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Upcoming Events

Date : 26th Jan – Australia Day holiday.

Date : Fri 27th Jan – First Assembly

Date : Wed 1st Feb – First Tuckshop

SWPBS Expectations

I am Safe

Keep hands, feet and objects to myself

I am Respectful

Use polite, appropriate language

I am a Learner

Do my work to the best of my ability



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Newsletter

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Principal's Messages

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Central State School for another year of fun, friendship and learning. A very special welcome to all of the new families who have joined our school, this year. We welcome not only new students but also new teachers to Central. Miss Chapman joins us in Year 4 and Mr Adams is taking over Year 6 from Mr Moore who is our new Head Of Curriculum. Both are wonderful additions to our excellent teaching staff and have already settled in well with our magnificent students.

What's Happening This Year?

As always, there are a never ending list of things happening at Central and all of them are great! This year we will begin our Chess Club which I will be running each week, our leadership development program Team Up will be running with PCYC for Year 5, Drumbeat will happen for upper school students, and of course there are Arts Councils, Disco's, Under 8's Day, NAIDOC and all sorts of special events happening all the time.

Our fortnightly writing competitions will start next week for all grades. All of this writing will culminate in our **school magazine, even bigger and better than last year.**

Lastly, this year is a Fete year so look forward to a big event in the cooler months!

School Improvement

This year our school is looking to improve in two major area. **English and Attendance.**

Students at Central have already been showing regular growth in English over the last two years through the hard work of our teachers and students but we would like your children to achieve even more. To help with this we are going to work smarter in our teaching and learning but we need the help of parents to check on and be involved in your child's English work. Next week, you will receive a copy of the things your child will need to know and be able to do to get an A in English. All we want you to do is put that on the fridge and check in with your child once a week as to how they are going in each of the areas and what they and their teachers are doing to make sure they achieve the best outcome possible. Your little bit of regular interest will make a major difference.

Please send your kids to school every day because it will make all the difference!

If they don't have a clean uniform – **Still send them!**

If they don't have lunch – **Still send them!** (We will feed them)

If they want a day off – **Still send them!**

It is so important that students are at school every day unless they are ill. Please, do not hesitate to call me if you need any support in this area. Mr Moore and I will be visiting students who have unexplained absences each afternoon.

Life Education Van Visit

Life Education will be visiting us again this year in week 3 and 4 of this term. Students will be experiencing a different lesson from the one they had last year and this time the actual van is coming. There will be no costs to students as these are being covered by the P&C. A full list of the topics each class will be experiencing will be in next week's newsletter along with permission forms.

**Don't Forget Assembly this Friday. All are welcome!
Both Tuckshop and Banking will begin next week**

Does Attendance Really Matter ?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	 Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	 Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	 Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	 Equal to finishing at grade 4

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	& over 13 yrs of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per wk	Nearly 1.5 wks per yr	Nearly <u>½ year</u>
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins per wk	Over 2.5 wks per yr	Nearly <u>1 yr</u>
Half hr per day	Half a day per wk	4 wks per yr	Nearly <u>1½ yrs</u>
1hr per day	1 day per wk	8 wks per yr	Over <u>2½ yrs</u>

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!