Wednesday 25th June, 2014

A New Approach to Reporting in Term 3

Dear Parents,

In past years as a follow up to the Semester 1 Student Reports, Parent/Teacher Discussions have been held from Prep to Year 4 and Three Way Conferences at Year 5 and 6. The Three Way Conferences have been a very positive experience for our senior students and their teachers and parents. The students delighted in the opportunity to share their learning achievements and work with their parents. This year it has been decided to conduct Three Way Conferences at all year levels from Prep to Year 6 early in Term 3.

The Three Way Conferences are designed to give students, their parents and teachers the opportunity to meet to openly discuss and celebrate the learning and progress the child has made throughout Semester 1 and together positively share and discuss directions for their learning in Semester 2. Parents find out more about the child’s learning, have the opportunity to ask their child questions, express their ideas and help make plans to support their child’s learning at home.

By offering the students the opportunity to participate in a Three Way Conference, the students are empowered to take responsibility and collaboratively make decisions about their learning, and to achieve academically, socially, physically and emotionally with the support of their parents and teachers to become successful learners.

The teachers will facilitate the Three Way conferences, supporting the students and the parents by clarifying, elaborating and responding to specific questions about the student’s progress and learning. After the Three Way Conferences have been held, parents may feel that they wish to have a follow up discussion on some issues with the teacher. If this is the case, parents will need to contact the teacher to make a mutually agreeable time to meet. We continue to encourage parents to ring and make an appointment with teachers whenever they have concerns at any time during the year.

In the first few weeks of Term 3 the students will be spending time in class preparing for the Three Way Conference with their teacher. They will be selecting samples of their work to show their parents and setting goals for their future learning in consultation with their teacher that will be shared and discussed at the conference.

The Three Way Conferences will be held in Week 4 of Term 3 over two afternoons and evenings on Monday 4th August and Wednesday 6th August. Information in regard to using the Schools Interview Online Booking Service to book appointment times for the conferences will be sent home in the first week of Term 3, along with other arrangements for the afternoon and evening.

We hope that you enjoy this new experience of celebrating and sharing in your child’s learning and progress.

Yours sincerely,

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