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Office Hours - 8:30am to 4:00pm - Monday to Thursday  
9:00am to 3.30pm - Friday

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**OCTOBER**

*Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> - AFL Grand Final Public Holiday*

*Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> - SCHOOL PHOTOS*

*Fri 30<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2021 Transition Day*

**NOVEMBER**

*Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pupil Free Day*

*Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday*

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a week! The highlight of our week would have to be our Grade 3 -6 camps to Camp Collamatong. These camps provided a valuable opportunity for our students to reconnect with their peers and staff and to enjoy new challenges and time in the outdoors. The camp schedule was action packed, well done Camp Coolamatong Staff! The Grade 3/4 students were buzzing with excitement after their 2 days at Farm Camp, sharing highlights and experiences with their families. Last night I stayed at Lake Camp with the Grade 5/6 students and had an amazing time. There were lots of new experiences for our students at Lake Camp. It is a beautiful part of the world and I am a big fan of a game called '9 Square in the Air'. I have included a range of photos in the newsletter today, it was so hard to pick out of all the amazing photos the staff have put up on Facebook.

A huge thanks to our students for your outstanding behavior and attitude on camp, I am very proud of all of you. A giant thanks goes out to our amazing staff who organized and attended camp this week, we all appreciate what you do for our students and know it wouldn't be possible without the extra time and effort you give.

## School Photos

I am happy to announce that next week our school photos are able to go ahead. School photo day is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The photo envelopes went home yesterday, if your child is in Grade 5/6 and has a sibling attending school today the envelope will come home with them. If not I will hand them to you when you pick your child up from camp tonight.











## Parent Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Last week families were emailed links to two online surveys. One is a school based survey to collect data for our school review next term and the other is the annual Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey. If families could please complete both surveys that would be greatly appreciated. If you would like the links to be resent please contact the school office. An outline of the Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey is provided below.

### DET Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.