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## November Newsletter

Dear Parents,

### Anti-Bullying Week



Thank you for your support of Odd Socks Day on Monday, to recognise the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. It was great to see everyone come to school in their most colourful odd socks! The children have been engaged in a wide range of activities throughout the week and it remains essential that the messages they have heard and discussed this week, continue throughout the school year. It is our intention to re-visit anti-bullying themes again in Term 2. Please do visit the class pages on our website, over the next week, to see some of the activities children took part in.

### Book Fair



During this past week we have been holding our annual Book Fair; this year provided by Travelling Books, and hopefully we have encouraged a love of reading and books, while enabling each class time to browse and make their purchases. I will inform you of

both the school sales and commission after the fair is finished. We would hope to use commission from the book fair to refresh stock of class libraries. Thank you for your support.

### Remote Learning Policy

Our new **Braidside Remote Learning Policy** will be published on our website in the coming days; following drafting and review by staff. An alert will be sent out to parents from the app and/or a text message to highlight this. This policy will cover situations where individual children may need to self-isolate, where class bubbles are self-isolating or in the case of further school closures. Throughout this first term, we have focused on introducing the children to their relevant online platform, either Seesaw or Microsoft Teams. All children should now have accessed their platform and completed various activities and tasks as set by their teacher. If any

child is having difficulties, please do make contact with your class teacher as soon as possible.

### **Traffic and Parking**

Parents will be familiar now with the traffic and parking arrangements within the school grounds. **We encourage active travel to school as far as possible; scooting, cycling and walking have obvious health benefits for the children; while helping to reduce traffic for pedestrians.** Parents may use the drop-off spaces around the turning area and children only should walk to their entrance independently. **Please do not double park in this area.** The safety of the children remains paramount and to this end we ask for parents' assistance in ensuring children do not exit from cars which are double-parked in the turning circle, nor walk across the road to access cars which are not in an appropriate space. It is vital that children, parents and guardians use the footpaths provided.

For those parents, who are collecting children and waiting in the school grounds, please continue to adhere to social distancing, where this is not possible we strongly advise parents to wear a face covering, for the protection of everyone.



### **Dates for your Diary:**

**Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

Children and staff are invited to wear their most colourful and vibrant Christmas jumpers for the day.

Boxes for donations to the Rotary Club Hampers are available at the main reception, beside the Christmas tree and will be there until the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you!

Yours faithfully,

*J McAuley*

Principal