

Principal's Update

23 March 2021

Dear all

I hope you are surviving the downpour. At school we have found a few water leaks but in the main we are staying dry :)

We are looking forward to our first concert for 2021 - Akoosticum which is being held next Thursday 25 March at 7pm. Due to COVID restrictions, attendees MUST HAVE a ticket prior to arrival at the venue. You will also need to sign in on the COVID app on arrival.

Tickets can be purchased via <http://www.trybooking.com/BPSPD>.

Our doors open at 6.30pm and I am informed light snacks will be available for purchase.

Good news, Schools Infrastructure NSW will be presenting about the new build and what it will be like to all interested parents.

So this coming Monday 29 March at 7.00pm in the school hall, we will have the Project Manager, architects and others showing you the concept design and answering your questions. I hope you can make it?

This afternoon (Tuesday 23) we will have the Year 7 Parent Teacher meetings via Zoom. I am hoping that this will go smoothly for everyone and I will be very interested in your feedback.

Year 7 have been attending the Museum of Contemporary Art as part of their first cross-curricula unit of work looking into Indigenous cultures. Two groups attended Thursday and Friday of last week and another two groups will attend Thursday and Friday of this week.

Year 8 had a presentation on Monday from Elevate relating to Study Skills and this went really well. Elevate as I have mentioned, meets with each year group at least once per year and builds on the learning of the previous years.

Year 11 are off to camp next week at Stanwell Tops. This is the first time we have used this camp but from all reports it is a fantastic location. Year 11 will complete the mandatory "Life Ready" program that with: HSC All My Own Work and HSC minimum standards, is required to be completed by every student in NSW so that they can receive their HSC.

Year 12 will receive their reports on Wednesday 31 in period 5. This is the end of semester 1 ... just for Year 12. For all other year groups, semester 1 ends at the end of term 2. So they will receive their reports towards the end of term 2.

Finally, a little more about consent. The material included here came from an article sent to me by one of our parents.

"A specific conversation about consent is probably one of the most awkward conversations you may have. It is similar to the 'Where did I come from?' conversation. But it is also one of the most important. It should confirm or enhance your child's understanding about what informed consent involves – morally and legally. There will be different views in our community about what age you should speak to your child about consent.

In PDHPE we (also at Mosman) explore respectful relationships, and we deal specifically with the notion of consent in the Year 10 unit 'Better Together'.

The revelations of recent days, however, show we need to do more. We need to be more overt and clear about what is acceptable and what isn't and reinforce it more regularly. You may prefer to start with the concept of respect for the other person."

Some sites and ideas to help you in the conversation include:

<https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/makenodoubt> (good clear descriptions of consent)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZwvrXVavnQ> (a light-hearted and very effective comparison of sexual consent to making someone a cup of tea)"

I think I included this link last time but in case you missed it.

Apologies for the longer email but there was a lot to share :)

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