

4 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow what a few weeks we have had. The pandemic continues and then the skies open up.

I trust that you and your family are doing OK as we continue to navigate these conditions.

As we move forward from the 4th March the Back to School restrictions have eased. Masks will no longer be required; parents are once again welcome on site for all year levels; all students will remain in class until 2.30pm; assemblies are able to commence and we can begin to find some normalcy in school land. Parents are asked to wait in the Dot Zone, Canteen area or at the school gates at end of day to ensure we maximise learning time until 2.30pm each day. Little people can be very distracted when they see loved ones through classroom windows. A reminder that as there is no formal supervision before school students should be arriving from 8.15am only. For longer care please contact our Out of Hours School Care partner Helping Hands on picniccreek@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Safety To and From School

Please continue to be vigilant when travelling to and from school. Safety is everyone's business! Please discuss with your child/ren road safety if they walk or bike/scooter to school (use the pathways, use the crossings and do not dart across the road in between parked cars). We have had reports of near misses from community members and parents alike in recent times. To prevent an accident occurring we all need to watch and act, some well-meaning drivers are stopping to let students across roads which may lead to a false sense of security for our students.

Additional Bike Enclosure – Amity Road end

As promised the new bike enclosure (built by Dickinsons and funded by P&C) will be operational starting Monday 7th March. This second enclosure is on school grounds, accessible from the Amity Road end of the school.

Bikes/scooters etc are secured at the risk of the individual and as such require personal securing devices (locks). A reminder to all that the enclosure on Edwardson Drive is not secured overnight or on weekends due to access required by our Out of Hours School Care participants. If your child has an early departure at any time please ensure you advise admin staff that you require access to collect your child's bike. If you are unable to collect at the time please advise that you require support to secure the bike/scooter overnight.



P&C Annual General Meeting – 6pm Tuesday 8th March 2022

On Tuesday evening we will hold our P&C AGM. At this time all executive positions will be vacated and we will be looking for interested parents to hold these positions for the 2022 year. If you are interested in taking on an executive position please send a short bio that will be shared with those in attendance prior to voting to pandc@picniccreekss.eq.edu.au and dgos1@eq.edu.au. Looking forward to seeing those of you that can join us.

Social Media

Do you know what your child is involved in on Social media sites? Many students are below the permitted age allocations for social media sites and as such as parents you are responsible for your child's social media footprint and actions. Facebook comments, Tik Tok recordings and gaming are all platforms that can be fun forms of communication, however innocent comments and actions can make your child a target for those using the platforms for other means.



Youth Choir opportunity from Mr Mutton

Youth Choir is an excellent opportunity to support your child if they like to sing. The Northern group meet at Ashmore on a Monday. Please contact Kirralee Scott (number on flier if interested).



Dates To Remember:

- Tuesday 8th March 6pm - P&C AGM followed by General Meeting
- Friday 18th March – Say No to Bullying/Harmony Day – wear orange (sun safe please)
- Friday 25th March – Cross Country Carnival (weather and grounds permitting)
- Friday 1st April – Final day of Term 1

Regards

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