



FCPS Community Bulletin
Term 1 - Week 2
Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Dear families,

Welcome to you all and to the new year that is 2021! As I wrote recently on our Facebook page, it has been a wonderful time for our community over the last week as we have gathered in the grounds of our school for the first time since Term 1 2020. And what a journey we've all been on since then! We look forward to continuing to re-introduce community events and opportunities to spend time together, appreciating that this sense of connection as a community is precious to us all and a key part of the positive culture at FCPS.

We have marvelled at how our students have settled into their new classrooms and continued to build their relationship with their new classroom teacher/s and reconnect with their classmates from last year. It has felt calm and positive, both in the learning spaces and the playground so congratulations and well done to all involved, both at home and at school.

I have some important information about events coming up this Term, with the details below and also a summary of the events per week that we will keep updated for you through these Community Bulletins.

Meet and Greets - Week 4

We are offering parents/carers the opportunity to catch up with their child's classroom teacher/s via a virtual (Webex) 'Meet and Greet' throughout week 4 of this term. There will be 10 minute meeting times available both during the school day and after school, with information about how to book these via Compass coming to you soon.

The purpose of these conversations is to share observations about how your child has transitioned to the new school year, and for you to provide insights into your child's interests, strengths, areas for focus. These details and any other perspectives from you as a family will then help your teacher/s to understand the needs of your child and how they learn best. It is our intention that the Meet and Greet sets up a positive and collaborative partnership between home and school that will be carried on throughout the year.

Curriculum Day - Monday 22nd February (Week 5)

We are holding a Curriculum Day in week 5 (Monday 22nd February) with the purpose of this day being to protect the time for teachers to continue the development of individual learning goals for their students in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics and personal/social capabilities. This aligns with our usual practice of setting personalised goals and is more important than ever before as we respond to student learning and wellbeing needs in the year following the Remote and Flexible Learning Program.

Our teachers are already familiar with the student learning data that has been shared as part of the teacher handover and transition process for 2020-21. Their work now is to analyse this data and combine it with their observations of students so far this term. The goals will be developed in collaboration with the students and then communicated with



families. Regular updates on your child's progress with evidence of this learning growth will be provided throughout the term via our SeeSaw and Google Classroom platforms.

The timing of this Curriculum Day is crucial as it aligns with the start of our Learning Cycles in Writing and Mathematics, and also the commencement of the Tutor Learning Initiative (more information on this to come shortly).

An acknowledgement . . .

I am mindful that we are not providing the usual amount of notice to families for this Curriculum Day and I apologise for any inconvenience that this causes. We prioritise clear and timely communication with our families and it is an accidental oversight that the details of the Curriculum Day were not provided in the Community Handbook that went out last week.

For those families requiring care for their children on this day, Camp Australia will be providing an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Program onsite at FCPS and bookings will open shortly via their website.

Assemblies and Student Awards

We are revising our model and program for Assemblies in light of the new Operations Guide for schools and also with the priority of using these early weeks of the school year to support students in feeling settled and bringing a sense of order to the school day with the adjustment to the new timetable.

For the next two weeks (weeks 2 and 3 of term), we will be presenting Student of the Week Awards to children in their classrooms with announcements to come over the school PA system. Families are welcome to gather in the school grounds to listen to these announcements, and you will be notified via your classroom teacher/s if your child is receiving an award.

Further updates on the Assembly program will be coming over the next couple of weeks.

Term 1 Calendar and Key Dates

Week 1 25th-29th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 27th January - Staff Return• Thursday 28th January - students return
Week 2 1st-5th February	
Week 3 8th - 12th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 12th February - Swim Trials @ Footscray Aquatic Centre (optional for students in Years 3-6)
Week 4 15th-19th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throughout the week by appointment - Meet and Greets with classroom teachers



Week 5 22nd-26th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 22nd February - Curriculum Day (Full Day OSHC Program offered by Camp Australia)
Week 6 1st-5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday 3rd March - Foundation students increase attendance to 5 days per weekWednesday 3rd March - FCPS School Review Day 1
Week 7 8th-12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 8th March - Labour Day Public HolidayFriday 12th March - FCPS School Review Day 2
Week 8 15th-19th March	
Week 9 22nd-26th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 22nd March - FCPS School Review Day 3
Week 10 29th March - 1st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday 1st April - Last Day of Term 1 (Students dismissed at 1:10pm)

We invite you to keep in touch with your classroom teacher/s and members of the leadership team as needed and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care,
Jessie

Principal
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