



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Andrew Felsing

END OF TERM 3

Thank you everyone for a brilliant term. I have really appreciated the positive feedback from our parents in regards to our Remote Learning Program. It is clear that we have got the balance right this time around after we acted on all of the feedback we received. We have organised another survey for parents and encourage you to complete this via this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/66BWNCD>



START OF TERM 4

We start off term 4 with one more week of Remote Learning for everyone commencing Monday 5th October.

The exciting news is that our Preps, grade 1 and Grade 2 students all return to us in Week 2 Monday 12th October. When they return we will only be offering Face to face teaching and no longer having a Remote program for students in Grades Prep, Grade 1 and grade 2.

Unfortunately our Grade 3-6 students will be continuing with Remote Learning Program. This version of Remote Learning will be enhanced by the addition of some of our specialist subject areas such as Phys Ed, Spanish, Music, Art and Environmental Ed. We will be planning for the return to school for our grade 3-6 students, hopefully at some stage in term 4

The Staff as a way of saying thank you to our students for their work this term have put together a fun video. It is part of our assembly this week—after my section and also here as a direct link. Please have a look at it as the teachers put a lot of effort into this. <https://clickv.ie/w/quzo> Special thanks to Jemma Dunstan for her video editing efforts with this.

STAY SAFE

This has been a very long and extremely taxing term for us all. I know many of you are dealing with family and personal issues that have been exasperated by the COVID restrictions and my thoughts go to you and your families.

We can see light at the end of the tunnel and we will get over this pandemic and get back to some sort of normal.

Please ensure you are following the COVID restrictions to ensure everyone's safety and also to ensure that this pandemic can get closer to an end. Stay safe and have a break during the school vacation.

Check out our Assembly video here: <https://clickv.ie/w/Hu3o>

Check out the staff thank you video: <https://clickv.ie/w/quzo>

Check out the Parent survey here : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/66BWNCD>



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STAFFING CHANGES

This term sees a little movement of staff. **Kristy Miller** has been one of our Assistant Principal team members since the start of the year. In that time she has worked in support of a number of areas of the school. Her work with the introduction of the Jolly Phonics program to support our Literacy program has ensured that our children and teachers are set up with the latest research based successful approach to the teaching of Literacy. I would like to thank Kristy for her work here at Barton and let everyone know that Kristy has accepted a position at Narre Warren Nth PS as the sole Assistant Principal, which will commence at the start of next term. I am sure that this move will allow Kristy the opportunity to move closer to her aim of becoming a Principal of a school.



Next term we see the arrival of **Matt Moore** as the newest member of our Principal team. Matt is currently the Principal of Ellinbank PS and joins us as an Assistant Principal. Matt has a real passion for quality teaching and learning and will be instrumental in developing our staff development program.

We also are happy to announce the return of **Alicia Wallwork** from family leave. Alicia will be working with the Grade 2 team. Also **Michelle Krejic** is returning from family leave and will have a support role in the Grade 1 team as well as supporting other areas of the school.