

## Principal's Report

### OPERATIONAL CHANGES AT BAXTER PS

Under the latest government guidelines we are now able to make a number of changes to our school operations outlined below.

Could all parents and carers please take note of the following changes that will come into effect on **Wednesday 2nd December—TODAY**.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

We are no longer required to stagger our pick-up times in the afternoon. **Therefore, school will now finish at 3:15pm for all students.** Drop off times will continue to occur from 8:45am when staff begin their duty.

**Parents are now permitted onto the school grounds, social distancing measures are still in place and congregating in groups is not permitted.** Please enter the school grounds strictly for drop off and pick up.

Parents requiring to stay on the grounds for longer than 15 minutes will need to sign in at the office.

Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3:15pm and parents/carers will have the following options for pick up and drop off:

1. Car park on Baxter-Tooradin Road (preferred)
2. Drive through at the back of the school (this will now be one lane and teachers will no longer be taking putting students in / taking out of cars).

**Please note: Particularly for pick-ups, the drive through could become very busy and we want to avoid long lines of cars waiting along Grant Road. The car park across the road on Baxter-Tooradin Road is absolutely the most preferred option.**

Due to an increasing number of staff and car parking spaces, parents are now asked to park in the carpark across the road from the school when wishing to enter the school grounds. **Unfortunately, car parking for parents is no longer available inside the school.**

We ask that everyone continue to do the right thing so that we can comply with the expectations outlined by the State Government. We also thank everyone for their ongoing patience and understanding during the course of the year.

### 'UP DAY'

A reminder to all families that state-wide 'Up Day' is taking place on Tuesday. All of our year 6 students will be heading to their new Secondary Schools and our Foundation 2021 students will be joining us at school, for the morning.

All students will be working with their 2021 teacher and classmates until lunch time. I will be sending correspondence out on Compass during the day regarding our staffing profile for 2021.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

As this is our last newsletter for 2020 I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our wonderful families for the support shown to our staff throughout a year, that has been like no other.

The partnership developed between parents and staff during remote learning has certainly strengthened our community and we look forward to welcoming everyone back into our school.

I hope that everyone has a relaxing Christmas break and a safe and happy New Year.

**Nick Schneider**  
Principal



## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 4

**Tuesday 8th December— 'Up Day'**

**Wednesday 9th December—Semester reports posted on Compass**

**Thursday 10th December—Year 6 Graduation**

**Friday 11th December—Curriculum Day**

**Thursday 17th December –Student's last day of school (3:15pm finish)**

**Friday 18th December—Curriculum Day**



### HOUSE SPORTS

This year we are unable to run our usual House sports day. Instead I am running the sports during the students usual PE time slot. This means only 1 class at a time (with the help of our house captains) The children have been given time to practise their 50m sprint and also their relays in their grade levels during PE. All children are asked to come along to the House Sports wearing their team colours (**no face paint or hair spray please**).

Don't forget your runners, hats and drink bottles also! The children will compete for ribbons and house points. Please see COMPASS or Seesaw/Google Classrooms for more information on your child's allocated day and time.



### BODY EDUCATION WITH KELLY NASH

This Friday the grade 5 & 6 children complete the last of 3 sessions of Body education. The sessions have been run via zoom and the presenter, Kelly Nash, has been entertaining and informative.

The information being shared is consistent, age appropriate and accurate. The sessions are inclusive and respectful, and the children have been very mature and sensitive in their approach to participating in these classes.

### HATS & DRINK BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child is wearing a broad-rimmed or bucket hat at school so that they can participate in sport and PE. Now that the weather is trying to warm up, it is also essential that your child brings a drink bottle to school to use during our outdoor sessions.



Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and healthy family holiday. See you all in 2021.



**Jodie Baxter**  
Teacher—Health & Physical Education

## Rugby Tops

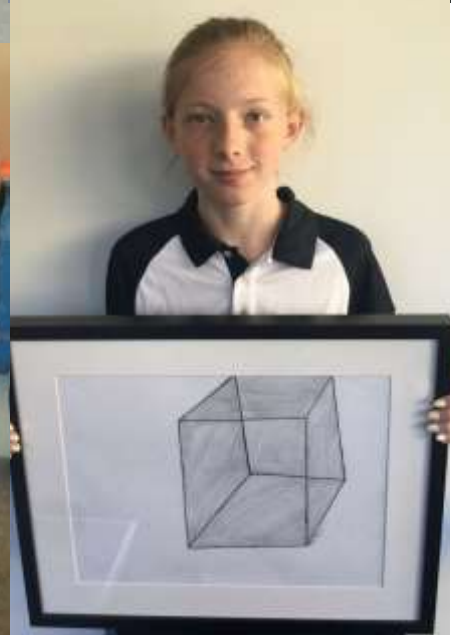
Please be advised that our new rugby tops are available to purchase through the uniform shop. They look fantastic! The uniform shop is awaiting delivery and will hopefully have these on hand for the start of 2021.

Peninsula Uniforms do still have a few of the old rugby tops still in stock. These are being sold for just \$22 until sold out. This discounted price is only for the stock still on hand, so get in quickly!

If you have any questions in regards to this, please contact the school office.











# Moonlit Sanctuary KEEPER CLUB

Go wild these school holidays!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keepers Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

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### Baxter Childcare Centre

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## Baxter Kindergarten and Children's Centre



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## PLAYERS NEEDED! 2021 SEASON



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FOR U/11, U/13, U/15 & U/17  
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