

AUGUST 2021

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SEPTEMBER 2021

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A message from our Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Week four and the staff and students are all very happy to be back at school and in routine.

Please don't forget the Parent Opinion Survey is open. So far, we have had four responses, so please take a few minutes to fill in the survey. It is a great tool that helps us develop plans and identify areas for improvement in our next Annual Implementation Plan.

Swimming starts next week. The whole school is going to be accessing lessons at the same time. We are trying this model this year while we are sorting out our curriculum program and making sure we have the right number of teaching hours in each week. Swimming is part of the school curriculum so all students will be expected to swim. If your child is not swimming on any given day, please contact the school and speak to us. If your child has forgotten their gear, we will ring and get it brought up to the school, so they don't miss out.

The students in Green Room have started incorporating play based learning into their timetable. This is an amazing program that helps students develop their skills of persistence, cooperation, sharing and communication. It is a very structured program, and the kids love it.

School Council is starting to organise a major fundraising activity for term four. We will be organising a Trivia Night where we will sell tickets either individually or by the table; have raffle items and prizes for winners. We will be approaching local businesses for donations and prizes. Once we are a little more organised, we will be asking for assistance from families in a variety of ways, either to help sell raffle tickets, to set up or to help with a working bee. It will be great to get as many families as possible to the event, so get practising on your general knowledge, your sports and music knowledge and when we have more information we will send it out.

Another major event we would like to hold toward the end of the year is a farewell party. This will be an opportunity to say farewell to the old Hamilton Special Developmental School before our new building work starts to happen in 2022. Again, we will be looking for lots of help from families as we move into this new phase of life at Hamilton Parklands School.

Please stay well, stay safe and try to stay warm

Sonya

REMINDER:

Everyone entering the school must QR code regardless of how long you will be visiting for.

QR Codes are available as you enter the office, or we have a manual register available.

Any parent / visitor entering the school **MUST** wear a face mask.

Don't forget to take a few minutes to do your "Parent Opinion Survey"

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19th July to Sunday 22nd August.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Link and password for this survey were included in your child's remote learning pack. If you need another copy please give the office a call.

Swimming Program:

At last our swimming program will be commencing on **Monday 9th August 2021** and students will swim everyday for the following two weeks.

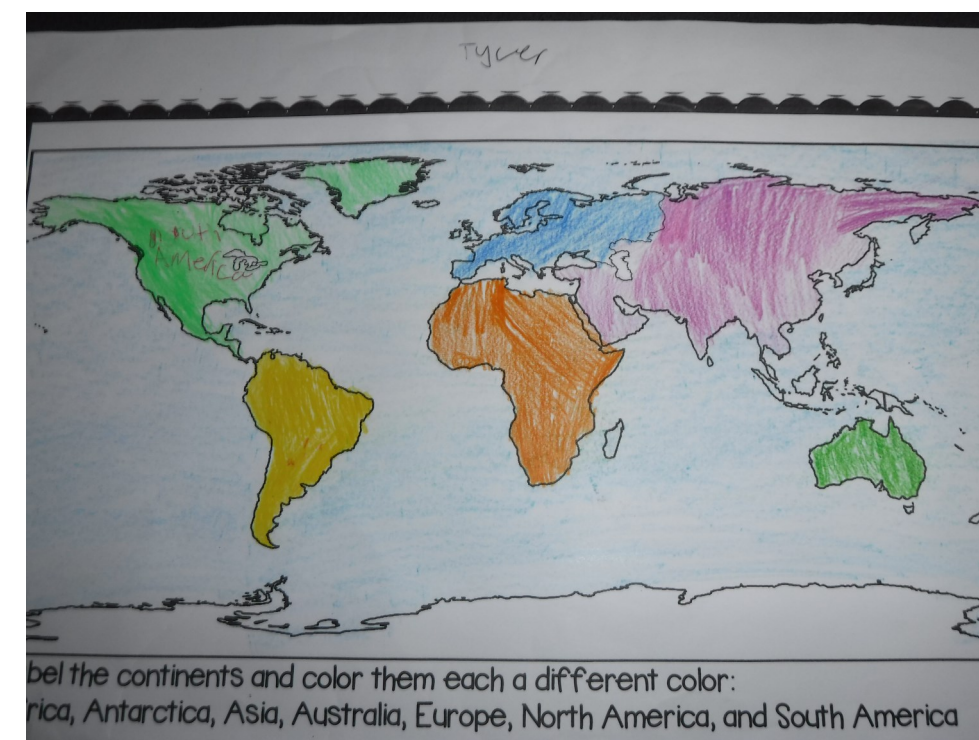
Please make sure your child has their bathers, rash tops, towels etc every day.

All students will be expected to take part in the program unless otherwise discussed with Sonya.

Any child not swimming will be required to go to the pool to watch during the lesson period.



Purple and Orange Room "World Around Us"



Students from both the Orange and Purple Rooms have been learning about the continents and countries in the world around us. Students have named many different continents, foods, animals and landmarks. Students have been learning about Indonesia, France and Japan so far. Both classes receive a stamp picture, flag, landmark and hello in the language from each country they learn about, in their passport.



Friday 6th August

"Jeans for Genes Day"

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a pair of jeans on Friday and donate \$2.00 towards this fundraising effort.

Students are required to wear their uniform shirt and jumper with their jeans.