Two Rocks Primary School

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Term 1, Welcome

11th February 2020

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REMINDER

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS Thursday 25th February & Friday 26th February

> LABOUR DAY Monday 1st March

Students return to school Tuesday 2nd March

Principal's Pen

Welcome back to the 2021 school year! A very warm welcome to all of our new families. We hope you will be very happy as part of the wonderful Two Rocks Primary School family. Please remember that if you have any problems you can contact any member of the Administration team. I would also like to welcome new staff members Ms Priddle and Mrs Riches in Kindergarten and welcome back Ms Choules who is in Year Two. We are of course celebrating from February 12th, the Year of the Ox as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations.

We have had an unusual but good start to the school year and as a consequence of the week one lockdown, we now only have eight weeks to fit everything in for Term One. We currently have 459 students from Kindy to Year Six. Our new Head Boy, Head Girl, IT Leaders, Faction Captains and Student Councillors have all settled into their various roles. Our testing schedule commenced this week, which will enable us to have rigorous data on all of our students to ensure that lessons planned are appropriate. The 25th and 26th February are Student Free Days, and will be used by the staff to analyse the data from the tests to ensure that all student's individual needs are catered for.

The classes have all commenced their programs which in some subjects, requires access to the booklist books. Please therefore, ensure that you have paid for your children's books to enable them to more easily access the content. If there is a financial hardship, please contact Mrs Summers to organise a payment plan. I would also like to remind parents that Voluntary Contributions and Charges for 2021 can now be paid either direct to Administration or online. These funds are used to benefit the students. We will use this year's contributions to pay for the Life Education Van which will be on school site in Term Two and to reduce the cost of some of the incursions, as well as providing the necessary extra ingredients for the Kitchen Garden Program.

All of the year levels are hosting parent meetings over the course of the next two weeks. Due to the social distancing rule, all of the meetings will be held in the Undercover Area commencing at 3:00pm. If you are unable to attend, please make contact with the relevant teachers who will provide you with an outline of the processes and procedures in their year.

Please support us and remind your children that there can be no electronic devices that are capable of communicating or photographing in the school, as per the Education Department's Mobile Phone policy. If the students bring them to school, they must take them first thing in the morning to the Administration area for storage. Under the new Education Department Policy, any devices discovered that haven't been handed in, will be confiscated and parents will have to come to the school to collect them. The offending student will be issued with a detention. If students are caught taking photos or videos on school grounds they will not be permitted to bring their device to school again. This is a very serious offence as some of our students are not permitted to be photographed and will be treated as such.

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The new Emergency Evacuation Plan for 2021 is now available on the website. Can I please remind all of our families, in view of the effect of the fires at the end of 2019 here and at the start of this year in the hills area, to ensure that you have your own Bush Fire Plan up to date and that all family members know exactly what to do in the event of a bushfire. I have included the link to the DFES website for your information.

https://dfes.wa.gov.au/newsandmedia/Pages/NewsHome.aspx

If any of your personal details have changed eg: contact numbers, addresses, email addresses etc, please ensure that you visit or phone the school to provide us with your up to date contact details. This will ensure that your details are correct in the case of an emergency, as we did have some difficulties contacting parents when the bushfire emergency occurred.

Our wonderful cleaning staff are on site each day to continue with our COVID cleaning. Frequent hand washing and hand sanitising is also continuing across the school throughout the day. Our Year Six cohort will be hosting our first assembly of the year on Wednesday 3rd March. There are a number of activities planned across the year for our students which where possible, have been included on the year planner. This is now available from Administration and I urge every family to obtain a copy. There may be changes and additions throughout the year which we will endeavour to inform you of so you can amend your planner.

As a result of the information received from our parent surveys, we discovered that communication was an issue in the classroom. We will therefore be trialling the use of the Seesaw APP for Kindergarten to Year Six. We hope this new platform will provide parents with relevant classroom information. Parents will soon receive an invitation to join and further information will be provided at the upcoming parent information sessions.

A reminder that school photos will take place on <u>Monday</u> and <u>Tuesday</u> of next week the <u>15th and 16th February</u>. Please ensure that all students are attending in our regular school uniform, with no faction shirts. The details and envelopes have been sent home. Please let Administration know if you haven't received your child's envelope.

We are all looking forward to another busy but exciting year here at Two Rocks P.S. If you have any concerns, please feel free to come and see us or phone us. Please note our web address is www.tworocks.wa.edu.au

Regards, Elizabeth Wildish Principal



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Helpful Information

[Dates for your Diary Term 1, 2021						
e	3	15 РНОТОS	16 PHOTOS	17	18	19	20/21
	4	22	23	24	25 SDD	26 SDD	27/28
	5 MAR	1 Labour Day	2	3 Yr 6 Assembly Board Meeting	4	5 <mark>WAVE</mark>	6/7

Have you seen our new Dolphin statue located on the grassed area outside Administration? The Dolphin signifies friendship and support, a concept central to life at Two Rocks P.S. Our 2019 Year Six cohort each designed a geometric pattern in a hexagonal shape which was then transferred onto the Dolphin.



A reminder to please ensure children are not climbing on the statue.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

MONDAY 17TH AND **TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY** Please refer to information sent home with your child for photo days.

Full school uniform must be worn. NO faction polos.

Faction captains please bring in your faction polo to change into.

> **HOURS OF OPERATION** Administration: 8.00am - 3.30pm **School Start Time:** 8.30am **School Finish Time:** 2.45pm



City of Wanneroo 1 February to 17 May 2021 ALK INTO AC Every Monday 8.30am - 4pm

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