

Stanhope Primary School

Stanhope Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a positive and safe learning environment, where our children are protected from abuse and where we maximise individual academic and social growth through explicit teaching and taking responsibility for all our learning.

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REMINDERS & THINGS TO DO

COVID Contact Tracing for Visitors & Families

All visitors and adults MUST enter via the main front door & only when on essential school business

SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCY

Please see Christine or Mica at the school if you can help us out!

Please

- ONLY ENTER THE SCHOOL IF NECESSARY VIA THE MAIN ENTRANCE.
- USE HAND SANITISER WHEN YOU COME TO RECEPTION.
- HAVE YOUR TEMPERATURE TAKEN AT THE RECEPTION WINDOW.
- TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

Thank you

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 9th October

- ◆ Webex Assembly 2.30pm
link posted on Class Dojo

Tuesday 13th October

- ◆ LIBRARY bring back any books & your library bag

Wednesday 21st October

- ◆ Lunch Order Day
- ◆ School Council 7.00pm

Please make sure your child has their own workbooks and packs, pencil cases and headphones ready for Term 4.

These are essential classroom requisites.

Much work involves the use of headphones in the classroom. Without headphones, students may be unable to complete certain tasks and have to complete tasks at home.

From the Principal

The Final Term for 2020 Has Begun!

On behalf of our school, I want to say a big thank you to all our students, parents and carers for your continued resilience and support throughout this year. I know remote and flexible learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning.

Term 4 is important for every student, and our teachers will strive to deliver high-quality learning for everyone and making sure that every student is supported in their well-being, learning and transition needs. Some of our students have thrived in the remote and flexible learning environment, others have maintained their learning progress, and some have fallen behind, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers.

Stanhope Primary School will continue to follow the hygiene protocols that we introduced earlier in the year. This means that students and visitors will enter via the main front door and sanitise their hands and continue to have their temperature taken. This will minimise any risks of spread of any illness or spread of coronavirus. We ask that parents remain outside the school fence and gates and not to gather in groups which compromise the physical distancing guidelines. To maintain our successful strategies, we also ask that unless on essential school business, parents do not enter the school building and if there is need, to enter via the front door, not the west end door where students exit from.

Transitions

We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Prep, the Grade 6s moving into Year 7.

We know some families are worried that their child may have to repeat a year due to the disruptions of coronavirus (COVID-19). There is little evidence to support the benefits of repeating a year to catch up. Instead, schools will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students meet their learning needs.

Parents, families and carers can be confident that the best option for almost every child is to stay with their peer group, whether that is moving from kindergarten into Prep, moving from Grade 6 into Year 7 at secondary school, or students moving up any year level in between. Our school, working with you, has shown it can be flexible and adaptable in responding to the challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to meet student needs as we look towards the end of the 2020 school year and ahead to 2021.



**Christine
Owen**

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

Don't forget to check out uEducateUs each Thursday for:

- ◆ **Information for families**
- ◆ **NEWSLETTER on-line**
- ◆ **Newsletter attachments**
- ◆ **Permission forms**

Café Lunch Orders

Applicable when we return to on-site teaching.

Wednesdays

21st October

18th November

16th December

FROM THE

**Business
Manager**



Mica will still be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am happy to discuss confidential payment options for fees or camps & excursions with you.

Camps, Excursions and other Events

The Department has now advised that excursions can go ahead. As previously indicated, our teachers are working on suitable excursion events to replace the cancelled grade 4, 5 & 6 Camp. We are in the process of costing various options and will provide the final activity and price as soon as that is complete. We aim to minimise the cost of all our excursions and activities as we are aware of the closeness to Christmas and the financial stress many families are experiencing. There are a number of activities and events occurring at school which will not impact on families but which will provide some enjoyable times for the students and staff. More about these in newsletters to come.



**Christine
Owen**

Reminder:

Your uEducateUs account portal is where you can access student reports, attendance, newsletters as well as announcements and importantly, any confidential information and messages relating to your child.

Important!

Many students have still not returned to school with all their necessary workbooks and packs.

Students must have all the necessary stationery items to be able to undertake their class work.

Please make sure ALL items used at home during remote learning, return to school with your child.

All students must have headphones at school.

Students will also need to bring their eduPass Registration letters unless they have completed the process at home and now have a 'schools' email account confirmed. (more applicable to grade 3-6 students, for now)

Parent Opinion Survey

Check your 'conversations' in uEducateUs

This survey is open to all families from next Monday 12th October. The survey results assists our school in gaining an understanding of our parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

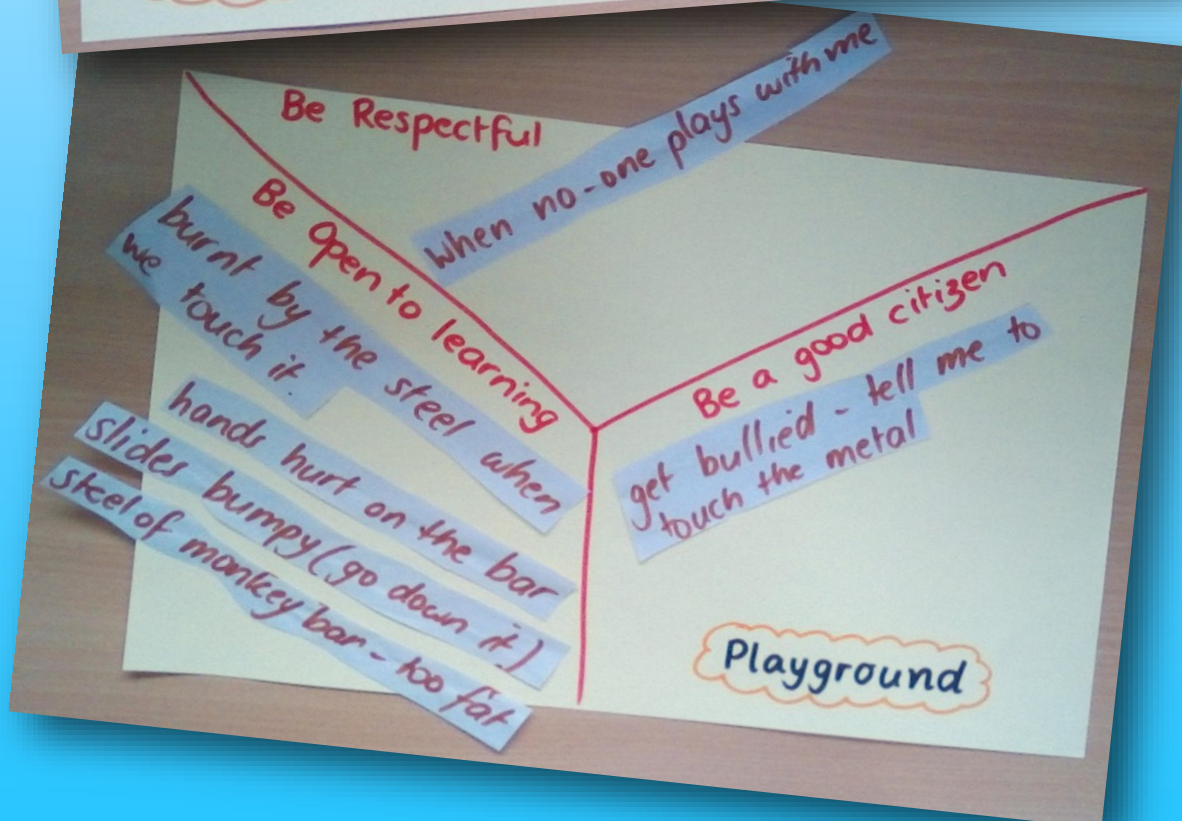
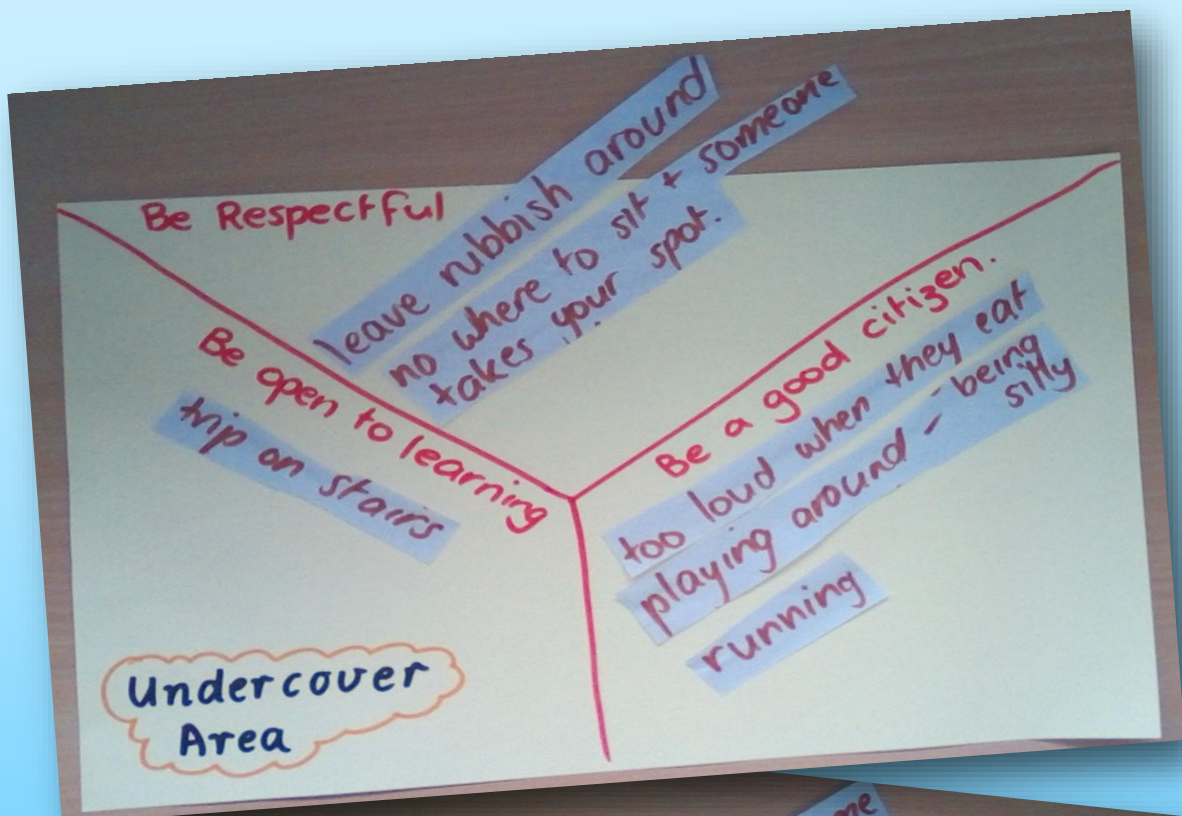
All parents are encouraged to participate in this year's survey if they haven't already done so. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey is open until Friday 13th November.

The survey will be conducted online, by using the link and information send to you on uEducateUs. It only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports

This week we've been working on improving how students interact in outdoor areas.

Students have been asked for their concerns. Next, students will consider ways to minimise the behaviours they don't like.



NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN WRITING OR ELECTRONICALLY BY 9AM WEDNESDAY TO GUARANTEE A SPOT IN THAT WEEKS EDITION

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