



# Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

**Date : 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Pupil Free Day**

**Date : 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
**First Swimming Day**

**Date : 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Free Vision Checks For All Students**

## SWPBS Expectations

**I am Safe**

**Keep hands, feet and object to yourself.**

**I am Respectful**

**Encourage and respect others.**

**I am a Learner**

**Move to class promptly.**

## Principal's Messages

### Assembly on Mondays

Just a reminder that we will be moving to having our assemblies at 9am each Monday morning for this term so that students who are at swimming will not be missing out on important information and presentations.

### Swimming

There has been a minor change to swimming time with the Preps and Year 1's swapping their times. Year 1 and Miss Amber will be at 9am and Prep will be at 11.15am.

### Tuckshop Begins

Tuckshop will commence as per usual this week on Thursday. Orders may be placed before school between 8:30am and 9:00am.

### Getting Better Together

Attached to this newsletter are your child's Know and Able To Do charts for their key subject areas. This will let you know what they are learning over the next 5 weeks in Maths, English and Science and give you the opportunity to reinforce this at home.

### Free Vision Screening and Glasses

Our school is being visited by OneSight – a charity organization run by OPSM – who will be conducting free vision checks and giving out free glasses to students who need them on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure your child returns their note this week to make sure that they do not miss out on this wonderful service.

### This Week's Award Winners!



Queensland  
Government

## CONSUMER / RETAILER ALERT – ASBESTOS IDENTIFIED IN CRAYONS SOLD WITHIN AUSTRALIA

Trace amounts of asbestos have been detected in some brands of children’s crayons that have been imported into Australia. The crayon products in which asbestos has been identified are as follows:

- Dora the Explorer Personalized 32 pack crayons (Figure 1)
- Dora the Explorer Jumbo crayons (Figure 2)
- Arti Crafti 16 piece crayons (Figure 3)
- Peppa Pig 8 wax crayons (Figure 4)
- Disney ‘Frozen’ Jumbo Crayons (Figure 5)
- Disney ‘Mickey Mouse and Friends’ Crayons (Figure 6).

### RISK OF EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS FIBRES

The traces of asbestos that have been detected in the crayons are fully bound in the crayon wax. Studies have shown that as a result, asbestos fibres would not be released during normal use or as a result of ingestion. This is because the melting point of crayon wax is well above body temperature. Accordingly, these goods are considered to pose a **very low risk** to humans.

Despite the low risk, the Australian Government as well as State and Territory Governments are taking a precautionary and coordinated approach to this incident, through the HWSA Imported Materials with Asbestos Working Group.

### CONSUMERS (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE CENTRES) - WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE PURCHASED THE CONTAMINATED CRAYONS?

If you are concerned you have purchased the affected crayons, you can return them to the place of purchase for a refund or replacement. **In line with good practice procedures in handling asbestos containing materials, it is recommended that the crayons be placed in a plastic bag, such as a zip lock bag or in the original packaging if possible, for return. Personal Protective Equipment is not required to be worn.**

If not returned to your supplier, affected products should be taken to an asbestos disposal facility. Your nearest asbestos disposal facility can be located using the online tool on the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) website: <http://asbestossafety.gov.au/search-disposal-facilities>

Consumers who experience any difficulties in obtaining a refund or replacement of goods that contain asbestos can make an online complaint to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission via:

<http://www.productsafety.gov.au/content/index.phtml/tag/ReportAnUnsafeProduct>

Further information about what the Australian Government is doing to stop asbestos entering Australia is available on the ASEA website: <http://asbestossafety.gov.au/managing-importation-asbestos-australia>

