



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope that all members of our great community are of good health during this difficult and uncertain time. It is times like these which really reminds us that our health is by far the most important thing in life. This is even more relevant in the Samuel Terry community at the moment as Autumn Sydir, our School Captain in 2017, has recently been diagnosed with leukaemia. Autumn will be undergoing treatment for the next 6 months and is currently in hospital. We wish Autumn and her family all the best and are very pleased and proud to hear reports that Autumn is proving to be as positive, determined and strong as anyone could possibly be in this situation. Her tremendous personal qualities, which got her elected as Captain by her peers, will hold her in good stead.

A 'Go Fund Me' page has been established to support the family, for those able to do so, at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/our-little-sunflower>

Financial pressures – COVID -19

We understand that many of our community members are experiencing financial pressures, which hopefully recent government initiatives may alleviate, even if only partially. In teaching, we consider ourselves lucky to have job security although almost every teacher has family members, including partners, who have lost their jobs like so many other people around the world.

At Samuel Terry PS we are determined that not one of our students misses out on educational opportunities due to the current crisis. When our school excursions and camps start occurring again, please advise the school if your financial situation will not allow your child to attend. In these circumstances, we will do what we can to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

Learning from home – Where to from here?

Whilst our Google Classroom (Years 1-6) and work booklet supply system has been adequate for the beginning of this situation, we are looking at improving our distance educational delivery methods as we expect this situation to continue well into Term 2. We are looking into the best ways to have teachers interacting through video conferencing with students individually, in small groups or as a whole class. It is likely that we will be utilising Microsoft Teams to achieve this. We will forward more information in the coming week about our medium-term plan.

Phone Calls

Our teachers will continue to touch base with all parents and caregivers on a weekly basis. Please use this opportunity to ask questions about issues that your child may be having with their work. Also, please feel free to contact your child's teacher through the Google Classroom platform or by phone.

Keeping children at home

Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who have heeded the advice of the Premier of New South Wales and kept their children home. This has given our teachers much more of an opportunity to create work and to get their heads around delivering work through new systems. It

has also allowed us to put social distancing measures in place for students and staff. For those parents who are unable to look after their children at home, we will remain open to cater for your children unless instructed to do otherwise by the NSW Government.

Work Drop-off and Collection

The work drop-off and collection system will operate as was the case last Friday. The containers will be able to be accessed from 8am to 3.30pm.

Vacation Care

As we move toward the Term 1 vacation period the Department's Before and After School Care (BASC) team has committed to collecting and collating vital information regarding vacation care.

To support this process, we are asking that all families who require care for their children complete a survey regarding care arrangements for the upcoming holiday period.

The Department is working with vacation care providers to ensure that the needs of all families are met during the Term 1 holiday period.

Please complete the online survey to confirm your child/children's care requirements, which can be found here: <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/school-holiday-care>

For those of you who are using the printed version of this survey, please return the completed survey to the school by COB Friday 3 April 2020.

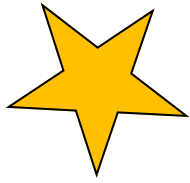
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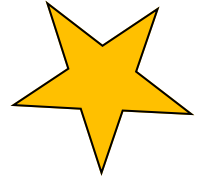
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10	30th March	31st March	1st April	2nd April	3rd April PSSA Trials CANCELLED
11	6th April Assemblies CANCELLED	7th April Penrith Paceway ANZAC Service Year 6 K-2 Easter Hat Parade BOTH CANCELLED	8th April SCHOOL PHOTOS CANCELLED	9th April ANZAC Ceremony CANCELLED LAST DAY OF TERM 1	GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN
			TERM 2		
1	27TH April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY No students	28TH April	29th April	30th April	1st May

Money Matters

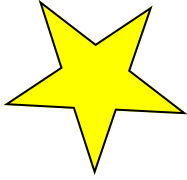
Kindy Resource Book and Science, Art and Craft Fee	-----\$20
Software Package Kindergarten	-----\$25
Software Package Years 1-6	-----\$30
Year 5 Hill End Camp	-----\$185
Voluntary School Contributions One Child \$30, Two or more \$50	



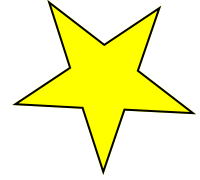
Gold Awards



1st Gold Emma T Emilia T Indianna B Akindu K	2nd Gold Mia-Ivana D	3rd Gold Brayden M Nicholas V	4th Gold
5th Gold— 1ST BANNER! Jayden B	6th Gold Jayden B Molly B Kandance A	7th Gold Chelsea L Jarryd E	8th Gold Elijah T
9th Gold Blair T	10th Gold— 2ND BANNER! Jayden R	12th Gold Lacey H	15th Gold 3RD BANNER! Cooper J



Star of the Month



KS Leah G Ben W	KF Mason McB Kaitlyn P	KG Emily D Jacob V	KL Evan E Zack L
1K Emilia T Zac C	1W Zealand M Charlotte M	1A Bibhuti P Jake P	1/2H Harper W Aiden c
2C Cody W Bella M	2H Isaac D Elizabeth C	2S Lucy D Tobi R	3H Alyssa A Olivia H Ashton D
3S Angus H Parker S Lacey W	3/4P Dylan S Angela S Jasmine J	4S Michael F Emily G Noah P	4K Zara L Connor M Brayden P
4/5J Marlee E James K Coleby R	5W Brooke E Casey H Liam H	5S Mya C Mason W Abbey W	5/6O Finnlay B Tiari D Ashton W
6R Cooper J Taylor B Courtney F	6W Isabella L Olivia K Jack S	K-2 Junior Aussie Zac C	3-6 Junior Aussie Jasmine J Senior Aussie Isabella L

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL

How to use a "No Parking" zone safely

- 1** If your car can't fit into the 'No Parking' zone, drive on. Do not stop illegally and wait. Park legally further away and walk to collect your child or wait 5-7 minutes until the 'No Parking' zone is clear.
DO NOT double park. This is illegal. It is dangerous for your child to walk between other parked vehicles which may move at any time.
- 2** A 'No Parking' zone means you can only drop off and pick up passengers. You must stop for under 2 minutes only, and stay within 3 metres of your car. Always move towards the front of the 'No Parking' zone to collect children. This helps keep the queue moving and gives other families space to park.
- 3** 'No Stopping' zones are to be kept clear of vehicles at all times. It is illegal to stop here for any reason, at any time. This is so pedestrians and drivers can see each other. All children must enter the car on the kerb side, and get in quickly with their school bag. If your family takes a long time to get into the car, arrive a few minutes after the rush to be considerate to other families.

