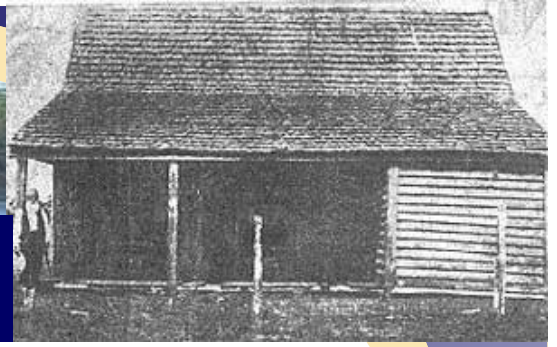


CREEKSIDE NEWS

July 2, 2020



Thank You for an Amazing Effort!

As you are aware, this term has been well beyond ordinary and, as we gratefully farewell it, we as a school would like to extend our thanks for all of the support you have given us in ensuring that your children maintained continuity of learning during COVID restrictions. As you can appreciate, our staff have had to be very flexible in their approach to teaching and learning and have undertaken a significant learning curve of their own, in terms of delivering content in a variety of ways, some of which we have never done before. We thank you for bearing with us, in an ever-changing situation, as we have adjusted and evolved in line with community and departmental expectations. I would also like to take this opportunity to pass on my congratulations to our students and staff, who have responded beautifully to the weight of expectations placed upon them in tricky times, and I'm sure that they all deserve an amazing break. We hope that you all stay safe over the holidays and take advantage of the relaxed restrictions around kids' sport, along with travel and recreational opportunities. I'm sure you're all looking forward to it, as are we.

In light of what has happened over the past few months, we would like to thank you, also, for your support in ensuring that the amount of non-essential people on-site is minimal. Please note that, whilst there is an easing of restrictions, generally, from next term, the expectations around non-essential people on-site remains in place and we seek your support in ensuring that this continues in order to ensure everyone's safety; especially in light of what is currently happening in Victoria.

We hope you all enjoy the break and look forward to welcoming out students back for **Term 3 on Tuesday 21st July**. Monday, 20th July will be a Staff Development Day with no students on-site.

Keeping Kids Safe

During the early part of the year, we sought the support of you, our school community, to help ensure the safety of our students around the carpark area, the school crossing, and when entering and exiting the school. We therefore again wish to advise that we are in need of your cooperation in ensuring that students and families enter and exit our school safely and appropriately. Please note that, at the forefront of our concerns, is the safety of our students and their families and we would ask that you please observe the following, direct correspondence, from Lake Macquarie Council.

Lake Macquarie City Council Rangers have been patrolling schools during term 2. Due to social distancing restrictions limiting capacity on our public transport system, we have noticed more parents are relying on their vehicles for school drop-off and pick-up. The safety of all children is our number one priority and we would like your assistance in observing the correct parking rules, including the following:

No stopping – you cannot stop here unless there is a medical or other emergency

Bus zone – you cannot stop here unless you are driving a bus

No parking – you can stop here for two minutes only to drop-off or pick-up and the driver must stay within three metres of your vehicle

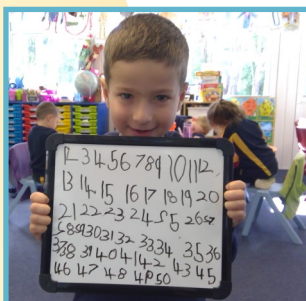
Pedestrian crossings – you cannot stop within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking

Double parking – you cannot stop on the road alongside other vehicles at any time to drop-off or pick-up.

Lake Mac Rangers will be increasing patrols around our local schools during Term 3 to monitor illegal parking and safety issues. Rangers will be issuing infringements to drivers not following the rules.

This message is for all parents to ensure the safety of all our students. For more information, please contact our council's customer service team on (02) 4921 0333 or email council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

Our Safe, Respectful and Engaged Learners in Action



School Reports Home

Please be advised that you should have received your child(ren)'s half-yearly reports today, Thursday July 2. As you may or may not be aware, the NSW DET has mandated that this semester's reports will be issued without the A-E grading usually attributed to reporting student achievement. What you will also notice is that absences will be reported this semester in a manner that varies from the usual *Whole-Day/ Part Day absence* format. For this semester only, attendance will be reported in the *Days Present/ Days Absent* format. In this instance, *Days Present* refers to the days that your child engaged in meaningful school-endorsed learning, including *Learning at Home*. Please also be advised that your child's achievement is based upon observable assessment undertaken up until this point in time. For further detail, the message below is also included in your child(ren)'s report.

Dear Parent,

Due to the context for learning in this semester as a result of the COVID pandemic, schools are required to provide a modified version of written reports to parents about their child's learning in Semester One. These reports take into consideration the adjustments made to student learning during this time, along with student attendance (including evidence of learning at home).

This report provides an account of student attendance, progress and achievement during Semester One; informed by observable learning and assessment undertaken at school and at home; and focuses upon the learning in multiple contexts that has taken place this year, including up until this point in time.

The grading of students using the five-point A-E scale will not be used in this report. Teacher comments will provide information related to your child's attendance, commitment and attitude towards learning at school and at home, along with their application in the classroom and wider school context. Achievement will be reported using a five-point achievement scale, using wording that informs the A-E scale.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding school reports, please email your child's teacher at your earliest convenience. Parent-Teacher Interviews will occur in Term 3.



CENTENNIAL

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – VACANCIES

Community Consultative Committee's (CCC) provides an important platform for communication between Centennial's mines, the local community, stakeholder groups and local government.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are currently being sought for several vacancies.

- Mandalong Mine CCC** - representative from the Dora Creek community
- Newstan Colliery CCC** - community representatives and stakeholder representatives
- Myuna Colliery CCC** - community representatives and stakeholder representatives

CCC's meets up to four times annually. If you would like more information about a CCC, the role and/or a nomination form, please contact the Independent Chairperson or you can visit the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website:

- Mandalong and Newstan CCC - Margaret MacDonald-Hill, mmacdonald-hill@bigpond.com
- Myuna CCC - Gerard Martin, gerardmartin28@gmail.com
- <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Community-Consultative-Committees>.

In the EOI please ensure you address the selection criteria in the nomination form and email the completed nomination form to the CCC Chair by close of business Friday 31 July 2020.

For further information about Centennial please visit www.centennialcoal.com.au.

Next Meeting– 6.30pm, Monday 3rd August, via Zoom.

Canteen News

WE ARE BACK!!! The canteen will be open FRIDAYS ONLY as of Term 3. Starting 24th July. Check out our new menu and look out for our NEW online ordering system.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02/ 07 Reports Home
- 03/ 07 Last Day of Term 2
- 20/ 07 Term 3 Staff Development Day
- 21/ 07 Students Return, Term 3
- 03/ 08 P and C Meeting
- 02/ 09 School Photos

NOTES HOME

- PCYC Holiday Activities
- Canteen Menu