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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This has been a special week for us, as our new Artificial Turf Area has been available for use. The first class to use it was Room 2, and they had a little 'ribbon cutting' ceremony before going in, to mark the occasion.

Each of our classes has planned a lesson on The Turf, so that by the end of the week every pupil will have experienced learning in this environment.

Inside this newsletter are some photos to show classes in 'turf action.'

We will have a formal Opening Ceremony in due course, where we can acknowledge the many people who have made this facility possible.



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## **Turf Action**



## Continuing towards full normal...

Each week sees more aspects of school life reaching full normal. In some cases, this is a return to how things were before the Covid-19 lockdown; in other instances, we have been able to take a bit of a look, and come up with a new and better normal. All part of school life, which never stays still.

One area that we need to turn our attention to is **School Uniform.** We have gone a bit easy on this initially; now we need to make sure that we are getting back to the high standards that our pupils and school are known for.

Our school uniform can be broken down into several areas. These are:

- Shirts we have both short sleeved and long sleeved polo shirts. Children can wear either type of shirt at any time of year.
- Pants there is a choice of shorts, skorts or long pants. Again, any child can wear any type of pants at any time of year.
- Jerseys and Jackets this is where it can get tricky. The options we have are either a polar fleece jersey or a lined school jacket. We recommend one, but not both. Children also get a free 'Kids Can' Raincoat (often called a 'Warriors' raincoat) which is also lined and provides some warmth as well as wet weather protection. We are happy for children to wear any of these items. What we do not accept is any form of sweatshirt, hoodie, tracksuit top or other kind of jersey that is pretending to be a jacket. These should not be worn to school. It is pretty clear what can and can't be called a jacket; if you are in doubt, please check with us. If your child has a proper lined jacket (like a puffer jacket) these can be worn as well. Generally, jackets and raincoats should only be worn outdoors.
- We have **navy blue tights** that are available for those who wish to wear them. Other colours should not be worn. This is the same with **socks**, which should be ankle height, not full knee length, and plain colours.

In summer months (Term Four and Term One) we go into the Sunsmart Season. Children are expected to wear **a sunhat** when outdoors. We sell a school bucket hat for this time; however, children may bring a sunhat from home.

## Three O'clock Pick Up

From Monday 15 June, we have returned to our old drop off and pick up arrangements. We find that the 'after school pick up' is usually the most tricky time of day for children knowing what the arrangements are.



To keep it simple, children who cannot see their parents waiting at the gate, or who say they are waiting for a pick up, will be sent to wait on the seats outside the Library. They can be picked up from there.

If you plan to pick up your child at 3.00 pm, please make sure they know where to be. If you find yourself running a bit late, it is likely that they are waiting outside the Library.

Our regular Pita Pit Friday continues this week See attachment for menu



## New Entrant enrolments for Term Three



If you have a child turning five in July, August or September, they will be able to start in Term Three (assuming you live in the school's enrolment zone.) You may have a neighbour whose child is turning five.

We are holding our **New Entrant Transition Afternoons on Tuesday 23** and Tuesday 30 June. These run from 1.40 pm to 3.00 pm.

Please contact us (or get your neighbour to contact us) so that we can include you in the Transition process.

Next newsletter: Wednesday 24 June

Regards,

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John Robinson Principal