

## Principal's Message

As you read this Grapevine, our school year is well underway in all departments of our school. Our teachers and non-teaching staff are working enthusiastically to provide your children with a quality education that is fun and stimulating. We believe it is important to partner with you, because this enhances the educational experience for your children. There is a saying; it takes a village to raise a child. Similarly in education, it takes a whole community to educate a child. Your support, your partnership with us sends strong messages to your children that an education is important.

Attached to this fortnight's Grapevine are the Cores Rules of the Department of Education. These are the core rules that we follow at school and it would be appreciated if you discussed these rules with your children. I would like to stress that swearing is NOT acceptable at school and that physical aggression is NOT acceptable at school. We teach all students that if they have a problem, to tell a teacher or staff member. This teacher or staff member will then attempt to solve their problem. NO problem is ever solved by aggression or violence.

Thank you to the parents who have been actively supporting our school. This has included supporting our swimming carnival and cheering on our students at the small schools swimming carnival where we achieved some excellent results. This has included parents willing to help in our school canteen (we hope to have this open very soon!). This includes parents coming up to school when we need your support with a matter or a problem. Lastly, this includes supporting our school beliefs and updating your contact details so we can reach you in an emergency. All these points are small actions that have a HUGE impact on the smooth running of our school. Stay strong and smart!

Paul Sortwell Principal

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## **Core Rules**

Student discipline in NSW Government Schools

## All students in NSW Government schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.





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