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# Opabeke School

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We are a Microsoft Showcase School



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES



It is wonderful to have our students and staff back at school. We have been doing our best to practise social distancing and all students are practising good hygiene measures. We have restricted visitors to the school and I would like to thank parents for their co-operation by saying their farewells to students without entering the site. For the few who do need to enter, it is pleasing to see you are using the QR code.

Coming back to school on Monday, it has been important not to lose the momentum of the good learning happening at school before the last lockdown. As good as 'at home learning' is, it cannot replace the rich learning which occurs in class. For those parents with students still at home I urge you to send your child to school if there is no extraordinary reason for them to be at home. We do not want your children to miss out on important learning stages. Teachers are no longer able to support students with home online learning.

Attending on the first day we had 74%, Tuesday 78%, Wednesday 79%, Thursday 80%. Good attendance at the school is usually in the mid-nineties.

One bottleneck making social distancing difficult is the front gate in the afternoon. There are significantly less students exiting the back gate and I urge you to consider this less congested exit point.

Our next newsletter will be the normal length in Week 9.

Mr Valvoi



**TEACHER ONLY DAY- Tuesday 27 October**

## PTA UPDATE

With the COVID-19 requirements at level 2, unfortunately we are unable to continue with the Quiz night, this Saturday. We are very optimistic that we will be able to host this event at a later date.

This second wave of COVID-19 has put us in a position where we have no option but to cancel the Mini Carnival 2020. This is due to not knowing how long we have until we will be back in level 1 or what restrictions will come with that.

We are very disappointed, but our biggest concern is the health and well-being of our community. However, we can't wait to make up for it in 2021 with the other events the PTA host.



## LEARNING AT HOME

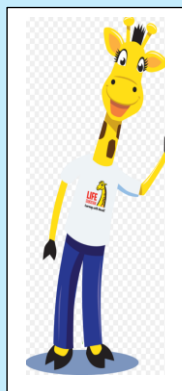
In weeks 8 and 9 we have the Life Education teacher joining us to deliver part of our health curriculum.

Each year students in Years 5-8 participate in the unit on Developmental Changes and Hygiene.

This year, because of the Level Two restrictions in place, the lessons will occur in the classroom rather than in the Life Education Mobile Classroom. We know that this may be a little disappointing for some but the health and safety of our students is paramount.

A huge thank you to the PTA who are funding this event. The cost of the life education service is \$8 per student.

Because of the importance of the lessons provided the PTA fund this each year.



### In School Year 5 to 8 Speech Finals

Mr Valvoi and Miss Horley had the privilege of listening to the in-school finals of the Speech Competition.

Everyone who got through to this stage has worked incredibly hard on their speech and should feel proud of their achievement.



Lara, Eshan, Ruby, Zack, Nellie-Mae, Ryland, Preeyah, Braith, Harlan, Sukhman, Charlotte and Mathilde.

2020 Talent Quest:

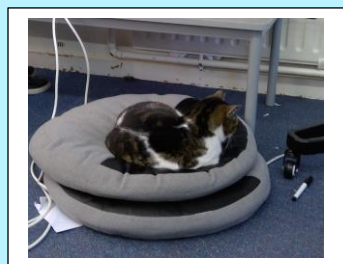
We are getting ready for the talent quest. Do you have a talent to share with us?



## LEARNING AT HOME

We were pleased that school could reopen to all students this week. They have all returned really happy to be back again in the company of classmates and friends. Learning has resumed without a hitch.

Especially happy to be back at school is Molly, the cat. During lockdown she became very lonely, missing children and staff. She was seen wandering about the neighbourhood, some distance from her home and school.



Students noticed that the tables and seating had been rearranged with the tables being well spaced out so that they were not too close together. This was quite an adjustment for our more junior classes who are used to sitting around group tables. We are also not having mat time as we need to keep ourselves and others as safe as possible.



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