



## Primary Parents News letter

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, which comes part way through the week.

### **This week**

This week we have held 6 wonderful Wai Kru ceremonies; 1 each for year 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 1—13 on Thursday and today for KG and Reception classes, and also for Nursery class. This has involved a lot of work for our Thai teachers and their hard work has been reflected in how good the ceremonies were despite the restrictions imposed from our Covid procedures. Well done to all the children and staff. Yesterday class 5MS held their class assembly, twice, to different sections of the primary school and a limited number of parents. A great assembly showing us the traditional Australian story of how the animals and plants and the mountains and rivers came to be in Australia.

### **Next Week**

Next week we will be busy with school photographs. The schedule is attached to this newsletter and will be shared with class teacher emails. See below for more details.

### **School Photographs**

School photos will be taken during next week, Children must have their school blazer, St Stephen's face mask, clean school uniform and black shoes for their photographs. All photographs will be taken with appropriate social distancing and Covid precautions being taken into account.

The photo schedule is shared as an attachment to this letter. You will notice that we have allowed time for family photos. These are strictly by appointment only. We will be sharing an appointment document with you this afternoon. Please sign up for the best available time that suits you. Unfortunately, we will not be able to rearrange times if you miss your appointment, so do please be on time. The appointments are limited and are offered on a first come first served basis. Please do not delete any person from the list, as a Google doc it is very easy to see how edits to the document have been made. Once all appointments have been taken then we will not be able to offer more. Please only sign up if you do intend to have your photo taken.

### **Daily Journals**

The initial response to the completion of the children's daily journals was very good, and I thank you for that. However, this week there has been a noticeable drop off in these being completed. I would urge you please to ensure that you complete these on a daily basis, even if it just to say 'Stayed at home all night.' Should we be asked to produce these during a government inspection we will need to explain if

the records are not complete. The journals are a green book that the children take home every night and bring back to school every morning, like a reading diary.

### **Upcoming events**

Some important dates for your diary include:

Monday 28 September –	School Photographs. Blazers needed (no blazers required for EY children)
Friday 2 October	
Monday 5 - Friday 9 October	Year 6 Residential Journey to KY
Wednesday 7 October	Early Years Reading Workshop for EY Parents.
Thursday 8 October	Year 2 Thai Trip
Tuesday 13 October	School Closed for Memorial Day
Wednesday 14 October	Year 5 Exit point
Wednesday 14 October	Year 5 Residential Journey Parents Meeting
Monday 19 – Friday 23 October	Half term, school closed
Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 October	Year 5 Residential Journey to KY
Friday 30 October	Loy Krathong
Thursday 5 November	Dress up theme day

As always I wish you a happy and restful long weekend, and look forward to seeing the children and yourselves next week.

Should you have any queries about your child's experiences here at St. Stephen's then please do feel free to contact me.

Kindest regards

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