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PRINCIPAL REPORT...

Supervision & Duty of Care:

I would like to politely remind our parent community of our [Supervision Policy](#), as in recent weeks, we have been getting a growing number of students dropped off to school early and/or not collected until later in the afternoon. This has led to a number of low-level issues occurring in the yard as children are left unsupervised, often for extended periods, including some children making their own way to the General Store, interrupting our Outside School Hours Care program, or behaving in a manner that we would not otherwise expect. For clarity, our grounds are supervised from **8:45am until 3:45pm**, and the In2Learning Outside School Hours Care program provides an on-site service for supervision of children outside of these times. Inquiries for enrolments at In2Learning can be made [here](#).

Your support with the above would be very much appreciated.

Hot Lunch Fundraiser:

I would like to publicly acknowledge the support of a team of parent volunteers who helped make our Hot Lunch (baked potato) fundraiser last week an overwhelming success. From developing and collating order forms, shopping for food items, preparing orders, serving students, and then cleaning up afterwards, as a school community we are very lucky (and extremely grateful) to have your support. It was a nice touch for our School Captains to recognise your efforts in their weekly award presented at our assembly too, which is a lovely indication of their gratitude for your efforts also.

We raised a terrific profit of \$424.66 which will go towards purchasing 2 new interactive panels and keep an eye out for another Hot Lunch fundraiser for Term 3 (hint: it might be linked to a footy colours day theme!).

School Visit:

I am particularly proud to be able to open our doors today to provide another school an opportunity to learn from us and the way our teachers work in collaborative teams to reflect on their impact on student learning, with our school recognised within the education system as high

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performing in this area. Being able to contribute to system wide improvement indirectly supports our continual growth too, as we reflect on our elements of practice that are integral to our ongoing success.

Reach Foundation – Year 5 & 6:

As highlighted in last week's report, today all Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in the first of two workshops delivered by The Reach Foundation. The focus of the first workshop will be "Peer Connections", supporting children to celebrate differences among classmates and encourage empathy. Later in the year, the follow-up and second workshop will focus on "Teamwork", with this designed to highlight that we all have choices in how we behave and how these choices can impact our experiences and outcomes.

For those interested in learning more, please feel free to visit the following links:

- [Reach's Primary School Workshops](#)
- [What To Expect When Your Young Person Attends Reach](#)
- [Reach's Wellbeing Framework](#)
- [How We Train Reach Crew](#)

Importantly, these will be provided free of charge to all students, paid for by our school, with these efforts associated with improving student mental health and wellbeing.

2025 Enrolments:

With a number of younger siblings of current students attending the neighbouring Pre-School, please be reminded of the Department of Education timelines for 2025 Prep enrolments, with Friday 26 July the nominated due date for these. I am sure many parents/carers will be feeling like they have only just got into a Pre-School routine and are possibly not yet ready to even think about school enrolment, hence this polite reminder message. Enrolment packages can be collected from the Pre-School, our General Office, or from our website (under the 'Prospective Families' tab). Of course, if you would like to visit our school to discuss enrolment for your child in 2025 in more detail, I would be most willing to support this and I encourage you to reach out to arrange a mutually convenient time to do so.

Take care,

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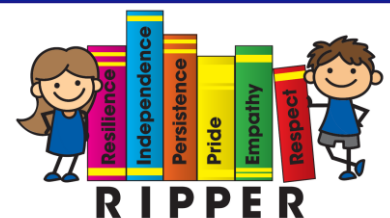
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DATES TO REMEMBER...

10 th June	Monday	King's Birthday Public Holiday
28 th June	Friday	End of Term 2
15 th July	Monday	First Day Term 3
25 th July	Thursday	Student Free Day

Vote for our school to WIN a \$1000 shopping spree at Mid Valley's Sculpture Competition!

Visit the sculpture display at Mid Valley Shopping Centre (near Rivers) to vote for your favourite sculpture! On Display: Monday 3rd June to Saturday 13th June.



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RIPPER STUDENT AWARDS...



Prep/1	Kohen L	For showing persistence and determination with his reading.
1/2	Madeleine S	For showing resilience and empathy to others.
2/3	Amelia B	For taking pride and care in the planning and presentation of her Dojo book.
4/5	Maxwell O	For making a conscious effort to keep neat book work and for displaying confidence to ask for help!
5/6	Alisa G	For showing independence in all aspects of her learning. I love the effort she has put into her narrative.
Art	Charlotte P	For always taking pride to keep our art room so tidy and being so thoughtful with her kind actions.
School Captains	Hot Lunch Helpers	For giving up their time to help the school.

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