

Relieving Principal Report
Vanessa May
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Stackable Doors

No update to provide on quotes.

Painting

I met with the painting contractors on Friday morning and have completed the 'start up' paperwork for them to begin painting from Monday 8 May. At this point in time, the work will not affect our day-to-day school operations or require movement of classes. They are doing the external painting of A Block (Admin), B Block (Stage 1 classrooms), C Block (Kindergarten classrooms) and D Block (Stage 3 classrooms/Staff room). As most of the buildings are being painted, we are taking this opportunity to update the colour scheme.

Carpets

We have received confirmation that new carpet will be installed in B Block (Stage 3 classrooms) and the library. We are awaiting a date for this work to commence.

Cross Country

Thank you to Amber Houston, staff and parents who assisted with the Cross Country Carnival this morning. It was a lovely way to start the week and ran very smoothly. Amber has been relieving as Assistant Principal while Jo Delaney has been on long service leave these past two weeks and has done a fantastic job.

Election BBQ

Great to see so many families volunteering for the Election Day BBQ when I popped in to visit on Sat 25 March. A huge thank you to all the families who donated items for the cake stall and helped with the sausage sizzle. As always, it was great to see such great community spirit! Thank you so much for your efforts.

Mother's Day Breakfast

A breakfast will be held for mothers, grandmothers and special people in the lives of our students. Mrs Tran and Mrs Thompson are organising this event. Please keep an eye out for the details in the newsletter.

Traffic Management Around the School - Nathan McBriarty (Wollongong City Council)

Received the following information last week:

*Traffic and Transport around schools is a high priority for our school and Wollongong City Council. Please be assured that we share the priority for safety and are working towards an improved network for community members and visitors of all ages and abilities to enjoy. A **Safer***

Routes to School Working Group has been established with Council engineers, planners, Council's Road Safety Officer, The Principal & a P&C representative.

The role of this group is to inform the school community of existing road safety education programs and support schools with respect to transport around schools; to develop short, medium, and long term plans which improve safety around schools, promote public transport and encourage walking and cycling to schools. We ask that your requests and opportunities be raised at your next P&C meeting to ensure that we have consistency and an agreed approach to transport planning around our schools.

Whether your school has already been reviewed by the Safer Routes to School Working Group during 2022 or is awaiting a review this year, please contact Nathan directly to discuss any immediate transport concerns or ideas with respect to your school.

Reports for Semester 1

We will now be using School Bytes for our Semester 1 reports and have been busy setting up the report template in this new system. We have been able to keep the components similar to our current school report, with only a couple of minor changes in the English and Mathematics sections to align with the requirements of our new syllabus documents. We will be holding parent teacher interviews during Term 2. Dates are to be confirmed.

Funeral

As you may already be aware, Mrs Veitch's son died suddenly last Monday. Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathy are with Mrs Veitch's family and friends. The funeral will be held this Thursday at 10am. The entire staff will be attending the funeral, and we have made arrangements with local schools to have their staff assist us on Thursday. We have also employed some extra casual teachers. This means that there will be lots of new faces here on Thursday morning. I have asked Sarah Payne (formerly Webb) to support in leading the school in the morning. She has worked here previously and knows many of the students.

The Easter Hat Parade will still take place, but it will now start at 12:30pm to allow staff enough time to travel back from the funeral service.