

## Community Newsletter – Week 1, Term 1, 2020

Dear WCSS Community,

What a wonderful first day back! It was so beautiful to witness the children, parents and teachers lining the pathway and singing as Class 1 began their journey with Aimee. Thank you all for being part of that special moment. At playtime, the new hardcourt surface was quickly and lovingly utilised, for handball, hopscotch and badminton, to name a few. An exciting game of cricket was played on our new green grass, and the sprinklers kept the children nice and cool – what a great start to our new term.

It was also wonderful to feel the community spirit and dedication during Saturday's Busy Bee. It was a lovely way to begin the year together, working hard to prepare classrooms, grounds and equipment for the children's return. Thank you to everyone who came and helped, whether for a quick moment to complete one simple job, or for the entire time and beyond. Many hands make light work and your contribution is greatly appreciated. Don't forget to log any hours you spent on Saturday towards the Family Commitment Scheme – a form for this is attached, or pop into the office to collect a hard copy.

Lastly, I came across this list that I thought I would share with you all. As the days progress, perhaps you'd like to try one or two of these questions, instead of the standard "How was school today?". You may find they get your child talking in a more natural and creative way about their day.

- Did anyone do anything nice for you? What was the nicest thing you did for someone else?
- Who made you smile today?
- Who do you want to make friends with but haven't yet?
- If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day, who would you want it to be and why?
- If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?
- Which playground skill do you plan to master this year?

Here's to a wonderful first week back.

With warmth,

*Thomasina Henriquez*

School Administrator (Acting)

### Upcoming Dates

**Friday, February 7:** Gumnut Picnic (9 – 10.30am); Class 3 Parent Meeting – 7pm

**Sunday, February 9:** Class 1 Picnic (9.30 – 11.30am)

### ***In the Light of a Child – Michael Hedley Burton***

*Dear Child of Light, all that you've given I won't forget;*

*I'll work each day to build for you a special place*

*And in my heart prepare a sacred space.*

*My striving sometimes fails – and yet I grow a little every day,*

*And journey further on my way.*