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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the first bulletin of Term 4. I hope you had an enjoyable break with family and friends. Term 4 is always a very busy time of the year for staff and students.

Chicken Pox

We have very recently had a few confirmed cases of chicken pox affecting students in our school. I am writing to inform the school community of these cases and encourage you to keep a close eye on your children. The rash begins as many small red bumps that look like pimples or insect bites. They appear in waves over 2 to 4 days, then develop into thin-walled blisters filled with fluid. The blister walls break, leaving open sores, which finally crust over to become dry, brown scabs. Doctors generally diagnose chickenpox based on the rash. If there's any doubt about the diagnosis, chickenpox can be confirmed with lab tests, including blood tests or a culture of lesion samples. The first sign of chickenpox in children and adults is a headache, nausea, muscle aches, and malaise (a general feeling of unwellness). A runny nose and cough are also common. Children must stay home until the blisters have crusted over.

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas Concert will go ahead but at this point in time will be a **student only event**. Acting on the advice from The Department and SA Health we cannot ensure that social distancing can be complied with and I must ensure the safety of our students, staff and community is placed front and centre.

We will however be filming the event and are in the process of organising the best way for families to access this.

Awards Night

Awards Night has traditionally been an after school event celebrating the achievements of our students. This year again we have to work under the strict guidelines of COVID and will be holding this event through the day as a **student only event**. To ensure we capture the memories of this event we will be taking and printing photographs of all award recipients. These photographs will be sent home with your child.

It is disappointing but until we are instructed differently we must adhere to the rules as set by SA Health and The Department.

The event will take place in the Rotherham Hall in 2 different time slots. Foyer A and B will be presented with their certificates in front of their peers followed by Room 7 and Foyers C and D in the second time slot. This way students can be celebrated in front of staff and their peers and we can ensure social distancing expectations are followed.

We are trying every possible way to keep things as consistent as they can be for our students. We feel we have found the best possible solution for the situation we all find ourselves in.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results will be sent home with your child very soon. If you would like to discuss your child's result please make a phone appointment with your child's teacher.

Bryan Rotherham, Principal