***The Gang Gang Gazette***

*Week 7, Term 2 (12th June, 2020)*

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Dear families and friends,

As we finish up our second week with all our students back on site we are beginning to feel more settled and back into our regular routines. We want to thank everyone for your continued support with things such as drop off and pick up, and following safety protocols if you do have to come into the school. We know that it is difficult sometimes when your child displays some minor cold symptoms which are common at this time of the year and you have to keep them at home. Thank you for following this new procedure to keep everyone safe and healthy. Our staff have also been having to following these procedures as recommended by ACT Health so you may find your child’s teacher taking leave as we all make our way through the Winter months. We still have a few students across the year groups who continue to learn remotely from home, and I thank our teachers who are working together to support these students and their families. We look forward to having them back with us soon.

**Late Arrivals**

Last year we shared the importance of signing your child in if they arrive late to school. This ensures you do not get an unnecessary text stating they are absent. It also helps us to be sure all children arrive at school at the expected time if they have walked or ridden to school on their own. With the new procedures in place, this is much harder to do. If you bring your child to school late and the drop off area or gate is no longer supervised, you are able to send them into school with a reminder they need to head straight to the front office to sign in. We would ask that you then immediately ring or email the front office to let us know you have just dropped them off so we can expect them and ensure they are safe before sending them off to class.

**Borrowed Chromebooks**

Thank you to all the families who have returned the Chromebooks. If your child borrowed a Chromebook for use while learning online and are now back to face to face learning, please ensure they return it to the school on Monday. When returned, the Chromebooks will be disinfected and will then be available for use as part of our usual classroom practices. Please ensure you return:

* Chromebook and the charger
* Paperwork you completed and took with you when you borrowed the device

**P & C**

In keeping with advice from ACT Health, we are able to hold our P & C Meeting next week face to face with a limit of 20 participants in the library. The meeting will also be shared on Zoom so everyone who would like to join in can do so. Please read the P & C section to find out about the meeting and how you can help them as they work towards some big plans for our school grounds in the senior end of the school.

With the return to onsite learning you may be once again experiencing that feeling of not knowing what is happening in your child’s life each day. Perhaps you are asking how their day was and are back to getting a “fine” or “good” and despite all your prodding not getting any more information. I remember this experience when my own children were at school so thought I would share some open-ended questions that might get you some more information.

1. Tell me about the best part of your day.
2. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
3. Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
4. Tell me about what you read in class.
5. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
6. What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they are fair?
7. Who did you sit with at lunch?
8. Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?
9. What did your teacher do that was nice?
10. Who made you really laugh today?
11. Who did you sit next to in class?
12. Where is the best place to play at school?
13. What did you do that made you feel proud today?
14. Who did you help today?
15. Who helped you out?
16. What was something interesting you learned today?
17. What was the hardest thing you learned about today?
18. Who would you like to sit next to in class?
19. What book did your teacher read to you in class?
20. What new word did you learn today?
21. Was it anyone’s birthday in your class today?
22. Tell me about a time you felt confused in class today?
23. What did your teacher do that was funny today?
24. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
25. What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?

If you try any of the questions, I would love to hear about the responses.

Have a great weekend.

*Tania Collis*

Principal

**School uniform**

## P & C logoP & C NEWS

Where does the time go? It’s the end of Week 7 already, and we are nearly halfway through the school year. Time to get our skates on! Our regularly scheduled week 8 P&C meeting is

**Tuesday 16th June at 7:30pm in the library**

We are allowed to have in-person meetings now, to a maximum of 20 well-spaced people, with lots of wiping down afterwards. If you want to come, you **MUST RSVP** as numbers are limited. Email [napscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:napscommunity@gmail.com) asap. We will be using Zoom as well, for those who can’t make it or just want to listen in. More info will be included in a P&C mail out to our contact list. Let us know if you don’t get it, and we can sign you up.

Meeting ID: 822 8814 5345 Password: 2602

**Senior Oval Update:**

We expect to hear back from our shortlisted designers next week with detailed proposals and quotations, and hopefully we will be able to announce the successful company by the end of Week 9! They will have a few weeks over the holidays to do their homework and be ready to start the conversation with our community early next term. More info about the project launch will be coming your way soon. If you want to know more about what the subcommittee has been up to, tune into our P&C meeting NEXT WEEK.

We sent a Proposal and Project Outline to the Education Directorate last week, which included the Guiding Principles outlined in last week’s newsletter. This week, I want to share some more of the document with you, which also went to our designers to give them a baseline from which to work. Their first task will be to confirm and refine this vision, and ensure it reflects our broader community. Next week we will outline our collaborative consultation approach.

**Our Vision**

This project will transform the degraded and neglected sports field into an exciting, inviting, engaging and enduring multi-purpose playscape. There is potential to include grassy basins for active play, contours & swales to direct water, and tree plantings to the north and west to enhance canopy cover, providing shady play spaces within the natural environment. Further play and learning spaces could wrap around the central space, incorporating native edible plants and other useful and resilient native plants, enhancing the living infrastructure of our school grounds. The area can also incorporate spaces for outdoor teaching and art, and support wider community use with educational signage, accessible footpaths, seating, power and water access, and shade. New plantings will be chosen for their edible or cultural value, contributions to biodiversity, provision of food and habitat for local endangered and threatened species, and climatic suitability, and provision of shelter & supportive microclimate. The space can be redesigned to incorporate advanced water harvesting & retention methods to capture & retain rainwater, channeling it to where it is needed, reducing the need for irrigation and increasing the capacity for soil infiltration.

See you at the meeting next week!

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**Healthy Eating Hub Logo**

**TERM 2 HEHUB CANTEEN MENU (Open Wednesday and Friday)**

The canteen has reopened with a limited menu on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY only, for online lunch orders. At this stage, we are **only** offering **online lunch orders through Flexischools**. There will be no recess service, and no over-the-counter lunch service.

The menu is limited to two $7 lunch pack options only:

**Chicken and Cheese toasted sandwich OR Tuna and Cheese toasted sandwich**

**With**

**Fruit OR Yogurt**

**And**

**Milk OR Juice**

## After School Activities

Pro performance Cricket