



Principal's Letter

And just like that, half the year has gone! I'm sure that you are all looking forward to a well-deserved break.

I want to thank each parent who attended the Student Support Group SSG meetings last week. The relationship between the teachers at Furlong Park and the parents is absolutely crucial in improving the educational outcomes for our children.

Good communication between the school and parents and carers is so important and is something that we continually try to improve on. We have SSGs each term for parents and teachers to discuss each child. We have improved the process for booking these sessions by introducing Compass and it's wonderful that parents can join in the meetings from anywhere now that we have WebEx.

To have all our teachers available for the whole day of SSG meetings takes a lot of organising and is a cost to the school as we employ staff for these days to release our classroom teachers. I urge parents to book the SSG meetings as soon as they become available via the Compass app, put the date in your calendar, check your email for the WebEx link and arrive to your meeting on time. Please do not rely on receiving a follow up phone call and please avoid cancelling your SSG, as this creates an added burden to our school resources which we could use elsewhere for our children. Thank you so much for your support in this, it's greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful break and I look forward to the students returning on Tuesday 13 July. Don't forget we have a **Pupil Free Day on Monday 12 July**.

Warm regards,

Lee Bullock
Principal

Term Dates 2021

Term 2 – 19 April – 25 June

Term 3 – 12 July – 17 September

Term 4 – 4 October – 17 December

Upcoming Events 2021

Friday 25 June – 2pm finish, last day of term

Monday 12 July – School Closed for Pupil Free Day

Monday 30 August – Friday 3 September – Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 1 September & Thursday 2 September – SSG Meetings

Friday 10 September – School Photo Day

Friday 17 September – 2pm finish, last day of term

Monday 1 November – School Closed for Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 2 November – School Closed for Melbourne Cup Day

Thursday 18 November – Music Concert 6:30pm

Tuesday 30 November – School SSGs

Wednesday 1 December – Early Education Program SSGs

Tuesday 14 December – Graduation night

Thursday 16 December – 2pm Finish and End of Year Party

Friday 17 December – Clean up day

School Holidays!

Woohoo! Another term ending on high notes. Students will finish early at **2pm on Friday 25th June**.



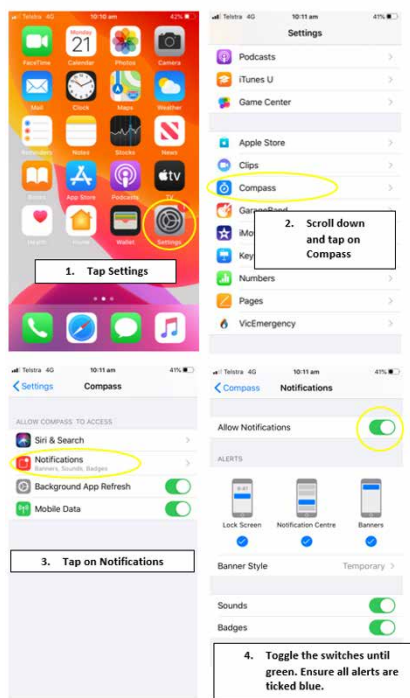


Important Compass Messages

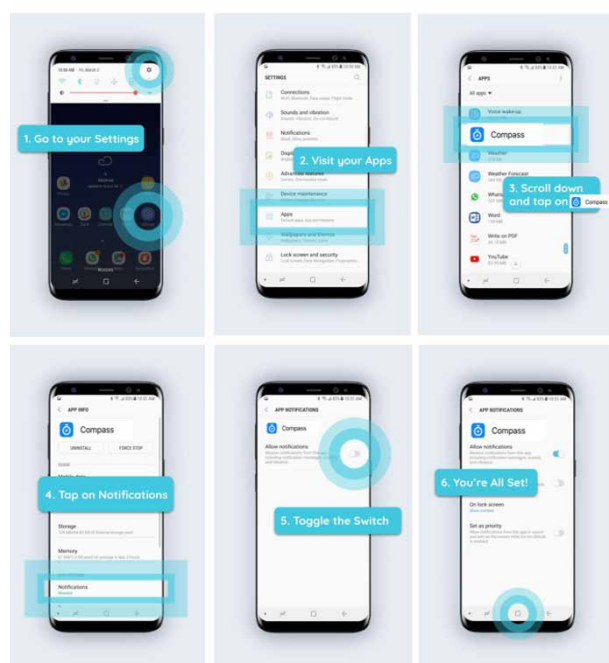
Our communication to parents is mainly via the Compass application. If there is information we are unable to send through compass, we will send it directly to the email address we have on file. It is very important that you are receiving our messages throughout the school year and that you are able to access Compass. If you are having any trouble accessing Compass or don't yet have login details please let the school office know and we will be happy to guide you through the steps to solve any issues.

If you already have access to Compass and are finding that you are not receiving messages, this may be because your push notifications in settings are not turned on. Here are some easy steps to follow for turning your Compass push notifications on.

On iPhone



On Android



Farewell Maree Gillespie



This week we farewell one of our longest standing Education Support workers, Maree, as she will be retiring at the end of term. Maree's support across the school has been extensive and has changed over the years. She remembers the time when we had the

dark room for developing our own photographs and now every child has their own camera on their iPad and can print their photos at the click of a button! She has worked in the library, supporting our PE program, Deaf Sports Day and the list goes on. Maree's warm, friendly and bubbly nature has a positive impact on everyone around her, staff and students alike. She will be extremely missed here at Furlong Park and we wish her all the very best for the years ahead as she travels with her husband.

PBS Prize winners

Our top scorer Shalom received a whopping 150 points! 100 points we're awarded to Kobie, Amber, Lilly-Jane, Jordan, Iliya, Magic, Izayah, Lord, Logan, Xavier, Olivia and Myia.

50 points were awarded to Maddison, Charlene and Yar.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts and for showing all four school values in the past couple of weeks.





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	Tuesday 29th June Wednesday 30th June		Fawkner Park Tennis Centre, 65 Toorak Road West South Yarra
	1:00-2:30pm		\$30 for 1 day \$50 for 2 days

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