

# BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

## Term 2, Week 9

Friday 18 June 2021



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One more week of school for this term! We are going to miss the friendly faces and laughs we have with the students over the holidays, but we will be ready to go as soon as they return on their first day back!

Group A – First day is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Group B – First day back is Wednesday 14 July

As a celebration of the term, we will be having a big breakfast on Monday and Wednesday morning. It will be more than the usual pancake breakfast that we have recently started. Bacon, eggs and pancakes for anyone who is at school for it! The staff look forward to spending some time with the students during this time, and I would like to send a thank you to Cor and Andrew for being our chefs.

Naomi Vucas  
PRINCIPAL

Rainforestation Excursion:  
Students must be at school by  
8:30 on Tuesday!

### NAIDOC Excursion

NAIDOC Week is coming up in the holidays, and we wanted to celebrate the importance of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. We have organized for the students to get the bus up to Rainforestation on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021. **Students who are expected to be at school are required to attend school if they are not attending the excursion.** This is not a school day for some students, but they are strongly encouraged to attend and enjoy the day with their peers. Consent forms were due in on Monday, so unfortunately, students who have not returned consent forms as yet have now missed out on the opportunity to attend.

## Timetable

### *Class Times & Phones*

We are trying to get students used to the fact they cannot have their phones in a workplace and respond to every call. As per the enrolment agreement, we have boxes to put the phone in, but students do not always utilize this and choose to keep them in bags/pockets. Unfortunately, students are often trying to answer phone calls in class time. We ask that should you need to contact your student urgently; you call Clare on 4058 4792 and we will get them for you. If they are going home early, we need to hear directly from the parent/carer. We cannot sign them out unless we have parent/carer consent. Please call your student in the break times if you just want to chat.

#### **Break times are:**

10:00am – 10:15am

11:45am – 12:15pm

1:45pm – 2:00pm

### *TAFE Courses*

We have attached information about 2022 TAFE courses for our Year 11 students or repeating Year 12 students. Please start having discussion about which course you are interested in. We will be applying **August 16** as soon as the applications open. Courses fill fast so please make sure your young person has taken the time to decide on a course preference.

## Attendance

Our fantastic and super friendly Clare spends most of her day calling people to chase up our attendance roll. **If your young person is not coming to school, we urge you to email, text or call us to let us know.** This will free up so much of Clare's day for her to get through the rest of her workload 😊. She enjoys talking to you all, so please give her a call and let her know what's happening. Her number is 0419 717 805 or 4058 4792.

## School Visits – Accor Hotels

This week Bernadette from Accor Hotels came in and spoke to the Year 12 students about what employment in the hotel industry is all about, as well as what to expect in many workplaces. Thank you to the students who positively represented our school with the understanding that every student has the potential to impact positively or negatively on future opportunities for our current students as well as any future students.

## Reporting

Teachers will be finalizing assessment results throughout the next two weeks. Reports will be sent out on **Monday 19 July 2021** via email. Please ensure your email is updated with Clare so you are successfully receiving all communications from the school. Families with no email will receive a physical copy in the mail.

## Recyclable Items

Our handicraft projects are starting to come along nicely. We have recently been working with donated jeans creating denim feathers that will be used to make wall hangings. While we are still working on these projects we are always looking ahead. Over the next few weeks, we are looking for donations of old tape measures and buttons. Any that you may have lying around would be put to great use by the students. The items can be left with Clare at the front counter.

## Employee Pathways Officer Update

### *EPO – School expo*

Another amazing school expo at Gordonvale State High School. Amba met with parents, students and teachers to discuss the awesome attributes that BUSY School has on offer for our students.



### *Work Experience*

Jacob and Kais are both completing work experience with Kinetic Fleet Services at the Sunbus Depot in Portsmith and Smithfield as Diesel Mechanics. We would like to thank Dale, Simon and the Sunbus team for providing this fantastic experience for the boys.



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