of Term. On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December only sushi will be available on FLEXISCHOOLS.



Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Mondays 2:30pm - 3pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30am - 10:30am

2019 Volunteer Portal is active for Term 4. Volunteers are always needed, even if you can spare a couple of hours once or twice a month. We are looking for volunteers to assist with Stocktake on Wednesday 27th November. If you are able to volunteer in the shop, please go to website www.carebookings.com.au.

Enter event code: **B7MJN** in the green box.

Year 5: This is the last week to order Graduation Jackets, the closing date is Friday 29th November. NO SPARES ARE ORDERED. The form is in the Term 4 Notes tab on the website, or you can order on Flexischools. Please place your orders as soon as possible, there are samples in the shop to try on for size.

Year 6 going to Pittwater High School: We have managed to acquire some Pittwater High Uniforms to try on here at our Uniform Shop. A message from the High school is that Orientation Day is very busy, please get in early. You will be able to try on some sizes of various items we have here, and either place an online order through their website, or visit the Uniform Shop. Their opening times are Tuesday and Thursday 8.15am - 11.15am (Note: they are second hand items, and whilst we don't have everything available in each size, it will be enough to give you a starting point).

Year 6 going to Narrabeen Sports High School: A message from the High school is that Orientation Day is very busy, please get in early. The Uniform Shop is open every day from 8am-9am during school term. They are open every day from January 20th to January 24th from 8am-12pm. There is no online ordering.

Hats: Reminder that as of the beginning of 2020, ALL students will be required to wear wide brim hats, caps will no longer be a part of our uniform.

Profits made during the year in the uniform shop are given back to the P&C to support initiatives.

Regards

Hanna Jones
Uniform Shop Supervisor
uniformshop@monavalepsca.com.au



2020 Term Dates



TERM DATES



1

Students return - Wednesday 29th January (Years 1-6) (Year 3-6 School Swimming Carnival)

Kindergarten Best Start Assessments – Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th & Friday 31st January

Kindergarten starts - Monday 3rd February 2020

Last day for students - Friday 9th April 2020

2

Staff Development Day – Monday 27th April 2020

Students return – Tuesday 28th April 2020

Last day for students – Friday 3rd July 2020

3

Staff Development Day – Monday 20th July 2020

Students return – Tuesday 21st July 2020

Last day for students – Friday 25th September 2020

4

Students and Staff return – Monday 12th October 2020

Last day for students – Friday 18th December 2020