



Fernleigh Public School

Term 2 Week 9- 2020

New Guidelines for School Operations At the end of last week, I received further advice from the Department of Education regarding school operations. I have attached the guide for parents which outlines the current regulations that we must abide by, as directed by the Department of Education who are in turn guided by both the government and the AHPPC (The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee) and NSW Health guidelines. Even though there has been a slight easing of restrictions, parents are still not permitted onsite at this point. Please read the parent guide carefully and phone or email the school if you require further information. The ongoing understanding and support from our families has been very much appreciated.

Student Reports A significantly modified version of our K-6 Student Reports will be sent home at the end of this term. The report will be based on a mixture of learning opportunities offered during Semester 1. The format has been modified to reflect the need for home learning via packages of work and Google Classroom, as well as face to face learning at school.

2021 Enrolments Early in Term 3 we are required by the Department to indicate anticipated enrolments for the coming year. Please let us know of anyone in the community, or moving in to the Fernleigh area, who would have school aged children for Kinder to Year 6. We would like to make contact with them and share the Fernleigh PS experience with them. On another note if you are planning on leaving the area to attend a different school please let us know.

End of Term Treat Next Wednesday 1st July we will have a fun day to celebrate the end of term. All students will wear their warm pyjamas to school normal school shoes are required, dressing gowns, slippers teddy bears are ok in the classroom. The kids will watch a movie whilst enjoying popcorn and a hot milo.

What's Coming Up!

**End of Term Treat
Wednesday 1st July**

**Last day of Term 2
Friday 3rd July**

**First day of Term 3
Tuesday 21st July**

Library
Until further notice stu-
dents will not be borrowing
books from the school
library.

Together We Grow

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Property Maintenance We are currently in the process of receiving some property maintenance at school. This term we have already received a covered walkway to the K-2 classroom, new basketball boards and hoops, a pathway to our office /library building and a kitchen splashback outside the 3-6 classroom. More works will be carried out during the school holidays and early next term, this will include complete toilet renovations for the boys, girls and staff, a new fence on the western boundary fence, some new down pipes on the staffroom and a new tree audit being completed. We are definatly looking forward to all of these jobs being completed.

Sleep Habits Ways to help your child sleep better at night As we all return to our regular routines, it is important to understand the benefits of a good night's sleep and the impacts this has on your child's learning.

Some handy tips are:

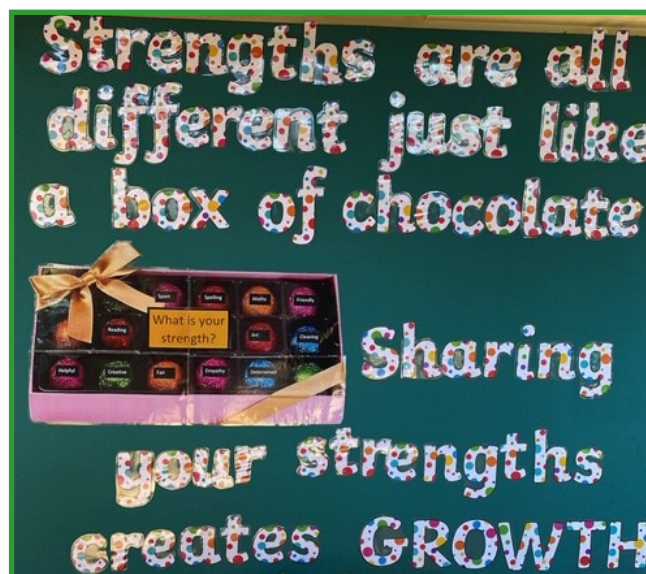
- Avoid screen time before bed and no screens (TV or phones) in the bedroom;
- Have a consistent bedtime routine (establish an order to the things you do before bed and stick to it, this makes bedtimepredictable);
- Avoid sugary drinks in the evening;
- Keep children active during the day/do something active after school; and
- Avoid stimulating activities after dinner.

Difficulties sleeping can really impact on your mood and emotional wellbeing during the day, so if either you or your child has difficulties sleeping, you can seek more information through: <https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au/> or consult your GP for more personalised advice. Further sleep tips for children can be found at: <https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au/fact-sheets/childrensresources.html>

New computers We would like to shout out a huge thank you to Ballina Distance Education for donating 8 new computers to our school. We now have computers for every single student and staff member. This is a great asset for our school and our students.

Student absences It is a requirement that parents supply the school with written information, a letter or email, with the reason a child is absent within 7 days of return. During this time we are also accepting text messages sent to the school mobile 0423601231 . As our rolls are marked electronically, the system automatically lists an absence as unexplained if an explanation is not returned by the 7th day. We urge you to supply us with a reason the day your child returns to school to avoid unexplained absences being recorded against your child's name.

School Uniforms Our school values are those of showing respect, responsibility and integrity. I ask all families to please ensure that the wearing of correct school uniform is a priority. By wearing the correct school uniform, students are demonstrating that they are responsible students who have pride in their school, along with being respectful of school expectations. We have recently stocked up on school polar fleece jumpers and vests, orders can be made via the school email Fernleigh-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au page. Please remember to label all belongings, shirts, pants, jumpers, hats and containers.



Check out our new display!

Perhaps this could be the topic at the dinner table this week. What are your strengths and how might you share them?