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Supervision Times: 8:15 Mornings Duty

3.20 -4:00 Afternoon Bus Duty

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In lieu of the WebEx Gene and some of our teachers did with Parents and Carers last Thursday, there will be no Principal's Report this week.

CHANGE TO NEWSLETTER

Given the current circumstances we are in with most things being cancelled or postponed, there is not as much information to communicate with families. Therefore we have made the decision to send the newsletter out every second week for the time being.

HATS

As per our Sunsmart Policy, student must wear a hat when outside from the **1st September**. This means that when students return to on-site learning, they will need to have their hat with them at school. Students without a hat will be required to stay in the undercover areas during recess and lunch.

MACS

Thanks to our generous MACS volunteers, we have received a cheque for \$1214.88. This money will support our IT budget ensuring IT equipment for student use in the classrooms.

BELEZA

To ensure all families can access their required uniform while the Government restrictions are still in place, Beleza are offering free shipping on all orders over \$100 on their online store <https://store.beleza.com.au/>

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

This morning my youngest looked down the hill longingly at our neighbours, mainly because she loves them so much and misses them. She also said quietly "I wish our family was like that". I looked down to see what it was she was longing for; I saw our gorgeous neighbours working in their yard. Dad was splitting wood, the older 3 and mum stacking, the youngest 2 jumping on the trampoline.

She was looking at a picture without the sound on. She was looking at a family doing just what we had been doing that morning, general domestic duties. They might have been laughing and joking or it is likely, like us, there was nagging, bickering and whatever was happening – it was actually none of our business – they were doing their thing, their way, at their pace.

It made me think about remote learning. How it plays out so differently in every home. It made me think of the phone conversations I had (hidden in my laundry or bathroom) with parents this week. How every family has a different story, a different way of coping, a different situation and how everyone is just doing the best they can with what they have on any given day. The way it suits the family best, at the pace that suits each family best.

It is not helpful to compare ourselves to how others are doing it but to instead, just do what best suits our own humans in our own home and to be open to give love, care and support to our beautiful community, the way we already do.

Some days we are going to smash remote learning, some days we are supervising a home version of the WWE. Some days my phone calls and Webex's are sound tracked with the sound of birds and other days I echo in the bathroom as my youngest sings a song filled with colourful language on the other side of the door.

Please call if you need a chat or think that your child might need a new set of ears to talk to!

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

CALENDAR

Current 31/8 – 7/8

1st Sep - Sun hats to be worn during Recess and Lunch times

Upcoming

17th Sep - Last day Term 3, 2.20pm dismissal

4th Oct - Term 4 commences

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The newsletter is compiled on Monday. All items need to be submitted by 1:30pm to be included

