

30 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Students Starting in their 2022 Class**

The school staff are very excited to start the school year and look forward to seeing Year 1 to Year 6 students back tomorrow. Students will be starting in their 2022 class tomorrow while student enrolments are being finalised by the executive, new enrolments are completed and enrolments checked for those families who may have left over the holiday break. We are hopeful that students will be placed in their 2023 class on either Tuesday, 31 January or Wednesday, 1 February.

A considerable amount of time has been dedicated by the executive and teachers into forming classes for 2023. Consideration has been given to: class size, ensuring there is a mix of academic ability, individual educational needs, friendships, siblings, wellbeing and gender balance.

Please be aware that given the complexity of forming classes, students will not be able to move to another class unless there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances do not include friendship groupings or teacher preferences.

### **Line Up in 2022 Class Areas**

On Tuesday morning students will line up in their 2022 class when the bell rings at 8:55am in the following areas:

- K-2 – Infants COLA
- Years 3 & 4 - Primary COLA
- Year 5 – Under the Canteen COLA

2022 Kindergarten students will be collected by teachers from the Infants COLA and Year 1 and 2 students will be collected from the Primary COLA area.

### **New Families**

Welcome to our new families and students across Years 1 to 6 who have moved to Helensburgh. Our staff look forward to meeting you and making you feel welcome. On Tuesday at 8:45 am, please come to the front office with your child and a member of our executive team will assist you.

### **Kindergarten Students**

It is a very exciting time for our Kindergarten parents, families and students. This week Kindergarten students will be attending their Best Start Assessment with their first full day of school on Monday, 6 February.

During the Kindergarten students' first week of school from 6 February to 9 February, we will be observing students in the classroom, before allocating students to their class and teacher on Friday.

### **Welcome to Korbyn Myers and School Works**

We welcome Korbyn Myers who is starting Kindergarten and requires a wheelchair to move around the school. I know that you will welcome Korbyn and our staff are looking forward to meeting Korbyn.

Asset Management have organised a range of school works to assist Korbyn and his movement around our school: a wheelchair pathway, ramp classroom access to G block and a disabled toilet for Korbyn, and any other students who will require wheelchair access in the future. These works commenced over the school holiday period and I will keep you updated as to when they will be completed.

### **Gate Access**

You will be able to access the Lukin Street and Fletcher Street gates in the morning. There will be access to the Postman's Track, Lukin Street and Fletcher Street gates in the afternoon. The bottom oval gate will no longer be opened in the afternoon.

### **Fun4U Relocated**

Please note that due to the increased number of students accessing Out of School Hours child care, Fun4U have relocated to the school hall.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow and having a fantastic 2023. I will send out an email this week regarding staffing updates, your child's class and classroom location.

Kind regards,  
Ewen Neild  
Principal