

TERM DATES

2020

T1: 29 JAN-27 MAR

T2: 14 APR-26 JUNE

T3: 13 JULY-18 SEPT

T4: 5 OCT- 18 DEC

EVENTS

TERM 1

MARCH

SCHOOL FINISHES

Friday - 27th March

EARLY DISMISSAL

TIME: 2.00pm

TERM 2

SCHOOL RESUMES

Tuesday—14th April



Aireys Inlet Primary School Newsletter

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Week 7

Principal's Report

Jennifer Abel

This newsletter comes to you in very uncertain times. In saying that, for the staff and students it is 'business as usual'! I am very proud of how the students are coping with the situation we find ourselves in. This is a credit to you as parents and the teachers who have made sure we have a calm environment so that teaching and learning continues as usual.

Unfortunately, this week we have had to cancel many activities occurring outside of school. The students involved understand the importance of the decision made and although disappointed, have moved on.

As I mentioned in yesterday's email, there are a number of families choosing to keep their children at home at this time.

The classroom teachers are busy working on a home learning plan which will be shared with you all shortly.

In today's announcement the Prime Minister said the "clear and unified message" of all the states and territories is that schools should stay open, despite the bans on large gatherings.

With this news, I do encourage you to keep your children at home if they are unwell.

I will continue to keep you informed by email with updates on the current situation. As we know this changes daily.

Staff training

Over the past two days Gina and Cec have been involved in STEM and Entrepreneurship in Primary Schools Professional Learning, with a focus to explicitly teach the global capabilities and skill sets that employees are looking for now and in the future.

Principal's Report cont Jennifer Abel

SKILL SETS

21st Century skills₁

Learning and innovation skills

- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Communication
- Collaboration

Life and Career skills

- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Initiative & Self Direction
- Social & Cross-Cultural Skills
- Productivity & Accountability
- Leadership & Responsibility

STEM Skills₂

Flexible reasoning skills

- Problem solving
- Critical and Creativity
- Generating questions

Adaptable use of disciplinary practices and knowledge

- Using conceptual, digital and physical tools of the discipline with flexibility and apply to new contexts

Engage in disciplinary language

- Understanding and engaging with the disciplinary representations and ideas
- Knowing the language
- Sharing and communication
- Working in teams

Understand the nature of evidence

- Collecting real data in a variety of situations
- Using evidence to validate a solution to a problem or justify a decision
- Making judgements about the accuracy and reliability of information

Entrepreneurial Thinking₃

Core entrepreneurial thinking

- Adaptability, innovation, critical-thinking, communication and collaboration skills needed to invent their own careers or start a project.

Entrepreneurial culture

- Open-mindedness, creativity, risk-taking, goal setting, self-initiative, culture of sustainability

Entrepreneurial civic education

- New ways of responsibility, citizenship and developing partnerships that are beneficial to oneself, others and the environment.

Next week, Glen will attend the first of a series of Professional Learning days around how to better cater for our high achievers. He will then have the opportunity to up skill the rest of the staff.

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Student News

Congratulations to Mitchell and Tom who have both been awarded academic scholarships for Kardina International School in 2021.

We have a number of grade 6 students at the moment sitting for scholarships and placements at a number of schools. We wish them the best of luck.

School Council Ballot

It is wonderful that we have five candidates. In all of my time in Principal class, this is the first time I have had to go to a ballot.

I have been informed that each parent per student who is not a DET employee (school council members are DET employees), is eligible to vote. Last week one ballot paper was distributed to all families. If you would like another we have spare copies at the office or alternatively, I can email you a ballot paper.

It is important, that you seal your ballot slip in one envelope and put it into a second with your name and address on the front. This is so that we have a register of those who have voted. The blank envelope will be placed into the ballot box. I know this sounds complicated but it is important we follow the correct process. In order to give everyone the opportunity to vote, I am extending the voting period to **FRIDAY 20th March**.

**Chai Café—
Unfortunately is
cancelled this Friday
20th March.**

